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The Festival of New American Music continues this week with more free concerts morning, afternoon and evening. Guitarist David Tanenbaum, above, will perform works by Dusan Bogdanovic, Elias Tanenbaum, Lou Harrison, Ronald Bruce Smith, Terry Riley, and Steve Reich. The concert will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15th and J streets. Other concerts are scheduled throughout the week, most of them in the Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. The festival concludes Sunday, Nov. 11 in the Recital Hall with the Sacramento State Jazz Singers and C-Sus at 3 p.m. and the Sacramento State Jazz Ensemble with guest artists Scott Whitfield and Ginger Berglund at 8 p.m.

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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](http://www.csus.edu/utaps). Click on Alternative Transportation and then the AlterNetRides button. Or visit [www.sacregion511.org](http://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.

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## **ATHLETICS**

### **Former Hornet Walter Brock featured on NCAA website**

Former Sacramento State football player Walter Brock is one of four individuals featured in the NCAA's new online video focusing on the responsibilities of interns at the headquarters in Indianapolis.

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## University and State Department court students from India

As part of an effort by the U.S. Departments of Commerce and State to promote American higher education to India, Sacramento State students participated in a multimedia campaign showcasing higher education opportunities in the United States. The University was one of 12 campuses nationwide chosen to participate in the campaign. Filming took place on campus throughout the day Wednesday, Oct. 31.

The U.S. Electronic Education Fair for India is designed to inform Indian students of the variety of higher education opportunities available to them in the United States. India is one of the largest student markets in the world, and Sacramento State students will provide interviews for television spots that will air in the Indian market and on the Internet.

Alex Feldman, senior advisor to the undersecretary for international trade, says, "We want to give Indian students, parents and teachers a perspective on American education that they didn't have before. We chose Sacramento State because of its diverse student population, and its geographic location represents this region of the country well. It allows us to present a balanced and interesting view of American higher education."

Mike Lee, associate vice president for Academic Programs, says, "This filming project helps Sacramento State present our strengths and beauty to India, a fast growing country, and Indian students who are considering completing their academic degrees in the United States. The U.S. Department of Commerce has been promoting American universities as ideal destinations for higher learning for students all over the world. We are pleased to be a part of the effort."

The initiative is a result of the January 2006 University Presidents' Summit on International Education, organized by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, to strengthen international education and emphasize its importance to the national interest.

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## CAMP counselor wins \$10,000 prize for migrant program

Christmas came early for the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) when one of its counselors helped it win a \$10,000 grant from a national cosmetics company.

Marcelina Fernandez, a CAMP outreach counselor and graduate student in counseling, won the grant from Maybelline New York after entering an Empowerment Through Education essay contest in People Magazine's Spanish edition, *People en Espanol*.

"I was reading the magazine and saw a story about women who had done a lot for their communities," she says. "I thought, 'I've done a lot. I should nominate myself.'"

CAMP is a U.S. Department of Education program that provides educational and financial assistance to students from migrant and seasonal farm worker backgrounds who attend institutions of higher education. Sacramento State has one of only six CAMP programs in the state.

Fernandez wrote an essay about her involvement in CAMP, highlighting her activities in encouraging high school students to go to college. She says she didn't think she would receive a reply, but about a

month later, she received an e-mail from Maybelline congratulating her and saying she had won \$10,000 for CAMP.

"Funny thing is, I didn't read all the rules, so I didn't know about the money, but I was ecstatic when I found out," she says. "My boss was in a meeting, and I ran in and said 'guess what? We're getting \$10,000.' At first they were shocked, and then we went online to research if it was real or a fraud."

The contest rules required her to select an organization to support. As a CAMP counselor and former CAMP student, the choice was easy.

"I chose CAMP because I know its values. It's like being part of a big family," she says. "You always want to give back."

Fernandez says no decision has been made about how the money will be used, but she would like to help establish scholarships for students who are undocumented since they must pay out-of-state student fees.

On Nov. 1, she joined nine other essay winners from around the country for an awards luncheon in New York. She will also be featured in a December issue of *People en Espanol*.

For more information, contact the CAMP program at 278-7241.

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## **Program brings retirees back on board**

When Shirley Rakestraw retired from Sacramento State after 24 years of service, she fully intended to live the leisurely life of a retiree. Having worked in the University's Human Resources for 24 years, she was ready.

But things changed. "After about two years, I was caught up with all my household projects and had done some traveling," Rakestraw says. "I found myself with some free time. I kept in touch with my friends in Human Resources, and when the Benefits office asked if I would assist with some special projects, I said yes. So I decided to come back as a retired annuitant." She now works 32 hours a week coordinating special projects such as orientations, workshops and various fairs for the Benefits office.

Rakestraw is one of 43 retired annuitants at Sacramento State. "State workers who have retired from state service are eligible for the CalPERS retired annuitant program," says Linda Robles, a coordinator in Human Resources. "If a retired employee would like to be placed on the annuitant list, they call our office. Annuitants can request a department to work in if they know the need is there, or a department will call our office to see who is available." Retired annuitants can work up to 960 hours per fiscal year.

Older, retired adults in the workplace are not uncommon. "The word 'retired' should be retired," says Cheryl Osborne, director of the University's Gerontology Program. "Retirement is not what it used to be. We're seeing a trend where individuals are retiring from their jobs and getting another job that matches up to their personal interests."

Retirement options have traditionally been narrowed down to playing golf or playing bridge, Osborne says, and individuals who had no interest in either activity may have felt their post-career options were limited.

"People are living longer now and functioning well into their 80s," Osborne says. "They don't want to retire to the porch. Our University's retired annuitants are an excellent example of that. They have time to give, plus they've got institutional history. That has great significance."

Cindy Collins had 20 years of state service under her belt when she decided to retire earlier this year.

"I'd worked for the state for eight years, then came to Sacramento State in 1995, where I worked 12 years," says Collins. She began working for the Sacramento State when her husband suffered a stroke. "After staying home, raising my children, my goal was to obtain my bachelor's degree," she says. "But after my husband's stroke, I had to work, and getting my degree was not a priority at that point."

Collins began work as a clerical assistant in the Department of Biology for a year and a half, and transferred to the dean's office in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, where she worked until 2006. She then went on to University Enterprises when the desire to finish her degree struck.

"I had taken classes at Sacramento State over the years on a part-time basis, and I received an e-mail reminding me that it was time to file my petition to graduate," Collins says. "I laughed at first, but after thinking about it, I realized it was time for me to finish my degree. It was now or never."

Collins retired from the University in spring 2007 to pursue her degree as a full-time student, and is scheduled to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in Humanities and Religious Studies.

However, over the summer, Collins began to feel the pull of University employment, and began working for the office of University Advancement in the fall.

"I work 16 hours a week, so even with my course load it's manageable," Collins says. "I really missed the campus and the people that work here." And she understands the value of retired annuitants. "Annuitants are good employees to have in times of transition or when offices need part-time help. Their institutional knowledge has great value."

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## **Loose Knit is a modern yarn of five friends**

Put an attorney together with an actress, then weave in a homemaker, journalist and a therapist, and you have the quirky cast of characters in Theresa Rebeck's *Loose Knit*, playing this month at Sacramento State's Playwright's Theatre, Nov. 8-11 and 14-18.

"It's an edgy, humorous, modern portrayal of five diverse women," says Theatre/Dance professor and director Michelle Felten. "It's like *Sex and the City* with knitting and sushi."

The knitting becomes a metaphor as the five women get entangled in one another's lives, particularly with the two men who move through their circle.

While the emphasis is on humor, Felten says there are underlying elements that bring many emotions to the surface. "There's comedy, but there's also a lot of depth, a lot of pathos and a lot of figuring out who they are."

Felten championed the play during the department's selection process. With only five women and two men, the cast isn't large, Felten says, but that means more opportunity for each actor. "This play gives seven people the chance to really show their stuff and exercise their acting chops."

She also cautions that the humor is adult in nature, and the play may not be suitable for children under age 14.

Sara Perry, who plays Margie, the eccentric actress, describes her character as being a little bit at the end of her rope. But Margie always looks on the bright side about dating, men and her career, "even though none of those things are going very well for her," Perry says.

Perry also finds some similarities between the character and herself. Margie has a Bohemian ideology and is very artistic. "And I relate to that," Perry says.

Brittni Barger plays Liz, the celebrity reporter who has a cool life but takes on too much and is a little bit frazzled. "There's a lot about her that I really connect to," Barger says. "She has such a huge passion for life and people."

Barger has been a fan of the author's for some time, performing a scene from another of her plays during a directing class. "Rebeck really puts a lot of detail into her characters. That's what makes them fun."

Sex. Sushi. Knitting. Come watch it unravel.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Nov. 8-10 and 16-17; at 2 p.m. Nov. 11 and 18; and at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 14 and 15. Cost is \$8 for all adults for the Nov. 14 and 15 performances. All other shows are \$12 general admission, and \$10 for students, senior citizens and Sacramento State employees.

Tickets are available at the Sacramento State Ticket office, 278-4323 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

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## **Sac State students are sitting pretty with corrugated cardboard**

Asking student designers to create and build a chair doesn't seem like a particularly difficult project, until you realize the chair will be made of cardboard.

That's the challenge facing the 75 students in Interior Design 25—Design Fundamentals. They must draw, develop and then construct a functional chair from standard, corrugated cardboard.

Each student has to design two one-eighth scale models. Then the students are put in teams of three to choose one of the six models to build, or they may combine elements from the models to create a new design.

After examining the new model's ergonomics and possible construction, the team will build a full-size version.

The students can use some other materials, such as wood dowels, copper tubing or tacks on the project, but only minimally, says Design professor Andrew Anker. "It's a cardboard chair, and you can only use these other materials to fasten the cardboard together," he says.

They also can't paint or otherwise color the cardboard, but Anker and instructors Carolyn Gibbs, Michelle Duff, David deLaPena and Sarah Ellis do expect the students to get creative with the materials at hand.

If they're using tacks to hold it all together, the tacks can be arranged in a decorative pattern. Or a layer of cardboard on the back of the chair could have star patterns cut into it to create a decoration, Anker says.

Some students have taken rather creative turns with their initial models.

"I tried to build the most basic chair," Ilona Ormanzhi says, but adds she was intrigued by the pattern of the corrugation while building the model. So, she exposed the wavy interior layer and attached it around the edge of the chair's back for a decorative effect.

Sergio Mondragon wanted something textured, so he cut the cardboard into thin strips, then stacked and layered them in a repeating pattern. The model chair resembles a pine cone, giving it an organic feel, Mondragon says.

When completed, the chairs will be on exhibit in the Design Gallery, Mariposa Hall 4000, Nov. 7-19 with an opening day reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to noon on Friday.

For more information on the cardboard chair project, call the Design Department at 278-3962 or visit [www.csus.edu/design](http://www.csus.edu/design).

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## **STEM lecture looks at the serious side of video games**

Video games are most often seen as toys, but they have serious applications too, which will be examined during the second science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) lecture program, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the University Union's Redwood Room.

John Clevenger, a professor in Sacramento State's College of Engineering and Computer Science, will examine how video games are moving from toy shelves and into classrooms, laboratories, hospitals and military institutions.

"Video games have become candidates for serious academic discussions, and a number of universities have begun offering courses and degree programs in game design and implementation," Clevenger says. "Many of these programs place heavy emphasis on the scientific and technical aspects of computer games."

Clevenger earned his doctorate in computer science from UC Davis and has more than 30 years experience teaching introductory programming, algorithms and data structures, software design, computer architecture, computer graphics and computer games.

The lecture is the second of four in the annual STEM lecture series. The next lecture is Feb. 26. The topic will be announced at a later date.

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## **Auction brings hard cash for hot rocks**

How much would you pay for a beautiful extrusive igneous specimen? How about a lovely fossilized fish? What about a volcanic bomb? Questions like that can only mean the bidding is about to begin at the annual Sacramento State rock auction, 6 p.m., Nov. 16 in the Alumni Center.

The auction is organized by the Geology Club, and funds are used to support field excursions and social events. Last year's auction raised more than \$7,000 for the club. "Every year, it's a race to make sure it happens, but it always comes out beautifully, and that's a testament to students," says Professor Lisa Hammersley, Geology Club faculty advisor.

Rock and mineral samples are donated by students, faculty, local firms and mineral collectors. Specimens vary in size from pebbles to big rocks for gardens and include spectacular nodules with crystals growing in them, Hammersley says.

"The general public tends to go for the very pretty samples, whereas scientists go for geologically interesting samples," Hammersley said.

The auction was first held four years ago and raised about \$3,000. "It has grown since then, and people really look forward to it," Hammersley says. "What really gets them bidding are good fossils, big beautiful mineral samples and old geology maps. For some reason people really want the old maps."

The event features a silent auction and a live auction. "Occasionally we get real bidding wars during the live auction," Hammersley says. Wine and cheese is available, and there are table games for children.

To donate a sample for auction, or for more information about the event, send an email to the Geology Club at [rockhugger247@yahoo.com](mailto:rockhugger247@yahoo.com) or to [hammersley@csus.edu](mailto:hammersley@csus.edu).

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## Faculty Senate

### Monday, Nov. 5

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 6

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

3 p.m., Executive Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, Riverside 2018

### Wednesday, Nov. 7

1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

### Friday, Nov. 9

1 p.m., AITC, Sacramento Hall 275

## Professional Activities

### Scholarship

**Virginia Dixon**, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, presented 12 lectures at three universities in the People's Republic of China during March and April 2007. Dixon served as a Distinguished Scholar at Xuzhou Normal University in Xuzhou, East China Normal University in Shanghai, and Zhejiang University of Science and Technology in Hangzhou.

**David Madden**, English, recently signed a contract to be a co-editor on *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century American Fiction*, to be published by Blackwell in England, the largest academic publisher in the world. The volume will feature approximately 210 authors and some related special topics and will be a companion to two other volumes in this series--*The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century British Fiction* and *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century World Fiction in English*.

**Robert Ortbal**, Art, is presenting his work at the JayJay Gallery in Sacramento. The show, "Untold Wrinkles," will be up from Nov. 7-Dec. 22, with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10.

**Ken Owens**, History emeritus, received the Vivian Paladin prize from the editorial board of *Montana The Magazine of Western History*. This prize, which is awarded annually for the best article to appear in the magazine during the previous year, went to Owens for his essay, "Frontiersman for the Tsar: Timofei Tarkanov and the Expansion of Russian America," published in the Autumn 2006 edition. This past August, Owens' paper, "Alexander Baranov and the Making of Russian America," was read before the Fourth Russian American History and Archaeology Conference, meeting in Irkutsk, Siberia. Owens also published his article, "Blue-Ribbon Tailwaters: The Unplanned Role of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Western Fly Fishing," in *The American Fly Fisher: Journal of the American Museum of Fly Fishing*: 33-2 (Spring 2007).

**Bill Leach**, Center for Collaborative Policy, gave a talk on "Collaboration and Its Alternatives: What We Know from Comparative Research on Environmental Governance" at a symposium on "Collaborative Governance in the West" at Oregon State University, Oct. 1.

### Staff

**Terry Cataline**, Outreach, Admissions and Records, was recognized at an awards dinner on Sept. 25 by the vice chancellor of the California Community Colleges for his contributions to the development and successful start-up of the new statewide "CCCTran" electronic transcript system. The CCCTran

system is expected to replace most of the paper processing of student transcript deliveries between California Community Colleges, CSU campuses and other colleges each year.

## Students

**James Phillips**, graduate student in Biological Sciences, presented his master's research entitled, "Nest site selection by cuckolder (Type II) plainfin midshipman" (co-authored with **Ron Coleman**, Biological Sciences) at the Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, San Francisco, Sept. 2-7.

## Campus Announcements

### Physics talk

"Nanoscale Devices for Thermo-electric Energy Conversion," is the topic of the next Physics and Astronomy Department colloquium at 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8 in Mendocino Hall 1015. The talk will be presented by Ali Shakour, from the Baskin School of Engineering at UC Santa Cruz. The talk is free and open to all students, faculty and the public. For an abstract of Shakouri's talk, visit [www.csus.edu/physics/events/colloquia.stm](http://www.csus.edu/physics/events/colloquia.stm).

An upcoming symposium will be shifted from the usual Thursday talk to Tuesday Nov. 20. That talk will be presented by former Sacramento State physics major Heidi Poppelreiter, who now works for the Johnson Space Center.

*Submitted by the Physics and Astronomy Department*

### Retirement celebration

Information Resources and Technology will honor Holly Barrick for her upcoming retirement in December. A reception will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3 in the lower level of the Library, Room 11. Friends are collecting 12X12 scrapbook pages in preparation for a Memory Book, and everyone's invited to arrange a personal page of memorabilia. Pages may be delivered at the party or to the reception desk at the IRT office in AIRC 3010. Gift contributions may be made payable to Deborah Hobbs, IRT, AIRC 3010, zip 6065. For more information, call 278-6862.

*Submitted by IRT*

### Join the party

Information Resources and Technology's Bob Matthews will be honored with a retirement party at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, at the University Center Restaurant in the University Union. A 12X12 scrapbook is being assembled and anyone who wishes to arrange a personal page of memorabilia may deliver it at the party or to the IRT office in AIRC 3010 prior to that. Gift contributions may be made payable to Greg Porter, IRT, AIRC 3010, zip 6065. For more information, call 278-6862.

*Submitted by IRT*

### WAC Conference Calls for Proposals

Writing Across the Curriculum invites all full- and part-time teachers to propose an individual presentation or panel for a half-day conference on successful approaches to reading and writing across disciplines from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 29, at the University Orchard and Forest Suites. To submit a proposal, send a 150 to 200 word abstract with presentation or panel title to [wac@csus.edu](mailto:wac@csus.edu). Include your name and department. The submission deadline is Dec. 1.

*Submitted by the English Department*

### Formal dress drive

A prom/formal dress drive to benefit Cinderella's Closet will be conducted Nov. 26 through Dec. 1 by five Communications students. Cinderella's Closet provides free dresses and accessories to underprivileged high school girls so they may attend their prom or other high school formals. It is operated out of Second Hand Rose Resale Boutique at 1120 Fulton Avenue. Dresses may be dropped off at the store, or in designated collection bins in the University Union, Library or River Front Center. The organizing students will personally accept dresses in the breezeway between the Library and Java City from 4 to 6 p.m. every evening that week, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 27 and Thursday, Nov. 29. Dresses should be cleaned and in good condition. For more information, call

professor Nick Trujillo at 278-6335 or Carol Lowe at Cinderella's Closet, 487-4500.

*Submitted by Small Group Communications*

### **Presentation on autism treatment**

Gina Green will present "Evidence-Based Practice" in the treatment of autism at 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29, in Mariposa Hall 1000. Green is a faculty member in Behavior Analysis and Therapy at Southern Illinois University, director of research at the New England Center for children in Massachusetts and a research associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. The forum will offer some answers on whether parents and practitioners can have confidence in "evidence-based" recommendations and present the best available scientific evidence about various interventions for autism. Parking permits are available through the Psychology Department. For more information, call 278-6254.

*Submitted by the Psychology Department.*

### **Gas line installation**

As part of the construction of the Broad Athletic Facility, the contractor will be installing a new natural gas line starting at the campus Central Plant on Moraga Way to the intersection of State University Drive and Stadium Drive. The gas line will extend from the Central Plant across Sinclair, in front of Capistrano Hall, behind Amador Hall, across Tahoe Field, and then down the west side of Stadium Drive to the connection point at the Broad Athletic Facility. Construction is expected to be completed in about six weeks. A map of the route and schedule may be found on the Facilities Services Construction Project News Page: [www.fm.csus.edu/Construction\\_Projects\\_News.htm](http://www.fm.csus.edu/Construction_Projects_News.htm). If you have any questions or concerns please contact Don Hendricks, Facilities Services, at 278-6242.

*Submitted by Facilities Services*

## **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:

Mike Mullen, Facilities Management  
Marcelino Coelho, Housing and Residential Life  
Julie Villescias, Photocopy and Technical Support  
\*Lien Nguyen, Admissions and Records  
\*Bonnie Jarvis, College of Continuing Education

\*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee.

## **On the Job with Peak Adventures**

The *Bulletin* spoke with Jael Young, Director of ASI Peak Adventures programs

### **What do people think you do?**

"People think that we are an 'extreme' adventures club, one where you need to be a member to join in. They also think we just schedule the ropes course."

### **What do you really do?**

"We not only schedule the ropes course, but we also train the staff and oversee the entire operation. The Challenge Course can help people with teambuilding by focusing activities on trust building, problem solving and communication. We serve about 6,000 people each year. We are also a full-

service bicycle shop. We repair, sell and rent bikes, as well as maintain the bike lockers. We also do special orders for bicycle parts, and offer bike maintenance classes, both basic and advanced. We also run outdoor adventure trips. This is perhaps why some people think we are an 'extreme' adventure club. While we do host fun and exciting excursions, they are mostly designed for novices, giving students, staff and faculty a chance to try something new or something they haven't done in a while. Like the Challenge Course, we can customize our outdoor trips for specific groups needs.

**Describe your office.**

"Our office definitely stands out. We have bikes and bicycle accessories for sale, with outdoor gear hanging from our ceilings and walls. Because of our retail component, we are very customer-oriented and friendly. We want people to feel welcome and taken care of. As an ASI program, we view students as customers."

**What surprises people?**

"The breadth of what we have to offer surprises people. Our team building services range from corporate team-building to birthday parties. We offer a variety of outdoor trips including rock-climbing, cave exploring, snow shoeing, horseback riding and wine tasting."

**What is your biggest challenge?**

"Marketing our programs is our biggest challenge. Our recreational activities are for everyone. There is no need for previous experience. We want students to know anyone can have a great time participating in these activities, and it's also a great way to meet other people."

**What do you get asked the most?**

"'What exactly do you do?' and 'Where are you located?' Our office and store are connected to the first floor of the University Union, and sometimes people have a difficult time finding us."

## **This Week in Hornet Action**

**Football**

Saturday, Nov. 10  
Sacramento State at Northern Colorado, 11 a.m.

**Men's basketball**

Monday, Nov. 5  
Sacramento State vs. California State Maritime (exhibition game)

Friday, Nov. 9  
Sacramento State vs. Kansas State, 5:05 p.m.

**Women's basketball**

Tuesday, Nov. 6  
Sacramento State vs. William Jessup (exhibition game), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 11  
Sacramento State at UC Davis, 2 p.m.

**Men's soccer**

Friday, Nov. 9  
Sacramento State at New Mexico, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 11  
Sacramento State at UNLV, 1 p.m.

**Women's soccer**

Thursday, Nov. 8-Saturday, Nov. 10  
Sacramento State at the Big Sky Tournament.

**Volleyball**

Friday, Nov. 9

Sacramento State vs. Montana State, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Sacramento State vs. Montana, 7 p.m.

**Cross country**

Saturday, Nov. 10

Sacramento State at NCAA West Regional in Eugene, Ore.

**Men's Tennis**

No matches scheduled

**Women's tennis**

No matches scheduled

**Rowing**

Sunday, Nov. 11

Sacramento State at Head of the Lake, Seattle, Wash.

**Men's Golf**

No matches scheduled

**Women's Golf**

Monday, Nov. 5-Tuesday, Nov. 6

Sacramento State at Cal Poly Women's Invitational in Arroyo Grande, Calif.