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Due to the campus closure for the Veteran's Day holiday on Friday, Nov. 10, the deadline for Bulletin submissions this week is Tuesday, Nov. 7 at noon. The Monday Briefing deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 8 at noon.

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A Guaranteed Ride Home program is available for commuters who use alternate transportation.

In the event a pre-registered participant or their commute partner is required to work unscheduled overtime or experiences a qualifying emergency, guaranteed transportation is provided via taxi, or a rental car for those who live more than 20 miles from campus, up to six times in a 12-month period. Employees who travel to and from campus at least three days per week—or 60 percent of their

work schedule—by bicycle, bus, carpool, vanpool, light rail or walking may participate in the program. Some restrictions apply.

For details or to register, visit the Sacramento Transportation Management Association's website at www.sacramento-tma.org or contact Alfredo Orozco at orozcoa@csus.edu or 278-7527.

Bulletin Staff



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ATHLETICS

Roberts, Ray Honored by the CFL

Former Sacramento State standouts Charles Roberts and Ricky Ray were each named to their all-division teams in the Canadian Football League. Roberts was a unanimous selection in the East Division while Ray was the lone quarterback for the West Division.

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The number of veterans using educational benefits this fall—both those who have either served active duty or are reservists—has increased to more than 500 veterans. This is an increase of more than 100 veterans from the Fall 2005 semester, he said.

In all, the Veteran Affairs office on campus provides service to well over 700 students including both veterans and the dependents of service-connected disabled veterans.

“Veterans have served their country, and now they looking to campuses such as Sacramento State to begin or resume their education,” said Weston, who served in the Air Force for four years, including six months in Qatar in 2002, the staging area for the Iraq invasion.

“We’ve had a great increase in our numbers, but we know that there are other veterans out in the Sacramento region who we need to reach and help them take advantage of the educational opportunities here at Sacramento State under the GI Bill.”

One such veteran is Tim Rich, who served in the Coast Guard for six years before enrolling at Sacramento State to study kinesiology and marketing. “I am working to get a solid background in those subjects so I can go into sports marketing. I wouldn’t be here without the GI Bill,” said Rich, who studied at San Diego Mesa Community College and San Diego State University before coming to Sacramento State.

Under the GI Bill, veterans can potentially earn benefits in excess of \$1,000 a month as full-time students, plus extra financial incentives. Reservists get less while more funds are available for disabled veterans. The historic 1944 GI Bill provided education benefits to millions of veterans returning from the war.

Rich, who works as a student assistant in the campus Veteran Affairs office assisting other veterans, is the type of veteran Weston wants to attract to Sacramento State.

In his job as coordinator of veteran affairs, Weston visits local military bases such as Travis and Beale to talk with prospective veterans about attending Sacramento State after leaving the service, and he plans to meet with groups such as the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans.

“They might be thinking about going to college but wonder what it will be like. I am there to answer questions and reassure them,” he said.

Weston is also part of the “Troop to College” initiative created by Gov. Schwarzenegger—made up of representatives from the UC, CSU and community college system—which helps veterans make the transition from the service to college.

“Once veterans get on campus, I serve as their ambassador in dealing with other parts of the campus,” Weston said. “The campus can seem overwhelming with all the offices from financial aid to academic advising. The University is a different world than the military.”

Weston said another wave of veterans may be headed to Sacramento State. Last year Congress authorized reservists—who have been called up to serve in Afghanistan and Iraq since the 2001 terrorist attacks—to take advantage of newly introduced benefits, which are not technically considered amendments to the GI Bill.

According to the Veterans Benefits Administration, veterans typically have 10 years to use GI Bill stipends after leaving active duty.

"Like many students about to enter college, veterans are a little apprehensive," Weston said. "But once they get here, they are eager to learn, get a good education and begin another phase of their lives." For more information on veteran's benefits, visit www.csus.edu/admr/vets.

Political experts to dissect the election

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"Shaping Public Opinion: What We Saw, What We Heard: News Coverage Analysis of the 2006 California Election" is also sponsored by the State Information Officers 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 Nuñez
- Sam Rodriguez, political director, California Democratic Party
- Bob Waste, Sacramento State professor of public policy and administration

The event will be moderated by Pamela Wu, KCRA 3's anchor-reporter. Costs range from \$5 for students to \$10 for all others and seating is limited. Contact Roni Java at 651-8957 for more information or e-mail (rjava@scsa.ca.gov) for reservations. For media assistance, call the Sacramento State Public Affairs office at 278-6156.

Filmmaker Oliver Stone on campus

Oscar award-winning director and screenwriter Oliver Stone will provide his singular insight on the world of filmmaking at a lecture at Sacramento State on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the University Union Ballroom.

Stone, a renowned and sometimes controversial director, has created a wide array of movies exploring topics ranging from the assassination of John F. Kennedy to the complex world of the stock market. His directing credits include *JFK*, *Wall Street*, *Nixon*, *The Doors*, *Any Given Sunday*, *Heaven and Earth*, *Salvador*, *Natural Born Killers* and, most recently, *World Trade Center*. Stone also wrote screenplays for the movies *Scarface*, *Year of the Dragon* and *Conan the Barbarian*. In addition, he won Academy Awards as Best Director for *Platoon* and *Born on the 4th of July* as well as a screenwriting award for *Midnight Express*.

The event is sponsored by Sacramento State's University Union UNIQUE Programs.

Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 for Sacramento State students, staff and alumni and can be purchased at Tickets.com or by calling the University's ticket office at 278-4323. For more information, call UNIQUE Programs at 278-6997. For media requests, contact the Public Affairs office at 278-6156.

Faculty Senate

Monday, Nov. 6

2 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity, Solano Hall 3008

3 p.m., General Education and Graduation Policies Committee

Tuesday, Nov. 7

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee

3 p.m., Executive Committee

3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, Green and Gold Board Room, University Union

Wednesday, Nov. 8

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

3 p.m., General Education Course Review Subcommittee

Thursday, Nov. 9

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

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

Professional Activities

Students

Rachel Blackeye, Douglas Glick, Michelle Watterson and **Russell Clayton** presented posters on their research pertaining to the synthesis of glycodendrimers at the 232nd National American Chemical Society meeting in San Francisco, CA on September 12.

Scholarship

Mona Siegel, History, reports that her book, *The Moral Disarmament of France: Education, Pacifism, and Patriotism, 1914-1940*, has just been announced the winner of the 2006 History of Education Society Outstanding Book Award. The award is based on a national competition and this year, more than 45 books were submitted to compete for the prize.

Terry Cataline, Admissions and Records, was named on Sept. 18 to a Community College Chancellors Office advisory committee, to provide CSU input on linking K-12/CSIS high school transcript data with the existing CCTran electronic transcript system for postsecondary institutions. These electronic commerce applications are intended to more efficiently exchange student transcripts between all California education systems.

Katherine McReynolds, Chemistry, and student **Rachel Blackeye** were recently awarded a "Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research" from the National Institutes of Health. This grant money will be used to support the research activities of **Blackeye** and will also support her travel to present her research findings at research conferences **McReynolds** recently gave a presentation at the 19th Rocky Mountain Regional American Chemical Society Meeting in Tucson, AZ titled "Studies Directed Towards the Synthesis of Novel Glycodendrimers as Potential Therapeutic Agents."

Nancy Shulock, Public Policy and Administration, edited a volume in the Jossey-Bass "New Directions for Higher Education Series" that was published in Fall 2006 (Number 135) called "Practitioners on Making Accountability Work for the Public."

David Booher, Center for Collaborative Policy, made a presentation on institutionalizing collaborative planning at the annual conference of the California Chapter, American Planning Association.

Jamie Kneitel, Biological Sciences, presented the talk "Spatial Ecology of Vernal Pool Ecosystems: New Insights and Implications" held at the Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of the Wildlife Society Natural Resources Symposium which was held in the University Union on October 25.

In the news

Lisa Beutler and **Bill Leach**, Center for Collaborative Policy, were featured guests on Capital Public Radio's program Insight on October 18 to discuss the Centers public policy research and mediation practice in recognition of national Conflict Resolution Day.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted: in the Aug. 27 *Woodland Hills Daily News*, *Marin Independent Journal*, *Santa Cruz Sentinel* and *Pasadena Star News* about Gov. Schwarzenegger's likely win in the gubernatorial election; in the Aug. 7 *Whittier Daily News* and *Woodland Hills Daily News* about legislators attempting to pass large numbers of bills at the end of lawmaking sessions; in the July 30 *Orange County Register* about Gov. Schwarzenegger's reasons for not campaigning in Orange County and in the Aug. 29 *San Jose Mercury-News* about the state Assembly Democrats' political timing on pushing through bills that have no chance of becoming law but could become fodder in the gubernatorial race.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted: in the Aug. 24 *San Francisco Chronicle* about politicians caught in embarrassing situations on hand-held video cameras; in the Aug. 3 *San Diego Union Tribune* about Gov. Schwarzenegger distancing himself during his campaign from President Bush; in the Aug. 18 *San Francisco Chronicle* about the state redistricting proposal's failure to pass in the Assembly; in the Aug. 11 *Orange County Register* about the reasons why voters are interested in redistricting reform; in the Aug. 22 *Contra Costa Times*, *Pinole West County Times*, *Fremont Argus*, *San Jose Mercury-News*, *Oakland Tribune* and *Pleasanton Tri-Valley Herald* about Gov. Schwarzenegger's recent success in appropriating popular Democratic issues for political gain and in the Sept. 2 *Oakland Tribune* about the productivity of this year's state legislative session.

Ted Lascher, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted in the Sept. 12 *Sacramento Bee* about ballot measures J and K.

Campus Announcements

November is Women's Studies Month

Throughout the month of November, the upright display case in the media link of the library will feature photographs, traditional art and books from the collection of Ghada Masri, reflecting her research on women in the Middle East. She teaches WOMS 121, "Women in the Middle East," for the Women's Studies Department and is currently writing her doctoral thesis. She will be giving a talk on Nov. 29 titled, "Geographies of Terror: Orientalist Visions and Women in the Middle East," where she will discuss orientalist perceptions of the Middle East, how they shape the war on terror, and their ultimate impact on women and women's issues in the region.

Submitted by Women's Studies

Report outlines University's unprecedented private support

A recent report by the the Office of University Advancement show that Sacramento State received its highest level of private support ever in 2005-06. New gift commitments totaled \$16.2 million, which was about \$2 million over the goal set for the campus. A report summary is available on the University Advancement website – www.csus.edu/ua.

Submitted by University Advancement

Learn about the Executive MBA program

The College of Business Administration's Graduate and External Programs will present two upcoming public information sessions for its Executive MBA program. The first will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Napa Hall. The second will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Folsom Chamber of Commerce offices, 200 Wool Street in Folsom.

Space is limited. Reservations are required and can be made at www.emba.csus.edu For more information, call 278-5974.

Submitted by the College of Business Administration

The real story behind Marie Antoinette

The History Department will present a brown bag discussion titled, "The Real and Mythic Marie

Antoinette," hosted by Mona Siegel, professor of history, and Kevin Elstob, professor of French Languages and Literature, on Thursday, Nov. 9 at noon in the University Union Summit Room. The session is free and open to the campus.

Submitted by Department of History

Breakfast Club to go on the road

The Sac State Alumni Association will be taking the next Breakfast Club session on the road. The next session will be Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Whitney Oaks Golf Club, 2305 Clubhouse Dr., Rocklin, featuring guest speaker Placer County Supervisor Robert Weygandt. The talk is free for Alumni Association members and one guest.

The Breakfast Club's off-the-record format gives speakers an opportunity to share information about the area's hot topics and includes a question-and-answer session following the talk. Weygandt will focus on several important items that affect Placer County residents. Seating is limited. RSVP Linda Scott 278-4899 or scottl@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Alumni Association

View the transit of Mercury

The Department of Physics and Astronomy will host a daytime viewing of the transit of Mercury on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the deck of the fourth floor Observatory of Amador Hall. The event will be presented by Sacramento State lecturer Jason Ybarra. This will be the last opportunity to see the planet Mercury transit the sun until the year 2016. The event is free and open to faculty, staff, students and the public. For more information, contact Ybarra at jybarra@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Department of Physics and Astronomy

Conference analyzes 2006 election

A conference titled, "Shaping Public Opinion: What We Saw, What We Heard--News Coverage Analysis of the 2006 California Election," will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center. The post-election discussion and analysis of news coverage and media issues of the 2006 California Election includes special guests such as Bill Bradley, *L.A. Weekly* columnist and New West Notes political blogger; Patrick Dorinson, communications director for the California Republican Party; Kathay Feng, executive director for Common Cause; Karen Hanretty, strategist for the California Republican Party; Steven Maviglio, deputy chief of staff for California Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez; Sam Rodriguez, political director of the California Democratic Party; and Bob Waste, professor of Public Policy and Administration, Sacramento State.

Admission to the event is \$20 Sacramento State Alumni Association members/ State Information Officers Council members/ ASPA, \$23 general admission and \$15 Sacramento State students. Box lunches are included. There is also a no-lunch option with seating in the back--\$5 for students, \$10 for all others. Proceeds benefit the SIOC Scholarship Fund.

Seating is limited. Reserve early and RSVP to Roni Java at rjava@scsa.ca.gov. For more information, call (916) 651-8957.

Submitted by the Center for Collaborative Policy

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.

Submitted by the Center for STEM Excellence

Serna Center talk on Latinos in higher education Nov. 9

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

Submitted by the Serna Center

Staff Recognition Award nominations due

The deadline for submission of a nomination for the Staff Employee Recognition Award is Thursday, Nov. 16. If you have considered submitting a nomination for a fellow employee, please take the opportunity to do so. Now is the chance for you to help a worthy employee get the extra credit they deserve.

Complete details regarding eligibility, criteria, and nomination procedures are available on the website link: www.csus.edu/president/staffrec.

Submitted by the President's Office

Distinguished Service Award nominations being accepted

The Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the Distinguished Service Award. The annual dinner will be held Thursday, April 12, 2007 during Alumni Month. Nominated alumni should be individuals who have achieved prominence in their chosen field and brought distinction to the University and/or their community through their accomplishments. Any Sacramento State constituent may nominate an alumnus. Paperwork should be received by Nov. 20.

For more information and to receive a nomination form, contact Dawniela Hightower 278-3862 or email dawniela@csus.edu.

Submitted by Alumni Relations

Textbook Requisitions Due

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 can buy back more books at higher prices with the knowledge of 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, contact the Hornet Bookstore Textbook Department, 278-6448.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Staff vacancy in Transportation Advisory Committee

There is a staff vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Committee effective immediately due to a retirement. This committee addresses parking, traffic management, and campus shuttle service issues as well as alternative transportation matters. Anyone interested in serving on this committee must secure their supervisor's permission and forward their name and e-mail to Kem Albert, on behalf of Vice President Stephen G. Garcia, at kem@csus.edu by Nov. 9. For more information, call Albert at 278-5809.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Dining Services Satisfaction Survey

The campus community is invited to participate in a survey that will help Dining Services know how well they are serving the campus community. Pick up a survey card at any campus eatery that will allow you to log in to a 5-minute online survey to rate any or all of the campus dining facilities. Gifts are offered for the first 500 participants. The survey is being conducted from Oct. 27 through Nov. 22 in conjunction with the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS). For more information, contact Ada Lai at 278-5526.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Faculty Alert—Current Textbook Returns to Vendors

The Hornet Bookstore has started to return Fall 2006 textbooks to the vendors. Faculty are advised to announce to students that if they still need a textbook for class, it should be purchased immediately. The bookstore can hold books longer, if books will be assigned later in the term. Textbooks that are readopted for the upcoming term will not be returned. Faculty are also advised to confirm that their adoption

information has been submitted. For more information, contact the Hornet Bookstore Textbook Department, 278-6448.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Togo's Catering

Togo's can cater a variety of events. Items include sandwich trays, salads, appetizers, box lunches and desserts. To order for on-campus pick up, call 278-8646. Please call 24 hours in advance for large orders or party-sized footer sandwiches. VISA, MasterCard, American Express and the Sacramento State OneCard are accepted. See the Togo's catering menu at www.dining.csus.edu/pic/togos/togos_menu.pdf.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

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, 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

Brittney Gandy

Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Major: Biological sciences with a minor in mathematics. Plans to graduate in 2006.

Background: "I have always had aspirations to go into medicine. It has been a dream of mine. I want to be able to work in the fight against cancer because I have seen what it can do to a family. In high school I was in the National Honor Society, various math competitions and I did volunteer work in a hospital. While at Sacramento State I took part in a summer pre-med prep program at UCSF."

Changes: "Here at Sacramento State I've had great opportunities to learn about life and gain so many academic skills, which have all contributed to my personal growth. I have also learned to become more comfortable making public presentations."

Highlight: "Having my research published and being a mentor and tutor for incoming freshmen and then seeing them go on and accomplish so many great things here at Sacramento State."

Destination: "Becoming a medical doctor and conducting research in cancer prevention."

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syndicated show, will make an appearance on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the University Union Ballroom.

"Loveline" with Pinsky has been on the airwaves since 1984 and is broadcast in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The show helps young adults who call in with relationship, sexuality and drug addiction issues. Pinsky, known as Dr. Drew on the radio show, is a practicing internist and addiction specialist with training in psychology. His campus appearance will follow the question-and-answer format of the radio show, where he will take a variety of questions from audience members.

The event, sponsored by Sacramento State's University Union UNIQUE Programs, is free of charge.

For more information, contact UNIQUE Programs at 278-6744. For media assistance, contact the Public Affairs office at 278-6156.