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## THIS WEEK

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### Town Hall for students

President Alexander Gonzalez and Vice President for Student Affairs Lori Varlotta will host a students-only Town Hall meeting on from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 17 in the University Union Hinde Auditorium.

Details: 278-6060.

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Sacramento State was among 60 area employers named as a Best Workplace for Commuters by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency in 2005. The award recognized extraordinary efforts to improve the quality of life in the region, reduce area traffic and protect the environment by making it possible for employees to use good commuting practices.

Sacramento State was singled out for the Hornet Express Shuttle service and Sacramento Regional Transit bus pass subsidy and for offering a Guaranteed Ride Home program through the

Sacramento Transportation Management Association. It was also recognized for being located near bus and light rail routes and having accommodations for bicyclists, as well as having preferential carpool parking. For information on Commute Choices visit the University Transportation and Parking Services website at [www.csus.edu/utaps](http://www.csus.edu/utaps).

## Bulletin Staff

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## Events Calendar

### ATHLETICS

#### Hornets to host Big Sky Volleyball

With a week left in the regular season, the Sacramento State volleyball squad has already clinched its ninth-consecutive Big Sky Conference championship and the right to host the league's postseason tournament on Nov. 17-19. A special \$5 ticket price is available to faculty, staff and students with a valid One Card.

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## Parking situation getting better—for now

The campus has weathered its first major parking storm of the academic year, but parking officials warn there are more rough seas ahead.

Losses of parking spaces caused, ironically, by the construction of a new parking structure led to an unprecedented blitz of messages at the beginning of the semester encouraging students, faculty and staff to use alternate transportation if possible. University Transportation and Parking Services (UTAPS) also opened the stadium area as well as a lot at the University's Ramona Avenue property for parking. The Hornet Express shuttle program provides regular transport between the Ramona lot and the campus.

The message was received and midway through the semester the parking crunch seemed to have eased, at least for the time being.

University Transportation and Parking Services Director Nancy Fox reports that spaces have been available even at peak times—9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday—in Lots 9 and 10 near Modoc and Napa Halls and campuswide on Friday. And the stadium parking lot has only been used sparingly after the first six weeks of the semester passed. Spaces are also readily available at the Ramona Avenue site. As a result, the Ramona Avenue Lot will be closed on Fridays unless needed.

But the start of the spring semester is expected to bring an even bigger parking crunch than the fall did. Construction of the new Hornet Bookstore east of the University Union is expected to begin in January, eliminating an additional 300 parking spaces.

If current growth trends continue, the campus would need 12,135 spaces in spring 2006 to accommodate the campus population of students, faculty and staff. But through a combination of previously existing parking shortages, and spaces eliminated by the construction of Parking Structure III and the new bookstore, the campus will be short 2,494 spaces. By Fall 2006, with a new influx of students, faculty and staff, that shortage will increase to 3,442.

As before, shuttle service to and from the Ramona Avenue lot will be available with shuttles running about every 20 minutes. Parking in the stadium area will be available but only when weather conditions permit. Campus commuters will again be strongly encouraged to seek alternate transportation choices. Faculty and staff can purchase a six-month permit good for use on all Regional Transit buses and Light Rail. Students have already paid through their registration fees to use Regional Transit at no additional cost by showing their One Card with a current enrollment sticker attached. Information on carpooling, the Hornet Express shuttle, the Guaranteed Ride Home program and other transit options are available on Transportation and Parking's website at [www.csus.edu/utaps](http://www.csus.edu/utaps).

Fox says the situation will ease for a bit in spring 2007 when Parking Structure III is expected to open.

In the years to come, other expansion projects are expected to impact parking such as plans to increase the number of students living on campus. But long-range plans under consideration also call for another solution: Parking Structure IV.

For more information on campus parking, visit [www.csus.edu/utaps/](http://www.csus.edu/utaps/).

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Congresswoman Doris Matsui was instrumental in getting the measure included in the Science, State, Justice and Commerce Appropriations Report. The funds augment \$550,000 the University received last year through the help of her husband, the late Congressman Robert Matsui.

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez said, "Sacramento State and the science and math community owe a great debt of gratitude to Congresswoman Doris Matsui and the late Congressman Robert Matsui for their dedicated work on behalf of the University. The \$1.5 million in federal funding they have secured for the University will be the catalyst for building a Science and Space Center that will benefit not only the students of Sacramento State but the entire Sacramento Region."

In a news release, Doris Matsui said, "This facility will further enhance Sacramento State's leadership, which already partners with NASA scientists on engineering and astrophysics research projects."

The funds will allow the University to expand its partnerships with NASA and purchase a wide range of equipment including solar and astronomical telescopes, observatory domes and high-volume lab servers. Part of the project will house the Center for Mathematics and Science Education to support and enhance the skills of more than 1,000 K-12 mathematics and science teachers each year.

## **Gonzalez named one of country's top Hispanic leaders**

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez has been named one of the 100 most influential Hispanic leaders in America by *Hispanic Business* magazine.

Gonzalez joins a select group of top executives and professionals from academia, government, entertainment, sports and business. The list includes notables such as Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; Amador Bustos Chairman and CEO of Sacramento-based Bustos Media; and actor Andy Garcia.

Nominations from readers, website visitors, contributing editors, writers and magazine staff determined the annual list of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics, which appeared in the October edition.

The magazine, which has a circulation of 245,000 and a total audience of more than one million readers, cited Gonzalez' "Destination 2010" initiative to transform Sacramento State into a metropolitan university by increasing student housing, building the new Recreation, Wellness and Events Center and adding new academic buildings. And it also noted that the president chairs the board of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

## **Universities team up for cancer prevention**

Leaders from Sacramento State and the UC Davis Cancer Center have signed an agreement to create a "Partnership to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities Through Education, Research and Training" that pairs the UC Davis Cancer Center's Outreach Research and Education Program with departments in Sacramento State's College of Health and Human Services.

The agreement calls for the two entities to collaborate on initiatives to strengthen cancer education and outreach and increase cancer awareness in diverse populations.

The goal is a long-term partnership that leads to research in cancer prevention and control, and builds on the two entities' expertise in health literacy, informed decision-making, problem-solving, symptom management, and cultural, educational and informational interventions.

"This memorandum of understanding represents a significant opportunity for collaboration between UC Davis Cancer Center and Sacramento State," said Ric Brown, Sacramento State provost and vice president for academic affairs. "The faculty and students of both institutions will benefit from this partnership as will the residents of the Sacramento Region with respect to health care."

Ralph deVere White, assistant dean for cancer programs at UC Davis and director of the UC Davis Cancer Center, said the groundbreaking partnership will help make the Sacramento region the first in the country to eliminate disparities in cancer among underserved populations. "By joining with our colleagues at Sacramento State, we take a great step forward," deVere White said. "The Sacramento State faculty bring a whole set of complementary areas of expertise to this fight. We look forward to working with them and other organizations within the greater Sacramento area to mount a broad regional attack on the disproportionate cancer burdens facing underserved populations."

Among the projects under consideration are joint grant applications for research, training and programs, graduate student research opportunities, scholarships for minority students, and training opportunities with federal agencies. The partnership may also develop activities to bring faculty, staff and students from each institution together to increase awareness each other's programs and explore new outreach techniques.

Three potential projects in development for the first year of the partnership:

- Co-development and submission of a National Institutes of Health grant to develop and test ways to improve symptom management and quality of life in elderly patients diagnosed with cancer.
- Co-sponsorship of a series of events centered on ovarian cancer, including an art exhibit, presentations and workshops on cancer awareness and prevention, and a two-day medical conference.
- Creation of community networks focused on the Hispanic/Latino, African American and American Indian populations. The networks will train community health educators and develop a model for cancer awareness and prevention programs.

## **In Memoriam - Charlotte Walker**

Charlotte Walker, wife of the late Stephen Walker, died Nov. 8. Stephen Walker was the University's first chief academic officer and served as interim president of the University in 1947. Charlotte Walker was active in campus life and was instrumental in having the rose garden in the Main Quad, which is named for Stephen Walker, installed. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 18 at Trinity Church, 2620 Capitol Ave.

## **Bulletin Break**

The Bulletin is taking a Thanksgiving break. There will not be an issue the week of Nov. 21. The normal weekly schedule will resume Monday, Nov. 28.

Items for the Bulletin can be submitted by e-mail to [bulletin@csus.edu](mailto:bulletin@csus.edu). the deadline is 10 a.m. the Wednesday before Monday publication.

Details: 278-6156.

## Faculty Senate schedule

### Tuesday, Nov. 15

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee

3 p.m., Executive Committee

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

### Wednesday, Nov. 16

1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee

2:30 p.m., Visiting Scholars Subcommittee, Library 4026 (tentative)

### Thursday, Nov. 17

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

### Friday, Nov. 18

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

## ASI Board Meeting schedule

### Wednesday, Dec. 7

2 p.m., University Union Orchard Suite

Tentative dates for spring: Feb. 8 and 22, March 8 and 29, April 19 and May 3. All meetings are at 2 p.m. Locations TBA.

## Professional Activities

### Student spotlight

Biological Sciences student **Samantha Hilber** presented her honors thesis research in the student competition at the annual meeting of Sigma Xi on Nov. 4 in Seattle. Her poster paper was entitled "Egg size through consecutive spawning in the convict cichlid."

Geology students **Beth Sehan** and **Mandy Plaskett** were awarded scholarships by the Sacramento Mineral Society last weekend. Sehan received \$1,000 and Plaskett received \$500. The scholarships were awarded at the Society's 63rd Annual Gem and Jewelry Show.

The Division of **Social Work** hosted a reception on Oct. 25 for the Sacramento State students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The reception allowed students to meet faculty and staff in the division, as well as

other similarly affected students attending this university. Representatives from several county agencies provided information and practical assistance.

## Grants

**Nancy Shulock**, Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy, has received, on behalf of the institute, a \$275,000 grant from the Hewlett Foundation to improve finance policy for the California Community Colleges and build capacity in the legislature and executive branch to enact better policy for higher education.

## Scholarship

**Robert Ortbal**, Art, has recent work featured in a group exhibition at the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art exhibit "Ornamentation: The Art of Desire." It is on display through Jan. 7.

**Craig Gallet**, Economics, had his paper entitled "Cyclicalities and the Labor Market for Economists" published in the October edition of the *Southern Economic Journal*.

**George I. Paganelis**, Library, delivered a paper entitled "Creating an Index for Modern Greek Studies" at the 19th biennial Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium on Nov. 5 in Chicago.

**Suzanne Sutherland**, Nursing, co-presented three papers and one poster at the biennial meeting of the Canadian Association of Burn Nurses in Toronto, Sept. 21-24: "Survival and Burns in Elders," "Using a Developmentally Appropriate Pediatric Model to Care for Adult Schizophrenics in a Burn Unit," "A Primary Nurse for Each Burn Patient," and "An Effective Method for Clearing Clogged Feeding Tubes."

**Robyn Nelson**, Nursing, co-authored *FA Davis RN-NCLEX Success*, 2nd edition, published in November.

**Greg Bourne** and **David Booher**, Center for Collaborative Policy, presented at a conference session of the California Chapter of the American Planning Association. The session, "When the Public Gets Angry, What Do You Do Next," focused on addressing challenges to public participation that frequently arise in public hearings.

The **Applied Research Center** received a contract with the Campaign for College Opportunity for a study of the long-range economic impacts on the California economy that can occur if there is a serious reduction in the higher educated workforce. The principal investigator will be **Robert Fountain**. The study will apply economic analysis to education access data from **Nancy Shulock** of the Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy and the UC California Census Research Data Center.

## In the News

**William A. Dorman**, Government, was quoted in an analysis of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's current political fortunes that appeared Nov. 6 in *El Pais*, Spain's leading national newspaper.

**Julia Milardovich**, Bookstore Services, was interviewed Sept. 2 on KTXL Channel 40 about the causes of textbook price increases.

**Miguel Molina**, Admissions and Records, was interviewed Sept. 7 on KCRA Channel 3 and KQCA Channel 58, and Sept. 8 on KTXL Channel 40, about how Sacramento State is helping Hurricane Katrina victims attend the University.

**Tim Hodson**, Center for California Studies, was quoted Sept. 10 in a *Sacramento Bee* article about whether or not Gov. Schwarzenegger represents the majority of Californians when using his vetoing power.

**Robert Mogull**, Management Information Science, was quoted on Sept. 7 in the *Marin Independent Journal* and *Long Beach Press Telegram* about his Census Bureau analysis that showed an increase in poverty among certain minority groups in California.

**Rob Wassmer**, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted in the September issue of *Comstock's* magazine regarding the factors people consider when buying a house.

**Barbara O'Connor**, Communications Studies, was quoted in a Sept. 7 *San Francisco Chronicle* article about the increase in the number of liberal talk radio shows on the air.

## News Digest

### ASI grant applications available

Applications for Associated Students grants for 2006-07 are now available. Eligibility for grants is restricted to University-sponsored programs and activities. To be considered for funding, departments and programs must return the completed application packet with 20 copies must be turned in to the ASI Government Office in University Union no later than 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2. Packets will not be accepted after the deadline.

Additional information and "Request for Funding Packet for 2006-2007 Fiscal Year" can be found at the ASI website at [www.asi.csus.edu/fundingpacket.html](http://www.asi.csus.edu/fundingpacket.html).

### Food drive under way

The University Transportation and Parking Services food drive is already up and running. It will continue through Dec. 16.

Donations may be made in food or cash, though cash is preferred as it allows food items to be purchased in bulk. Every dollar contributed will purchase an average of two-and-a-half pounds of food. The most helpful food donation items are canned food, dried and packaged goods and baby food and formula. Food collection boxes are available in each campus building and food may also be dropped off at the two information booths at the north and south entrances to campus or directly to the UTAPS office.

For more information and a list of drop-off locations, visit [www.csus.edu/utaps](http://www.csus.edu/utaps) or call Nancy Fox at 278-5241.

### It's Winter Social time

The USA Annual Winter Social will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the University Union Ballroom. Highlights include a lunch buffet and door prizes.

Details: [www.csus.edu/usa/winter/index.htm](http://www.csus.edu/usa/winter/index.htm)

### **Star search**

Univision and Telefutera Television Networks are holding auditions for “Objetivo Fama” starting at 8 a.m., Monday, Nov. 28 in various locations in the University Union. It is open to aspiring singers and dancers between the ages of 18 and 28.

Details: [www.univision.com](http://www.univision.com) or 614-1918

## **Outstanding Teacher: Joshua McKinney**

*There is a splendid moment in the world.* These words by Joshua McKinney comprise the first line in a poem inspired by his life and experiences as a teacher. But even his poetry could not have expressed his satisfaction when he was named the 2005 College of Arts and Letters Outstanding Teacher Award.

“Being a teacher I never get bored,” he explains. “I love where I’m at and I love what I do.” The Humboldt County native is a professor of English, creative writing, poetry and literature at Sacramento State and for the last five years it’s been his passion for poetry and his creativity that’s made him a standout to his colleagues and students.

McKinney says one of his biggest challenges in the classroom is captivating students’ attention. He says the skill to entertain and capture the interest of students is acquired with experience. “I think a large part of it has to do with your personality. If you can cite your students’ interests and relate to them, you can help them make discoveries on their own,” he says.

His positive influence on his pupils is evident—one of McKinney’s nominations for the Outstanding Teacher Award came from a student. “It’s one thing to be nominated by a fellow professor, but to be recognized by a student is really rewarding because it just shows the kind of effect you can have on them,” he says.

And although he is officially a professor of English, McKinney’s passion is poetry. His first book of poetry, *Saunter*, was published in 2002 and won the University of Georgia Press Contemporary Poetry Series competition. His book *The Novice Mourner*, released this fall, won the Dorothy Brunsman Poetry Prize. Dedicated to his late father, it’s a collection of poems that McKinney has compiled over the last 15 years that deal with his memories and emotions.

“The book follows an arc. It’s got a lot of emotions dealing with loss and grieving, but it has a conciliatory ending that deals with my acceptance,” he says.

In the classroom he says that his first-hand experience with the literary art is essential in teaching the fundamental ideas of poetry, both in writing it and reading it.

“The biggest mistake people make when they write poetry is that they haven’t read enough of it. The more you’re exposed to it the better feel and the more respect you gain for it. You have to understand the way in which poetry is written varies and it’s not always meant to be appreciated in the same way,” he says. “Some poems are meant to convey meaning, while some are meant to express sound, and others are written to show imagery.”

But McKinney stresses that no two people will write poetry the same. He says that he encourages students to find their own style of writing but that the imitation phase is an important part of a poet’s career.

## **Scholar Cornel West to speak on race issues**

Black activist and philosopher Cornel West, author of the best-selling book *Race Matters*, will speak on campus at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1 in the Sacramento State University Union Ballroom.

A professor in Princeton University's African American Studies program, West is renowned for his controversial support of reparations to blacks for slavery and for his ardent attention to social issues such as prison racism. He is also known for his efforts in the Million Man March and involvement in community empowerment programs such as national youth gang summits.

West's political resume includes his role as senior advisor to 2000 Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley and advisor to Rev. Al Sharpton during his 2004 presidential campaign.

West received his bachelor's degree from Harvard University, and a master's and a doctorate in philosophy from Princeton, where he served as director of African American Studies. He has also taught at Yale, Union Theological Seminary and the University of Paris.

Tickets are \$15 general and \$10 for Sacramento State students, and are available from the Sacramento State Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or [Tickets.com](http://Tickets.com).