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Bulletin Break
The Bulletin is taking a Thanksgiving break. There will not be an issue the week of Nov. 24. The normal weekly schedule will resume Monday, Dec. 1. Items for the Bulletin can be submitted by e-mail to bulletin@csus.edu. The deadline is 10 a.m. the Wednesday before Monday publication. For more information, call 278-6156.

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Pulitzer Prize-winning drama
William Inge’s Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, Picnic, directed by professor Michelle Felten, will be staged in the Playwright’s Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. Nov. 13-15 and 21-22; 2 p.m. Nov. 16 and 23; and 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19-20. Tickets are $8-$12 and available at the University Ticket Office, 278-4323 or www.tickets.com.

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Vanpooling
Vanpooling is a great alternative commute mode. If you are interested in commuting to campus via a vanpool, please call Maryam Amiri at Enterprise Rideshare, (916) 480-4961. Additionally, information about CNG vans is available by calling the Department of General Services at (916) 327-1078.

For vanpool lists, please visit www.sacramento-tma.org or call (916) 441-7074. You may also contact Noel Carolipio, Employee Transportation Coordinator, at ncarolip@saclink.csus.edu or extension 87527.

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Hettinga to letters of intent
Sacramento State head volleyball coach Ruben Volta announced that prep outside hitter/libero Janelle Currey (Rocklin High School) and setter Hannah Hettinga (Capital High School in Boise, Idaho) have signed National Letters of Intent, and will enroll at Sacramento State as freshmen in the fall of 2009.

More Info

This Week in Hornet Action

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Marching band notes 50th birthday

Strike up the band, there’s a birthday celebration coming—and this time, the celebration is for the band.

Sacramento State’s marching band turns 50 this year, and to celebrate, the band had a special performance during halftime of the Nov. 15 football game between Sacramento State and Northern Colorado.

“Human beings still respond to human beings performing,” says first-year band director Clay Redfield, describing the attraction of marching bands. “There’s something about the excitement level of seeing the group and feeling the sound.”

“It’s the theatrics of it,” says band member Jill Sayles. “It’s fun, it’s loud, it’s cool to look at and it’s cool to listen to.”

But it can be difficult. In addition to their normal school load, students practice three days a week, have uniforms and equipment to take care of and have to develop an uncanny sense of rhythm and balance so they can keep up visually and musically.

“That’s why being in a marching band is so challenging,” says Sayles. “I can march, and I can play, but it’s putting it together.”

In a time of portable music players, digital music and guitar heroes, joining a marching band itself might seem a little old fashioned. But the band is thriving with 65 very enthusiastic members.

“It gives me a huge rush and makes me feel really great,” says band member Chris Peppers. “Some people might be nervous, but the attention makes me play better.”

“Every student has his own motivation for joining the band,” says Redfield. “It is an organization that allows them to continue to perform as a musician, gives them an opportunity to be involved on the campus and gives them a social network of students they can meet.”

The band has been a fixture here since 1958, but like time, it marches on, staying fresh by bringing in new moves and new tunes.

“Back in the day, there were just flanks, forward march and backward march,” says Peppers, describing band formations. “Now, we have obloquies, left slides, right slides, left back slides, right back slides. Marching bands keep evolving and a lot of things have changed.”

But, some people are still partial to the old school band performances.

“About half of our music was classical literature, and half was modern literature,” says Jim Kenward, a Sacramento State alum from 1959 and a former marching band member. "Now, I don't hear any of the classical stuff and that's too bad, because there is a tremendous history of classical music written for band.”

While musical tastes may differ, marching band members past and present can agree; the goal is to go out and have fun and get the crowd fired up.

“It’s exciting and a little scary,” says Redfield. “You want the performance to go very well, you want the students to have a great experience performing and you want the audience to share in the performance.”

For additional information on the marching band, contact Redfield at 278-7571.
Annual rock auction just a stone’s throw away

Not all rocks are created equal, which is evident at the annual rock auction sponsored by the Sacramento State Geology Club. This year’s auction will be held at 6 p.m., Nov. 21, in the University Union’s Ballroom I, and will feature rocks of all sorts, sizes and importance.

“Like beauty, value is often in the eye of the beholder,” says professor Lisa Hammersley, Geology Club faculty advisor. “There will be hundreds of rocks, minerals and fossils for people to bid on, and each person looks for something different that they like. Some look for interesting minerals, while others like the natural designs and patterns in the rocks. Some like rocks that glitter or have a luminescence and others like rocks because they have unusual structures.”

The event features a silent auction and a live auction. During the silent action, which goes by fairly quickly, people find a rock or two they like, write down bids for them and wait to see if they stand. “It gets a little frantic as the time limit approaches, and people swoop in at the last second to get in a final bid,” says Dave Evans, chair of the department and auctioneer for the event.

Action is even more intense during the live auction as collectors continuously raise the stakes in an effort to outbid each other.

Last year’s auction raised more than $9,000 for the club. Funds are used to help students with fees for field courses. The club will also use some of the proceeds to make rock and mineral sample boxes to distribute to local schools.

Rock and mineral samples for the auction are donated by students, faculty, local firms and mineral collectors. Specimens vary in size from pebbles to big rocks for gardens and include spectacular crystals, geodes, fossils, highly-polished rocks and gems and the occasional precious metal.

To donate a sample for auction, or for more information about the event, send an email to the geology club at rockhugger247@yahoo.com or to hammersley@csus.edu.

You’re invited: campus forums on WASC Educational Effectiveness Report

The campus community is invited to participate in two forums and provide input on the draft Educational Effectiveness Report (EER) being prepared in support of our re-accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities.

Professor Jackie Donath has been working with a number of planning workgroups and subcommittees writing the WASC report. The report is due to the Commission early January 2009 in preparation for the visit by the WASC accreditation team to our campus April 2009.

An historic moment for Sacramento State, for reasons ranging from pride to enrollment to preserving federal funding, it is important the campus become engaged in the WASC discussions. This is more than something we must do—the discussions represent an excellent chance to know ourselves better.

Take a moment to review a copy of the draft EER available at www.csus.edu/wascaccreditation and plan to attend one of the two campus forums.
The forums will be held in the California Suite, University Union (3rd floor) on the following dates:

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008: 10 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008: 3 to 5 p.m.
The campus community is also invited to provide comments on the draft EER via the campus WASC accreditation email address: WASCaccreditation@csus.edu.

Professional Performance Increases to be determined mid-November

The process by which Professional Performance Increases (PPIs) will be determined for full professors hired prior to Aug. 1, 1988 will be set in motion on Nov. 17. PPIs are raises that were negotiated as part of the last contract signed by the CSU and CFA.

Essentially, department level peer review committees will recommend salary increases within set categories tied to performance in all areas of a faculty member’s assignment. The committees must be composed of at least three full professors per department who are not eligible to receive a PPI; FERP faculty who are full professors on their assigned semester may serve. If a department does not have the requisite members for the committee, full professors from other departments may serve.

In order to make the process go as smoothly as possible, full professors who are not eligible for PPIs are urged to lend their time generously to their departmental committees and/or to committees from other departments who do not have the personnel needed for a full committee.

Direct any questions you may have about department peer review committees to Kent Porter in Human Resources at 278-6779.

Sacramento State participates in blood donor challenge

Sacramento State won the big game against UC Davis Nov. 7 and scored big in the accompanying blood donor competition sponsored by Sacramento BloodSource blood center. During the two-week competition, the campus community donated 970 units of blood. UC Davis donated 1301 units but it was a win-win situation for BloodSource and the schools.

Sacramento State more than tripled the total number of participants from what had been collected previously, according to Sacramento BloodSource. In all, Sacramento State registered 1,217 donors including 628 new donors.

The blood drive competition ran Oct. 20-Nov. 7 with BloodSource setting up mobile units in the University Union and the residence halls. Donors included faculty, staff, students and administration.

For information on the blood drive contact BloodSource toll-free at 866 822-5663. For ASI, call 278-4241.

Faculty Senate

Monday, Nov. 17
2-3 p.m. – Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE), California Suite, University Union

3-4:30 p.m. – General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee (GE/GRPC), Orchard Suite II & III, University Union

4:30-6:30 p.m. – General Education/Graduation Requirements Committee Reception, Redwood Room, University Union

Tuesday, Nov. 18
1:30-2:50 p.m. – Curriculum Policies Committee (CPC), Sacramento Hall 275
3-5 p.m. - University ARTP Committee (UARTP), Summit Room, University Union

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 19**
1-2:30 p.m. – Faculty Policies Committee (FPC), Sacramento Hall 275

**Thursday, Nov. 20**
3-5 p.m. – Faculty Senate, Library 11

**Friday, Nov. 21**
2-3:30 p.m. – Academic Policies Committee (APC), Sacramento Hall 275

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**Professional Activities**

**In the News**

**Tim Hodson**, Center for California Studies, was quoted in the Oct. edition of *Comstock’s* magazine about the First Amendment and in the *Los Angeles Times* Oct. 6 on the Governor’s vetoes.

**Elaine Kasimatis**, Mathematics and Statistics, was profiled in the *Davis Enterprise* Sept. 30 on being named to the DHS Hall of Fame.

**Kim Nalder**, Government, was interviewed on KOVR-Ch. 13 on Sept. 30 and KMAX-Ch. 40 Oct. 1 regarding Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin, on KCRA-Ch. 3 Oct. 8 on political advertisements and KCRA-Ch. 3 Oct. 9 regarding Proposition 8.

**Barbara O’Connor**, Communication Studies, was interviewed on KXTV-Ch. 10 Oct 1 on the vice presidential debates, on KCRA-Ch.13 Oct 9 about Proposition 8, was quoted in the *San Jose Mercury News* Sept. 27 regarding the presidential elections.

**Suzanne O’Keefe**, Economics, was interviewed on KCRA –Ch. 3 Sept. 29, KMAX-Ch. 40 and KOVR-Ch. 13 Oct. 10 about the credit crisis.

**Michael Semler**, Government, was quoted in the *San Francisco Chronicle* Sept. 28 about the presidential elections.

**James Sorbredo**, Ethic Studies, was mentioned in the *San Francisco Philippine News* related to a local film series.

**Val Smith**, Communication Studies, was mentioned in the Placerville Mountain Democrat Oct. 3 regarding the congressional elections.

**Dennis Tootelian**, Business Administration, was interviewed on KCRA-Ch.3 regarding the impact of a failing economy.

**Rob Wassmer**, Public Policy, was quoted in the *Fresno Bee* Sept. 28 on urban development.

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**Campus Announcements**

**Scholarships**
The Serna Center is now accepting applications for its scholarship programs.

The Bustos Family Leadership Through Service Scholarship gives $1,000 to three students who have internships at social service agencies in the greater Sacramento area.
The Crowley Children’s Fund scholarship gives $1,000 to four students who have internships at social service agencies that serve at-risk youth in the greater Sacramento area.

The deadline for both of these scholarships is Friday, Dec. 5. More information is available on the scholarship page of the Serna Center website at www.csus.edu/sernacenter/scholarships/.

Submitted by the Serna Center

The University Fact Book is here
The 2008 University Fact Book is available from the Office of Institutional Research. The fact book highlights student profiles, as well as faculty and staff profiles. It also highlights statistics for admission, class size, degrees awarded, retention, graduation, and alumni. Many sections are broken down by college.

The book is available online at www.oir.csus.edu. Click on ”Data Center,” then ”University Fact Book.”
Submitted by Institutional Research

A new data dashboard
The Office of Institutional Research has created a new data dashboard beginning with fall 2008. It shows eight main indicators of University effectiveness at a glance, such as enrollment, retention and graduation rate, admission, student FTE by college and diversity. It will be updated each fall semester after Census Date.

The dashboard is available online at www.oir.csus.edu. Click on “Data Center” then “University Dashboard.”
E-mail comments or questions to oir@csus.edu.
Submitted by Institutional Research

Book signing
Sociology professor Tom Kando will sign copies of his book, A Tale of Survival: From War Ravaged Europe to the Promise of America, noon-2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the Hornet Bookstore.
Submitted by the Sociology Department

Bus route changes
UTAPS will modify the routes and schedules for the Hornet Express Shuttles beginning Jan. 26, the first day of the spring 2009 semester. New routes and schedules should be posted on the Hornet Shuttle web page by the end of December. When available, information will be posted to the Commuter Alerts section at www.csus.edu/utaps.

In addition to the Hornet Express Shuttle, riders should consider Sacramento Regional Transit routes 26, 82 and 87. For those schedules and routes, visit www.sacrt.com. Call UTAPS at 278-7275 for more information.
Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

Holiday food drive
Sacramento State’s holiday food drive is Nov. 17 through Jan. 9. Donations will be used to help families in the Sacramento region. Food collection boxes will be placed in many department offices on campus soon.

Monetary donations go the farthest since bulk food can be purchased at lower costs. Make your check payable to the State Employee Food Drive, and mail to Nancy Fox, department zip code 6076.

For more information on the food drive, watch for mass e-mails and check the University Transportation and Parking Services web site at www.csus.edu/utaps. If you have questions, contact Nancy Fox, holiday food drive coordinator, at foxna@csus.edu, or call 278-5241.
Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

Blanket drive
The Friends of Meals on Wheels will hold its second Seniors Blanket Drive. Send new blankets and other warm items such as gloves, mittens, scarves and slippers to Mical Shilts in Mariposa Hall, 3033 or place in the marked box in front of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department office in Mariposa 3000 by Dec.
Entertainment books
The University Staff Assembly is selling Entertainment Books for $40. The books contain thousands of discounts on dining, travel, sports, entertainment and shopping. In addition to the discounts in the book, many others are offered online. To order a book, contact:

Suzanne Bracamonte, Public Service 13, 278-7321; Carolann Forseth, Mariposa 3000, 278-6393; Cossette Leos, Bookstore 3200, 278-7001; Carol Rumley, Tahoe 1010, 278-7291; Stacy Sinz, Placer 2003, 278-4691; Laurie Wheless, Sequoia 334, 278-4655.

Books may also be purchased online. Visit the USA website at www.csus.edu/usa for more information. The sale ends Dec. 12.

Submitted by the University Staff Association

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 on Wednesday, Nov. 25. If you are interested in donating or wrapping baskets, e-mail ASI at asicomunityservice@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 which can make your projects more successful. For more information, or to sign-up, visit www.csus.edu/training. Upcoming classes include:

Monday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-noon, in AIRC 3008 -- "Adobe Acrobat: Creating Accessible PDFs" focuses on how to make sure PDFs are accessible for users with disabilities.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-noon, in AIRC 3013 -- "Express Help: Accessible Adobe PDF" is a one-on-one open session with hands-on personal help to convert digital document and files to an accessible PDF.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10-noon, in AIRC 3013 -- "Toolbook: Creating Interactive Quizzes - Part 2" achieves even greater interactivity and customization, which can create quizzes that pass student scores to the SacCT grade book.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1–3 p.m., in AIRC 3008 --"Cascading Style Sheets" will allow users to get precise control and consistency with the way their web pages look (such as fonts, colors and layout).

Thursday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m.- noon, in AIRC 3013 -- "Images for the Web" covers how to optimize and adjust images for viewing on the web and ways to use them in Dreamweaver.

Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-noon, in AIRC 3008 -- "Faculty Web Site" focuses on helping faculty understand the process of creating and updating their homepage using templates and Dreamweaver.

Friday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-noon in AIRC 3008 -- "Videos: iMovie Essentials (Mac users)" add video clips to your course materials with hands-on demonstration of video editing, adding titles and publishing videos to the web.

Monday, Nov. 24, 11 a.m.-noon, in AIRC 3008 -- "Web Accessibility: Advanced Best Practices for Web Developers/Designers Part 2" shows how accessibility can be achieved with tableless layouts, complex forms, and image replacement.

Submitted by Academic Technology and Creative Services
Thanksgiving buffet
The University Center Restaurant will host a Thanksgiving buffet 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18 through Friday Nov. 21. Enjoy a pleasant dining experience complete with autumn decor and a warm seasonal atmosphere. The chef has prepared an elegant custom menu for the holiday including roasted garlic and rosemary turkey with cranberries, baked maple fennel ham, pecan cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes with turkey gravy and more. To see the complete menu, visit www.enterprises.csus.edu/dining/area/ucr.html. Reservations are suggested for groups of five or more. Call 278-6100 for reservations.
Submitted by the University Union

Employee of the month
Nominations are being accepted for the employee of the month. Names of the recipients will be announced in December as the employee of the month. Details regarding eligibility, criteria, and nomination procedures are available at www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm.
Submitted by the Office of the President

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 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.

TSA enrollment
The California State University system will hold a special TSA enrollment from Nov. 3 through Nov. 28. The open period is for current participants and employees who would like to participate in the program. During that time, employees can direct their contributions to any or all of these fund sponsors: AIG Retirement, Fidelity Investments, ING, MetLife, TIAA-Cref. For information, contact the Sacramento State Human Resources office at 278-6213.

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:
Fred Angell, Mail Services
Serena Johnson, College of Business Administration
Mary Ann Alvarez, Nursing
Wandarah Anderson, Division of Social Work
Carol Eberhart, Foreign Languages
Nancy Hackbart, Career Center
Carolyn Ann Hollahan, Academic Information Resource Center
Michael Wilson, Economics
*Sherry Arrowood, Art Department
*Toni Johnson, Financial Aid
On the Job with the Serna Center

The Bulletin spoke with Ted Lascher, director of the Serna Center, and Maria Ramirez, administrative support assistant for the Center.

What do people think you do?
“I’m not sure, but I hope everyone is conscious of the events the Center is responsible for.”

What do you really do?
“We spend a lot of time on major events such as the Latino Film Festival and various speakers. There’s also some behind the scenes work having to do with raising money and reviewing scholarship applications. We also work on research related to the Center. The Center focuses on Latino and educational issues.”

Describe your office.
“Our office is a little tucked away and not immediately apparent from outside. We’re across from the Library and next to Java City. We have nice artwork and posters from past events. We also have a beautiful sculpture of Joe and Isabel Serna, as well as a bust of Joe and one of Isabel. They were recently donated to us by Phil Serna.”

What surprises people?
“There are a number of things—Joe was such a major figure that there are various things that are named for him now. He has a physical legacy at various places. For instance, the headquarters for the Sacramento City Unified School District Headquarters is named the Serna Center.”

What is your biggest challenge?
“We’re continually trying to find the right mix of events and speakers that will engage a wide variety of people. We’re focused on students and faculty, as well as the larger community.”

What do you get asked the most?
“What do you do? We also get questions about our scholarship program and specific events.”

This Week in Hornet Action

Football
Saturday, Nov. 22
Sacramento State vs. Idaho State, 2:05 p.m.

Volleyball
Friday, Nov. 21
Sacramento State vs. Eastern Washington, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 22
Sacramento State vs. Portland State, 7 p.m.

Men’s basketball
Thursday, Nov. 18
Sacramento State at UC Riverside, 7:05 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21
Sacramento State at Washington State, 6:05 p.m.
**Women’s basketball**
Thursday, Nov. 20
Sacramento State at Santa Clara, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23
Sacramento State at Fresno State, 2:05 p.m.

**Men’s golf**
No matches scheduled

**Women’s golf**
No matches scheduled

**Rowing**
No meets scheduled