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Bulletin Thanksgiving break

The Bulletin is taking a Thanksgiving holiday break. The normal weekly schedule resumes Monday, Dec. 4. Items may be submitted to the Sacramento State Bulletin at bulletin@csus.edu or faxed to 278-5290. The deadline is 10 a.m. the Wednesday before Monday publication. All submissions are subject to editing for style and space. More information is available at 278-6156.

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Los Abandoned

Los Abandoned, a Latino alternative group, will give a free performance on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at noon in Sacramento State's University Union Redwood Room, sponsored by UNIQUE Programs. The Los Angeles-

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For more information on the employee transit pass, contact Alfredo Orozco at orozcoa@csus.edu or call extension 278-7527. For information on SacRT visit www.sacrt.com or call 321-BUSS.

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based band has opened for Paul McCartney, Neil Young and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, among others. For more information, contact UNIQUE at 278-6997.

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ATHLETICS

Women's basketball announces its six signees for the 2007-08 class

Sacramento State women's basketball head coach Dan Muscatell announced the signing of six players to the 2007-08 recruiting class. This is Muscatell's largest class in his four-year tenure with the program.

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Nursing Prescription for Success

There's a new patient for students in the Division of Nursing to attend to. His name is Larry, and as he lies on the table he occasionally groans, "I don't feel good." A monitor shows his heart rate and blood pressure. He gets poked, prodded, stabbed, has wounds dressed, goes into cardiac arrest and is administered CPR. But don't feel too sorry for what the poor guy has to endure—he's a life-size, high-tech simulated patient mannequin.

"SimMan—our simulated patient—is new to the Division of Nursing this year," says department chair Ann Stoltz. "It has realistic anatomy and the capacity to have bodily fluids, and heart and breathing sounds, and it can respond to treatment in some of the same ways an actual living patient would."

Nursing faculty—eight in all—were sent to a Texas training facility in for three days to learn how to work with the simulated patient. "It's more responsive than the other simulated patients we have in the division," says Stoltz. "If treatment is rendered incorrectly in a simulated life-threatening situation, the 'patient's' system crashes. It's as close to a real-life situation as we've ever had here."

Nursing professor Debra Brady is one of the faculty members trained to work with SimMan. She conducts clinical classes in which her students work directly with the simulated patient.

"SimMan's name changes daily," says Brady. "Today his name is Larry. A while ago it was Mel Gibson."

And the mannequin is lifelike enough to earn a name, given his human tendencies. Brady can, with a click of a mouse, have Larry say things such as, "No, I don't have diabetes," "I am not allergic to any medications," or, "That helped." He also coughs, groans and sneezes. His chest rises and falls with each breath he takes.

"It's a highly effective teaching tool for the students," says Brady. "He's so realistic that the students are excited and engaged. My teaching time is really maximized because they live the experience, instead of hearing about it in a lecture. It gives them valuable clinical experience, and they can make mistakes without doing the patient any harm."

"We practice several real-life trauma situations. This morning he had several stab wounds, and the students were able to stabilize him. This afternoon, he had a bad reaction to medication and went into cardiac arrest. Because of the students' lack of experience, these are not situations they would get hands-on experience with in a real hospital."

After the students administer care and the simulated patient is stabilized, they gather around a white board for a debriefing of the situation. The strengths and weaknesses of the treatment are written down and analyzed, and the students discuss what could have been done differently to provide better care.

"The simulated patient is fantastic," says Kathleen Cabe, a nursing student. "Today is the first day I've worked with it. It's so realistic. I can assess a situation as it's happening. It also is a better use of time. In a hospital, we have to wait for something to happen to get experience."

The simulated patient is new this year due to the increased funding the Division of Nursing received from the Chancellor's Office to admit a larger number of students to the program and provide state-of-the-art training to its students. The University's nursing program is highly competitive and has an exceptional graduation rate—95 percent.

Larry, for one, certainly appreciates the excellent care he gets from the nursing students. "Thank you," he says. "That helped."

Sacramento State teams up with community colleges for student achievement

Community college and Sacramento State leaders came together last week in the first of many meetings that promise not only to foster relationships, but deliver real results for Sacramento State students before, during and after their college careers.

The series of meetings was designed because of the need for the University to work closely with leaders from community colleges to enhance student success in every stage of their academic career, as well as serve the needs of the Sacramento Region in their careers beyond the University.

More than 60 of the region's community college administrators and faculty from around the region participated. Representatives from American River, Cosumnes River, Delta, Folsom, Sacramento City, Sierra and Yuba Colleges, and Sacramento State came together to discuss the importance of focusing on collaborations that will best serve the students.

"Roughly two-thirds of our students are transfer students," said Greg Wheeler, associate dean for Undergraduate Studies and conference organizer. "A crucial factor in the success of these students is the strong partnership we have with our regional community colleges. This partnership provides for clear course articulation, good regional planning for workforce needs and a healthy dialogue with all the important players in the region's educational programs."

Subsequently, those important players are actively engaged in constructive approaches. The participants addressed topical student issues such as STEM (sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics) training in the region, teacher preparation and early childhood education training. Several plans of action were generated:

- Address the shortages in the number of students pursuing STEM careers, determine the skill sets STEM students need and generating excitement in students with STEM career choices through close collaboration between all levels of education. There is a plan for a partnership conference with K-12, community college districts and Sacramento State to discuss best practices in STEM education.
- Identify workforce trends and effective ways to meet the demand for well-prepared teachers. Action plans were implemented at individual institutions, and a follow-up meeting will occur in the spring.
- Prepare well-qualified early-childhood education teachers and administrative leaders in the field through cross-institutional collaborations on recruitment and workforce development projects. Another goal is to engage and educate the wider community about the critical importance of early childhood education, particularly given the push toward publicly funded preschool programs and the requirements of teachers to have a BA degree in those programs. The goal is to reach county offices of education, schools districts and the Child Development Division of the California Department of Education.

For more information, contact Wheeler at 278-5344.

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The program, featuring carols from around the world, candlelit processions, a narrative by English Professor Richard Adams and an audience sing along, is a popular local favorite. Buying tickets in advance is strongly suggested.

"The annual Sac State Procession of Carols concert attracts a dedicated crowd of guests who look forward to this special concert to mark the official beginning of their holiday season," says Sacramento State professor and director of Choral Activities Donald Kendrick. "We bring new music to the event each year, but we also perform certain pieces that have become traditional favorites for our choirs and audience members."

"This year we celebrate our brand new organ at Sacred Heart Church that will make the audience sing-along carols even more thrilling and uplifting."

Tickets for all performances are \$10 general, \$5 students and seniors. Tickets are available from the Sacramento State Ticket Office at 278-4323 or Tickets.com.

For more information, contact Sacramento State Professor and Choral Director Donald Kendrick at 278-6805. For media assistance, contact the Sacramento State Public Affairs office at 278-6156.

Faculty Senate

Monday, Nov. 20

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

3 p.m., General Education Graduation Requirements Policy Committee

Tuesday, Nov. 21

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee

3 p.m., Executive Committee

Wednesday, Nov. 22

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

3 p.m., General Education Course Review Subcommittee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

Professional Activities

Scholarship

David Booher, Center for Collaborative Planning, presented a talk on collaborative regional initiatives at the annual conference of the Municipal Managers Association of Northern California on Oct. 26 at the Squaw Creek Resort.

Robert G. Jones, Vice President Emeritus of University Advancement, was elected on Nov. 7 to the seven-member Los Rios Community College Board of Trustees. Jones served as Vice President for University Affairs between 1984 and 2004.

Beth Kivel, Recreation and Leisure Studies, was one of three discussants at the Oct. 2006 National Recreation and Park Association conference in Seattle, WA. Part of the George Butler Lecture series, her topic was titled, "Re-Reading David Gray and the Politics of Leisure," and was a tribute to the contributions of the late Dr. Gray, the first President of the Academy of Leisure Sciences.

Greg Shaw, Recreation and Leisure Studies, helped facilitate a roundtable discussion titled, "Let's Talk Healthy Lifestyles," at the Oct. 2006 National Recreation and Park Association conference in Seattle, Washington. His topic centered on the role of urban design in promoting healthy lifestyles through park and recreation programs.

In the News

Chris Taylor, Physics and Astronomy, was interviewed for a story in the *Sacramento Bee* on the transit of Mercury on Nov. 8. The article appeared on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Nancy Shulock, Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy, was quoted for an article on the access gap to college in the *San Francisco Chronicle* on Tuesday, Nov. 14 on the report "State of Decline? Gaps in College Access and Achievement Call for Renewed Commitment to Educating Californians;" was on PBS News Hour with Jim Leherer which aired on Monday, November 6 for a story on the nursing shortage.

Jeff Lustig, Government, was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* on Oct. 15 about the Schwarzenegger vote in the context of national trends, and had a letter to the editor in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* on July 28.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted: in the Sept. 27 *Marysville Appeal-Democrat* about Jerry Brown's qualifications to be California's attorney general; in the Sept. 4 *Grass Valley Union* about Gov. Schwarzenegger's ability to break a partisan deadlock in the legislature; in the Sept. 10 *Stockton Record* about the lack of support Phil Angelides received from San Joaquin Valley farmers; in the Sept. 9 *Orange County Register* about the lack of ethical or legal requirements for the *Times* to disclose where it received the Governor's taped, closed-door conversations; in the Sept. 17 *Contra Costa Times*, *Pleasanton Valley Times*, *San Ramon Valley Times* and *San Mateo County Times* about the importance of debates for voters to size up candidates; in the Sept. 13 *Tri-Valley Herald* and *San Mateo County Times* about the public's willingness to forgive the personal faults of the governor; in the Oct. 1 *Sacramento Bee* about the almost-certain failure of Measures Q and R; in the Sept. 21 *Sacramento News and Review* about campaigns polls being somewhat suspect because of the way they are worded; and was interviewed on Oct. 6 on KCRA 3 and KOVR 13 about the gubernatorial debate and on Oct. 6 on KTXL Fox 40 about Angelides' message not resonating with voters.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted: in the Sept. 16 *San Mateo County Times* about the regional biases that could prevent some bonds from passing; in the Sept. 28 *Contra Costa Times* and *Pleasanton Valley Times* about the political theatre in some of the campaigns leading up to the election and in the Sept. 18 *San Mateo County Times*, *Tri-Valley Herald* and *Hayward Daily Review* and the Sept. 19 *West County Times*, *Pleasanton Valley Times* and *San Ramon Valley Times* about the high turnover rate in the legislature due to term limits.

Kathryn Hadley, Sociology, was quoted in the Oct. 2 *Sacramento Bee* about the misperception of teen gatherings as something more than simple get-togethers.

William Vizzard, Criminal Justice, was quoted in the Oct. 2 *Sacramento Bee* about the ability to reduce homicides through direct police pressure.

Robert Waste, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted in the Oct. 16 *Sacramento Bee* about the Sacramento rail yard development being on the public agenda because of the arena discussions.

Chrisopher Witko, Government, was interviewed on Sept. 29 on KOVR 13 about how most voters, in spite of not knowing many issues, make reasonable decisions.

John Syer, Government, was interviewed on Oct. 2 and 3 on KXTV News 10 about the possibility of Charlie Brown unseating incumbent John Doolittle in the upcoming election.

Stephen Brock, Special Education, Rehabilitation and School Psychology, was interviewed on Oct. 2 on KXTV News 10 about the Pennsylvania school shooting and the role mental illness plays in extreme acts of violence.

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

Construction update

The Infrastructure II utilities upgrade project continues in various locations. Work on the steam and chilled water pipe installation may at times disrupt pedestrian traffic between Tahoe Hall and the AIRC building. Detours will be available.

Fire alarm system installation will occur in Sequoia, Amador, Capistrano, Lassen, and Sacramento Halls this week. Work will mainly be conducted after hours. Work notices will be posted in the building.

Submitted by Facilities Services

Events

Test anxiety workshop

Psychological Counseling Services will present a workshop for students on test anxiety on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Psychological Counseling Services office on the second floor of the Student Health Center. Presenters request that attendees sign up for the workshop by calling 278-6416, although late-comers are welcome.

The workshop will focus on test-taking strategies, relaxation techniques, and stress management skills. The event is free and open to all enrolled students.

Submitted by Psychological Counseling Services

USA winter reception

The University Staff Assembly's Annual Winter Reception will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. in University Union Ballroom I. The event will feature a dessert buffet, and participants may also enter a drawing for door prizes by submitting a business card or completing an entry form at the event. For more information, contact Candace McGee at 278-7207.

Submitted by the University Staff Assembly

Food/Merchandise

Holiday bookstore sale

The Annual Hornet Bookstore Holiday Sale is Nov. 27 through Dec. 1. Save 20% on general books and selected merchandise throughout the week. Also available will be refreshments, holiday music and complimentary gift wrapping of any bookstore purchases. For more information, contact the Hornet Bookstore at 278-6446.

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 extension 83522.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

- Sharon Kelley, University Computing and Communications
- Nabor Lopez, Facilities Management
- *Christine Kellerman, College of Health & Human Services

* only vacation leave credits may be donated to this employee

Submitted by Human Resources

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"We thought it was important for the staff to have its own organization and it is great to see how successful U.S.A. has become," Watson says.

Since joining the campus, Watson has moved from the payroll office to the staff employment office, and earlier this year was promoted to manager of faculty and management employment. "I enjoy the whole process of making sure that the employment process works smoothly for people on campus," she says.

Watson, who is originally from the Midwest, began her career in human resources at UC San Diego while her husband served in the Navy. After spending some time in Riverside County, Watson moved to Sacramento and joined the University as a payroll technician in 1980. She has worked to process new hires, promotions and other related employment issues.

"I have enjoyed meeting and talking with so many people on campus," says Watson. "And it is especially gratifying to keep in contact with people and see them move up in their careers on campus."

In her new job, Watson will continue to be involved in the implementation of the human resources functions in the new common management system, also known as People Soft. "I've been involved from the ground floor and watched it take shape," she says. "Believe it or not, I have enjoyed being part of the implementation process."

Watson indicated one of the things she loves about the campus is its grounds. "The grounds are landscaped so well that it is always a pleasure to take a walk across the campus." Watson added that she looks forward to taking lunchtime walks along American River Parkway or over the Guy West Bridge.

After work you'll often find Watson attending musical concerts by musicians of all backgrounds. "I enjoy going and being a part of the experience of a live concert," said Watson, who is also an avid Sacramento Kings fan.