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The University Transportation and Parking Services website has been updated to provide additional information for campus commuters. New to the website is a list of more than 30 transit links with information on easing the commute, as well as up-to-the-minute Sacramento region commute information courtesy of KCRA Traffic Pulse 3 and News 10 Weather and Traffic on Demand. For these features, as well as information on Commute Choices, visit www.csus.edu/utaps.

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Former Hornet Charles Roberts earns CFL honor

Former Sacramento State running back Charles Roberts has been named to the 2005 CFL West Division All-Star team. The Winnipeg Blue Bomber was one of two running backs named to the team.

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Hornet Sports

Broad Foundation pledges \$2 million for new athletics facility

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez announced Nov. 16 that the Eli and Edythe L. Broad Foundation will provide a gift of \$2 million toward construction of a new athletic facility south of the University's stadium.

The facility will contain training facilities, locker rooms and coaches' offices for the University's Division I athletics program. It will be named the Broad Athletic Facility pending approval by the California State University Board of Trustees.

"We were made aware of a need on the Sacramento State campus that was essential to advance the University's capital program, and we were happy to meet that need," said Eli Broad, founder of The Broad Foundations.

Construction of the modern field house is an important part of enhancing the University's intercollegiate athletics program.

The athletic facility is also the first part of the University's Recreation, Wellness, Events Center and Stadium project. It must be completed before construction of the other facilities can begin, because parts of the project will be built at the site of the old field house.

"These are the type of leadership gifts that really make a difference for the students here at Sacramento State," said President Gonzalez. "Eli Broad has made an impressive investment in our efforts to make this a destination campus."

Eli and Edythe Broad are longtime supporters of K-12 and higher education, as well as the arts, science, medical research and civic development. Eli Broad is currently working to help Sacramento State develop a campus in Placer County by committing about 300 acres of land in the proposed Placer Ranch project near Roseville. He also has made major contributions to UCLA and CalTech, and is on the board of trustees of CalTech. Broad has also served as chairman of the board of Pitzer College and vice chairman of the board of trustees of the CSU System.

The Broad commitment is the largest of three major gifts this year for the new athletic facility. Earlier this year, an alumnus provided \$1.3 million for the field house and tennis court renovations and McCarthy Building Company pledged to help construct the facility.

Sacramento State has now raised approximately \$15 million for the Recreation, Wellness, Events Center and Stadium project.

Prof, students put our reputation to the test

[Full Survey \(pdf\)](#)

FYI Sacramento State: The local community really likes you, and your students can prove it.

According to the latest annual survey by sociology professor Amy Liu and her students, area residents see Sacramento State as a vibrant university that offers strong academic programs, and most would recommend it to someone who was planning to go to college,

The students found that 57 percent of residents of the four-county surrounding region considered the university vibrant, while 68 percent said we are strong academically. Only 3 percent held a negative view of our academic programs.

And in general, those who were well-acquainted with Sacramento State had even stronger positive feelings than those who didn't know the University well. While 85 percent of all respondents said they would recommend Sacramento State to prospective students, that number jumped to 92 percent among those who felt well-informed about the campus.

This year, 37 percent said they are well-informed about events on campus, up just slightly from 35 percent in the 2004 survey. The analysis found that respondents who felt well-informed were also much more likely to have positive feelings about us, to recommend us to prospective students and to consider making a gift.

The students also found that, overall, residents of Sacramento County were more positive about the University than residents of other counties.

The findings are from the fourth annual "Survey of Public Opinion and Life Quality in the Region."

The survey was conducted in the spring by Professor Liu and more than 20 students as a service-learning project. Students conducted phone interviews with 1,002 randomly selected individuals in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. The survey had a margin of error of approximately 3 percent.

In addition to the questions about the University, students participating in the project asked questions and analyzed results about a variety of other topics including the Iraq War, President Bush, regional planning issues such as housing and traffic, and a possible new Kings arena. Their findings generated significant media coverage and interest by local officials.

Among other findings about Sacramento State:

- One of four respondents had attended Sacramento State, and more than three of four had visited the campus at least once.
- Fully 83 percent of respondents agreed that the University improves the quality of life in the region, and 85 percent agreed that we provide the future workforce for the region.
- Among those who have attended Sacramento State, 87 percent say we have strong academic programs (compared to 68 percent overall).
- Ninety-two percent say it is valuable that Sacramento State provides students with work and research opportunities in state government. Seventy-two percent say it is "extremely" or "very" valuable.

The report on the full 2005 survey is at www.csus.edu/ssis.

Prof: Poverty rates vary among Hispanic Americans

While overall poverty rates for Hispanic Americans exceed the national rate, a new study by a Sacramento State professor shows that there are also significant differences among ethnicities within the Hispanic American community.

Since 1980, the poverty rate for Cuban Americans has been roughly comparable to that of non-Hispanic Americans, about 14.6 percent. But poverty rates for Mexican Americans and for Puerto Rican Americans have been almost twice as high.

The study by Robert Mogull, professor of business statistics at Sacramento State, was published recently in *The Journal of Applied Business Research*.

Mogull said that his analysis of Census figures found surprising differences in poverty rates among the ethnic groups, showing that the Hispanic American community is not a homogenous economic population and experiences different patterns of poverty.

Mogull's analysis found:

- For Mexican Americans, the poverty rate stood at 23.3 percent in 1980, rose to 26.3 percent in 1990 then fell to 23.5 percent in 2000. As the number of the Mexican Americans in the country increased from 8.7 million in 1980 to 20.6 million in 2000, the Mexican American share of overall Hispanic American poverty grew from 59 percent in 1980 to 61.7 percent in 2000.
- For Puerto Rican Americans, the poverty rate was 36.3 percent in 1980, dropped to 31.7 percent in 1990 and then to 25.8 percent in 2000. The Puerto Rican American population stood at 2 million in 1980 and rose to 3.4 million in 2000. As a proportion of all poor Hispanic Americans, their share dropped by almost half from 21.1 percent in 1980 to 10.9 percent in 2000.
- For Cuban Americans, the poverty rate stood at 13.2 percent in 1980 and remained at 14.6 percent in both 1990 and 2000. The number of Cuban Americans in the country grew from 803,000 in 1980 to 1.2 million in 2000. But as a proportion of all impoverished Hispanic Americans, Cuban Americans have seen their share decline from 3.1 percent in 1980 to 2.3 percent in 2000.
- For other ethnic Hispanic Americans—defined as those from Spain, the Dominican Republic and Spanish-speaking countries in Central and South America—the poverty rate was 18.6 percent in 1980 and grew to 19.5 percent for both 1990 and 2000. The number of other ethnic Hispanic Americans increased from 3 million in 1980 to 10 million in 2000, while their share of total Hispanic American poverty expanded from 16.9 percent in 1980 to 18.4 percent in 1990 and to 25 percent in 2000.

Mogull's findings are significant because of the rapid growth of the Hispanic American community in the United States. The Census Bureau estimates that the Hispanic American population rose to 41.3 million people and 14 percent of the nation's total population last year.

While the number of all Americans living in poverty increased by 24.6 percent between 1970 and 2000, the number of Hispanic Americans in poverty leaped by a striking 262 percent during the same period. In 1970, nearly eight percent of all poor Americans were Hispanic. Thirty years later, however, that share had jumped to nearly one of every four poor Americans. In 2004, a family of four earning \$19,484 a year or less was in poverty.

Mogull, who has tracked trends in Hispanic poverty over the years, said that the poverty rate for Hispanic Americans remains high as a result of several factors. "Many Hispanics are recent immigrants with accompanying problems of language, low education and a lack of technical skills. Their low income is further exasperated by large families," said Mogull. "There is a need for an extensive variety of social services to combat poverty among Hispanic Americans as well as among all impoverished Americans."

However, Mogull reported even though there are more people living in poverty because of growth in the population as a whole, the percentage of those in poverty has actually been declining in recent years. For all Americans, the poverty rate dropped by 5.3 percent, from 13.1 percent in 1990 to 12.4 percent in 2000. For Hispanic Americans, the poverty rate has been fallen by 10.7 percent since 1990 when it reached a high of 25.3 percent

What's ahead? "As the Hispanic population rises, the impoverished Hispanic population will also rise, but not as steeply," Mogull predicted. "The overall Hispanic poverty rate appears to be declining. Since about 60

percent of Hispanic Americans are of Mexican origin, overall trends for Hispanic Americans trends will follow closely the trends of Mexican Americans in particular.”

— *Ted DeAdwyler*

Campus community reaches out during the holidays

Sacramento State is reaching out to help this holiday season. The University is home to several on-campus organizations sponsoring charity drives during this season of giving.

Sacramento State’s University Transportation and Parking Services will once again participate in the State Employees Food Drive. In partnership with the California Emergency Foodlink, UTAPS will be accepting food and cash donations for families in need. Donations go toward helping Sacramento food closets in their efforts to provide relief. Drop-off locations are at the information booths on either entrance to campus and at the Transportation and Parking Office in Foley Hall. Bins are also located in several offices and buildings around campus. A full list of drop off locations can be found at www.csus.edu/utaps/news/BoxLocationList2005.xls. To make a cash donation, drop off a check payable to Nancy Fox at the transportation and parking office in Foley Hall or send it to campus zip 6076.

The University Union is once again presenting its popular Giving Tree program. The annual holiday fixture in the Union lobby will be hung with personalized decorations that give the name, age and gender of a child in need. Through Dec. 8 individuals may select an ornament and bring back a gift, which will be presented to the children between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 9 in the Lobby Suite of the Union.

Sacramento State’s Phi Sigma Sigma sorority is helping to sponsor the Winter Warmth Clothing Drive. Donations will help the Sacramento Food Bank assist in keeping families and individuals warm this winter, and many more to come. Clothes donations can be taken to the Phi Sigma Sigma weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Nov. 28 on Monday, in the Hinde Auditorium.

The sorority is also involved with the Cinderella’s Closet outlet in downtown Sacramento. The program is looking for unwanted formal dresses, shoes and accessories for teenage and adolescent girls. The store offers qualified individuals free formal wear to attend school dances, proms and events. Contributions to Cinderella’s Closet can be made through Dec. 2 at the clothing rack by the stairs on the first floor of the University Union, or in person any time at 2220 K St. in Sacramento.

Sigma Omega Nu sorority will also be offering an opportunity to donate to a local charity. The Latina-based organization is partnering with the Moral Values program, a non-profit organization based in Sacramento. The organization helps provide a number of essential services to disadvantaged youth, including providing food on Thanksgiving and holiday toys. Donations can be made at the Sigma Omega Nu bin on the first floor of the University Union. For more information, visit www.mvpsacramento.org/.

— *Josh Huggett*

Trumpet professor orchestrates trip to Romania

For the fortunate recipients of a Fulbright Scholarship, it can be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. For Sacramento State professor Gary Dilworth, it will happen twice. The professor of trumpet studies has been awarded a Senior Fulbright Scholar Fellowship to live and teach in Romania for the 2006 spring academic semester.

Dilworth is no stranger the Fulbright program. As a student at Sacramento State, he was a finalist for a trumpet scholarship that would’ve taken him to Germany. Then as a professor in 1991, Dilworth was

awarded a Fulbright Visiting Artist Award to Taiwan, where he performed and led the brass section of the Taipei Symphony Orchestra. Dilworth has since been invited back to perform with the orchestra and before he departs for Romania, he returned to present a solo recital as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of Tankang University in this November.

Dilworth will lecture in music education, brass pedagogy and performance practice at the National Conservatory of Music in Romania's capital city, Bucharest. He chose Bucharest from a wide selection of worldwide destinations because of the opportunity to promote the brass instrument's popularity in the country. According to Dilworth, the trumpet is not a popular or celebrated instrument in Romania, unlike the rich history that string and woodwind instruments have.

The Fulbright Scholarship Program sponsors the travel, education, instruction and research of professionals and students alike. Dilworth has worked for more than a year on the application process and the detailed grant proposals. He and his wife are set to depart in January and will return in late June.

"I'm sure I'll help the students in Romania deal with some of the same issues as I do with students here," he jokes.

Over his career, Dilworth has had the opportunity to travel extensively and perform with numerous symphonies and orchestras around the world. Here in the United States, he has performed with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra, the Dayton Philharmonic, the Sacramento Chamber Music Society and the International Trumpet Guild's *Festival of Trumpets*. Dilworth also presents master classes around the world in such places as Taiwan, Australia and Singapore.

— Josh Huggett

Time to social-ize

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.

Faculty Senate schedule

Monday, Nov. 21

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

3 p.m., General Education/Graduation Requirements Policy Committee, Sacramento Hall 150

Tuesday, Nov. 22

1:30 p.m., Program Review Oversight Subcommittee

3 p.m., Executive Committee

3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, University Union Capital Suite—Tentative

Wednesday, Nov. 23

9 a.m., Writing and Reading Subcommittee

1 p.m., AITC Subcommittee, Sacramento Hall 150

3 p.m., General Education Course Review Subcommittee, Sacramento Hall 150 - Tentative

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

Graduate student **Kristina Edwards**, Kinesiology, presented her master's thesis, "Cultural Ideologies and the Sport of Survivor," at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport conference in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Oct. 27.

Recognition

Steve Gray, Recreation and Leisure Studies, along with 1987 National Collegiate Championship rugby team he coached, was inducted in honor of his athletic accomplishments into the Aztec Hall of Fame at San Diego State University on Nov. 18.

Scholarship

Evri Kwong, Art, has works included in the exhibition "Visual Politics: The Art of Engagement" at the San Jose Museum of Art through March 5, 2006. More information is available at www.SanJoseMuseumofArt.org.

Roger Sullivan, Anthropology, was invited to present two papers at a multi-disciplinary conference "Evolutionary Medicine: An Emerging Synthesis" at the Institute of Theoretical Biology, Humboldt University, Berlin, in August. The papers were titled "Beyond 'Reward' Models of Drug Abuse" and "Schizophrenia in Cross-Cultural Contexts."

Ed Brazo, Theatre and Dance, will serve as guest choreographer for the Sacramento Theatre Company's 2005 production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Anthony Sheppard and **Greg Shaw**, Recreation and Leisure Studies, presented "Don't Assume the Position" a framework for product marketing and an adaptation of that framework for personal marketing in the pursuit of jobs and careers, at a student leadership conference held in conjunction with the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association's regional conference in Seattle, Nov. 6-8. Sheppard also co-presented the results of research into expenditures by international students in higher education at the National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Congress in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 18-22.

Maureen Smith, Kinesiology, presented her paper "Mediated Images of Family in Reality Television" at the North American Society of Sport Conference in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Oct. 29.

In the News

Nick Trujillo, Communication Studies, was quoted in a Nov. 10 story in the *Sacramento Bee* about the Kings' use of a controversial video during a game against the Detroit Pistons.

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New officers come aboard

The University Police Department invites the campus community to a swearing-in ceremony for new police officers and dispatchers, and the promotion of other officers on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Capital Room of the University Union. Light refreshments will be served.

Details: 278-7321

Book talk

Social work professor Tony Platt will discuss his new book *Bloodlines: Recovering Hitler's Nuremberg Laws, From Patton's Trophy to Public Memorial* from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Multi-Cultural Center.

His talk is sponsored by the Division of Social Work, the Multi-Cultural Center and the Center for Science, History, Policy and Ethics.

Details: Wandarah Anderson at 278-7069.

Security conference

The 16th Annual Northern California Information Security Symposium "360 Degrees of Security" will be Dec. 13-15 on campus. The symposium features two days of presentations from security professionals on tracks such as security and project management, technical security, and privacy and ID theft. Day three will feature experiential learning labs. Current students may attend free of charge.

For more information, visit www.issa-sac.org/conferences/2005 or e-mail Mark Dochtermann at mdochtermann@issa-sac.org.

Winter break

The winter break this year will extend from Friday, Dec. 23, to Monday, Jan. 2, according to the Human Resources Office. On Dec. 23, departments are not required to remain open even though the campus will be open. Human Resources expects the governor to again grant four hours of informal time off. Employees are encouraged to use vacation time or compensating time off for the remaining four hours, though they may choose to work instead. Also, some staff and administrators may be required to work that day or other days during the break to meet campus needs.

For other days:

Friday, Dec. 23 – First day of vacation, compensating time off

Monday, Dec. 26 - Christmas Day observed

Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Columbus Day and Indigenous People's Day observed

Wednesday, Dec. 28 - Veterans Day observed

Thursday, Dec. 29 - Lincoln's Birthday observed

Friday, Dec. 30 - Washington's Birthday observed

Monday, Jan. 2 - New Year's Day observed

Details: Elizabeth Redmond, Interim Associate Vice President for Human Resources at 278-4488.

Note that those buildings where staff will be working the morning of Dec. 23 will be heated. Facilities Services will be providing further details in separate correspondence.

Print and poster sale

The Friends of the Sacramento State Library will hold a sale featuring prints and posters priced \$15 to \$100 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 1 and 7 on the first floor of the University Library.

Details: 278-5154

Art reception

A closing reception for the exhibition, "Native American Art: Changing Traditions" will be held from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2 in the R. W. Witt Gallery in Kadema Hall.

Details: 278-6166

Grants available

University Enterprises project Activity Grants are available to Sacramento State student organizations, faculty, and staff for projects or activities that are innovative, show demonstrable need and benefit the Sacramento State community.

Funding guidelines and submittal forms are available at the Grants and Contract Administration website at www.enterprises.csus.edu or in Modoc Hall 2009. The next deadline cycle for applications is 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20.

Details: 278-7565

Annual 'Outstanding' Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Outstanding Teaching Awards, Outstanding Community Service Awards and Outstanding University Service Awards.

Each award is given to one faculty member from each College, and there is an additional lifetime achievement award for community service. Each service award is also given to a non-instructional faculty member.

The teaching award honors faculty for teaching effectiveness and impact on the lives of students. All full- and part-time teaching faculty are eligible. Letters of nomination are due to the College deans by Dec. 9, and applications to the deans are due by Jan. 20.

The community service award honors teaching faculty from each College and one non-instructional faculty member for ongoing community service work. The lifetime award is given to one faculty member for long-term commitment and an enduring contribution to the community. Submissions are due to the Faculty Senate by Jan. 20.

The university service award honors teaching faculty from each College and one non-instructional faculty member for leadership on campus. Letters of nomination are due to deans (or the University Library dean, vice president for Student Affairs or Athletic Director) by Dec. 9. The final submission is due to the Faculty Senate by Jan. 20.

Details and forms: Faculty Senate Office at 278-6593.

30-Year Profile: Patricia Sonntag

Patricia Sonntag is the heartbeat of the Services to Students with Disabilities center at Sacramento State.

As the program director, Sonntag is responsible for breaking down the barriers that disabled students encounter on campus. Although Sonntag deals mainly with policy, it's the effects that they have on students that really make the job meaningful.

"I absolutely love it. It's so rewarding and you couldn't give me any other job on campus," she says.

Sonntag's 31 years of experience on the job have given her the chance to see the evolution of the campus. With relentless persistence, Sonntag has lobbied and fought for many of the physical alterations that allow equivalent access for disabled students on campus. From elevators, to wheelchair ramps, to accessible bathrooms, to the yellow guide-strips for the blind, Sonntag and Services to Students With Disabilities have been the cornerstone of equality and progress here on campus.

Sonntag's department hasn't always had the means or the scope to be so effective.

"I remember when we were just a few portables where the new parking structure used to be," she recalls. Strapped for space, the program shared with other programs on campus. "We once found several bales of hay from Parks and Recreation Management in our wheelchair storage space. Times have definitely changed."

But Sonntag's efforts are not limited to the Sacramento State campus. Her activism has included demonstrating for civil rights for the disabled in San Francisco, writing speeches for the mayor in Sacramento, and pushing for physical changes in Sacramento City Hall. Her passion and dedication to expand human rights for the disabled has been her life's work and as she looks back, she just can't believe it.

"It seems like just yesterday I was just starting out. But I feel like I've made a major contribution and doing what I do has profoundly changed me," she admits.

"I've met some of the most wonderful people that have taught me more than I could've ever taught them," she says.

'Tongues' exhibit tells stories through steel and sound effects

The edgy, contemporary art of Robert Morrison, an installation artist renowned for incorporating sound into his minimalist, sculpted-steel pieces, will be featured in the show "Tongues: The Half-Life of Morphine and Lepidopterous Shame," from Dec. 2 to 22 and Feb. 1 to 11 at the University Library Gallery. An artist's lecture will be held at 3 p.m., Dec. 2, in Kadema Hall 145, followed by a reception from 5 to 8 p.m.



Patricia Sonntag

Morrison's sound sculptures use materials such as alarm clocks, steel and water, maintaining a minimalist style despite their complex composition. The installation will feature Morrison's works from earlier exhibits "Tongues" (1986) and "M. Hasard Dressed to the Nines" (1992), as well as new pieces created for this show.

A windsurfing accident in Maui inspired "Tongues." Comprised of steel and fiberglass cots topped with steel pillows, the work tells of his post-surgery ordeal while on the drug morphine. The pieces generate edgy, nervous sounds reminiscent of hospital noises and a metaphor for Morrison's mental state during recovery.

For information, contact the University Library Gallery at 278-2368. For media assistance, contact the Sacramento State Public Affairs office at 278-6156.