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Procession of Carols

Sacramento State's University Choirs will celebrate 24th anniversary of the Procession of Carols performance with a trio of concerts—8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dec. 7. All three performances are at the Sacred Heart Church at 39th and J streets. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors and are available at the Sacramento State Ticket office, 278-4323. Tickets are available at the door, although advance ticket buying is strongly suggested as performances tend to sell out.

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Recycling books

The campus community can donate books, videos, CDs, and magazines to the Library. Paper materials not suitable for the Library Collection or which cannot be sold by the Friends of the Library at the Book Bin (visit the book bin website at <http://library.csus.edu/content2.asp?pageID=53>) will be recycled by a company that turns used paper into attic insulation. Money earned from the Friends Book Bin sales is used to buy new books, materials and equipment for the Library.

Individuals interested in making a large donation should call Sally Hitchcock, University Library, 278-5954.

For more information, visit the "Sacramento State Recycles" website at <http://www.fm.csus.edu/iwm/>.

Brannon, Mulitalo and Washington each named first team all-big sky

Sacramento State seniors Mike Brannon, Cyrus Mulitalo and Tony Washington were each named to the all-Big Sky Conference football first team. The trio were three of the 12 Hornets to be named first team, second team or honorable mention.

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Not to worry, says Eva Gabbe, Sacramento State's manager of employer relations and recruitment programs. "The key is not to panic. With a plan in place, things happen."

So what can a newly graduated student do in these tough economic times? There are still some strong industries that are doing well, Gabbe says, including accounting, green companies, sales, engineering, information technology and state and federal government. "With the baby boomers retiring in the next 5-7 years there will be thousands of opportunities across industries to fill positions with these many vacancies," she says.

"Students can be prepared by developing skills that are critical to the future, such as leadership, problem-solving, communication and organizational skills."

These skills can be attained by joining clubs and getting internships, co-op experiences and part-time jobs that relate to students' majors.

"Sacramento State's Career Center can assist students," Gabbe says. "Students can make appointments with our counselors, put a plan and strategy on paper, write a professional resume and practice interviewing skills."

"Students need to make the first move," Gabbe says. "We can help them do the rest."

The schedule for Sacramento State's Winter Commencement at Arco Arena is:

Friday, Dec. 19

Noon – College of Business Administration
(Graduates assemble and doors to the arena open at 11:30 a.m.)

2:30 p.m. - College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
(Graduates assemble and doors to the arena open at 2 p.m.)

5 p.m. – College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
(Graduates assemble and doors to the arena open at 4:30 p.m.)

7:30 p.m. – College of Engineering and Computer Science
(Graduates assemble and doors to the arena open at 7 p.m.)

Saturday, Dec. 20

8:30 am – College of Health and Human Services
(Graduates assemble and doors to the arena open at 8 a.m.)

11:30 am – College of Education
(Graduates assemble and doors to the arena open at 11 a.m.)

2:30 p.m. – College of Arts and Letters
(Graduates assemble and doors to the arena open at 2 p.m.)

For more information on commencement, visit www.csus.edu/commence/winter2008commence/. For information about Sacramento State's Career Center, visit www.csus.edu/careercenter/ or call 278-6231.

Fulbright Scholar set to depart for Africa

The headlines and photos begin to tell the tragic story of 5 million lives lost from genocide, malnutrition, disease and violence, but Patrick Cannon wants students to gain a better understanding of what is known as "Africa's First World War."

He's headed to the Democratic Republic of Congo to do just that.

News reports on Africa "give detailed reporting on a conflict," the Sacramento State professor of government says, "but the analysis of the cause of the conflict may be superficial. I can observe the complexity of what's taking place, and that experience will enhance the content of my courses."

Cannon was one of three Sacramento State faculty members to receive a prestigious Fulbright Scholar grant this year to lecture or conduct research overseas. He is set to depart for the University of Kinshasa in late December and stay until August 2009.

He will teach two courses -- Theories of International Relations and International Political Economy with an emphasis on African development -- that complement what the African university offers now, and guest lecture in other professors' classes.

"I'll be speaking on a variety of subjects, including the 2008 American presidential elections, which I'm very excited to talk about," he says.

Another topic will be U.S. foreign policy toward Africa, which Cannon says "has not always been positive."

"The reception I expect to receive on that subject will be mixed," he says. As a result, he is looking forward to trying to engage those who may be cynical or suspicious.

"Part of the Fulbright program is to foster dialogue and create mutual understanding," Cannon says, "and I think addressing these controversial issues and admitting the U.S. has been culpable in some problematic actions is a first step in creating a better relationship."

Cannon also will advise students who want to study in the United States and assist University of Kinshasa faculty with curriculum development.

"It will be a true collaboration," he says. "Not only will I consult with them on what to teach, they can advise me on what to emphasize when I'm teaching African politics here at Sacramento State."

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez says students will "benefit a great deal" from Cannon's experience.

"I am elated that professor Cannon's work in the Democratic Republic of Congo will add a rare perspective to his classes here on campus," Gonzalez says.

Being a Fulbright scholar provides a global leadership example to students, Cannon says. "This trip shows how one can become engaged with the world and that you don't have to be rich or famous to address issues like poverty alleviation and social development. ... By studying Africa, students can become aware of why that marginalization is taking place."

Sacramento State Provost Joseph Sheley praises Cannon's work as an example of the University's growing international influence.

"Sacramento State's location in the nation's most important state capital has long given our students a tremendous advantage," Sheley says. "With his Fulbright award, professor Cannon will now be able to share his considerable expertise in government with students across the globe."

For Cannon, one of the many benefits of the Fulbright is that he'll be able to live and practice what he teaches.

"I'll be in the capital of a developing African country, able to witness the economic reconstruction of the country. As a result, it makes me more dedicated to what I teach, and when I come back to the classroom, I'm that much more excited about it."

Dance Sites concert set to inspire

An eclectic mix of dance and music will be presented in this year's annual *Dance Sites: New Works in Choreography and Performance*. Talented faculty and students, as well as two guest choreographers, will show off their skills in nine vastly different performances.

"There's a wealth of talent right here in Sacramento, and all these choreographers are making new and original works in their style and their genre and involving the students in their choreographic process," says professor Lorelei Bayne, director. "The concert fosters that creativity that we all have."

Professor Melissa Wynn's modern dance piece was inspired by recent personal struggles. "Sometimes we lose motivation," Wynn says. "So I started asking myself what sorts of things I could do to become re-inspired?" The choreography is a continuation of that idea, she says. Six female dancers share personal trials through dance and some speech.

"For her piece, we're actually putting ourselves onstage," dancer Windy Kahana says of Wynn's choreography. Kahana is studying for her second bachelor's degree in dance, and will participate in the event for the second time.

Dancing will be supplemented by sand art that will be projected on the backdrop behind the performers. "The artist will be out in the audience making designs and patterns that will be projected," Wynn says.

Bayne is choreographing her own piece for the show, inspired by composer John Zorn's piece "Spillane." It's a mix of different music such as jazz, and "film noir inspired sounds" and Bayne creates a collage of movement to complement the collage of the music.

Performances will be in the University Theatre at 8 p.m., Dec. 4-6 and 12-13; at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 11; and at 2 p.m., Dec. 7 and 14. Cost for the 6:30 p.m. show is \$8 general admission and \$5 for children 11 years old or younger. All other performances are \$12 general admission; \$10 for students, seniors and Sacramento State employees; and \$8 for children. Tickets are available at the Sacramento State ticket office at www.tickets.com.

Call 278-6368 or visit www.csus.edu/DRAM/index.html for more information about the Theatre and Dance program.

Faculty Senate

Monday, Dec. 1

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, Sacramento Hall 275

Tuesday, Dec. 2

1:30-2:50 p.m. – Curriculum Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

3-5 p.m. - University ARTP Committee, Summit Room, University Union

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

Wednesday, Dec. 3

1-2:30 p.m. – Faculty Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

Thursday, Dec. 4

Noon-2 p.m. – CPC Summit on Class Size and Curriculum, Redwood Room, University Union

3-5 p.m. – Faculty Senate – Sequoia 316

Friday, Dec. 5

2-3:30 p.m. – Academic Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Bill Leach, Public Policy and Administration and Center for Collaborative Policy, co-authored two papers at the annual conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management in Los Angeles, Nov. 7-8: "Collaboration and Its Alternatives? What We Know from Comparative Research on Environmental Governance" and "Can Collaborative Institutions Substantially Reduce the Devil Shift and Negative Constructions of Target Populations?" He also served as the discussant for a panel titled, "Water as One of the Biggest Policy Challenges in the Western United States over the Next Decade: Toward an Action and Research Agenda."

Monica Freeman, Global Education, has been elected International President of Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars for 2008-09. PBD is the first honor society dedicated to recognizing international scholarly achievement of faculty, students, and staff in all disciplines. There are 171 chapters worldwide, including the Omicron Chapter at Sacramento State.

David Booher, Center for Collaborative Policy, co-edited and wrote the lead article, "Civic Engagement and the Quality of Urban Places," for a special feature on civic engagement in the international journal *Planning Theory and Practice*. Booher also gave a presentation on, "Social Justice and Sustainable Regions," at the UC Berkeley Institute of Urban and Regional Development on Nov. 20.

Marjorie Gelus, Foreign Languages, has accepted an invitation to be a keynote speaker at an international conference at the University of Exeter in England in July 2011, on the occasion of the bicentenary of the death of Heinrich von Kleist.

Louis Downs, Counselor Education, has accepted an invitation by the Chinese counselor/psychotherapist certification agency, psychcn, to travel to Sichuan Province Dec. 9-31 to train the earthquake disaster mental health team in treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and in group counseling skills and techniques. Downs has also accepted five invitations from the International Symposium on Counseling and Social Work, the Penang General Hospital psychiatric staff, the Penang Counseling Association, Turning Point Wellness Center and Kolej New Era to spend two weeks in Malaysia in January 2009 doing workshops for psychotherapists and counselors on various areas of psychotherapeutic intervention.

Student Spotlight

Sarah Estrella, **Byron Love**, and **Michelle Beachley**, Biological Sciences, presented talks at the Wildlife Society's Natural Resources Symposium held in the University Union on Nov. 5.

In the News

Wesley Hussey, Government, spoke with Time.com on Oct. 8 and with Capital Public Radio on Oct. 27 regarding the McClintock-Brown congressional race and on Oct. 15 with Time.com about the McNerney-

Andal congressional race. Hussey also spoke with the *Bakersfield Californian* about the 30th Assembly District.

Campus Announcements

Contracting workshop

Research Administration and Contract Administration will hold a workshop on providing expertise to government agencies and other organizations through contracts from 1-3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, in Library 11.

The workshop is for individuals who would like to:

- Discover which funding agencies commonly award contracts
- Learn how a contract is different from a grant
- Hear from faculty who have received state contracts
- Review sample statements of work and budgets
- Learn about current State of California research and project priority areas and find out how the Research Administration office can serve as a liaison between faculty and the government agencies and private sector organizations that seek faculty expertise.

To RSVP for the workshop, contact Jan Burnaugh at 278-6402, or at research@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Research Administration and Contract Administration

Anthropology Museum

The Anthropology Museum will host a roundtable discussion entitled, "Careers in Primatology" as the closing event for its Order of Primates fall exhibit from 1-3 p.m., Dec. 5, in Mendocino Hall 2009. Roundtable participants include Kristina Casper-Denman, a primatologist, at American River College; Sree Kanthaswamy, a primate geneticist at UC Davis; Dave Denman, a lecturer in Sacramento State's Philosophy Department and Holly Lamb, from the University's Anthropology Department.

Submitted by the Anthropology Department

Winter social

The University Staff Assembly will hold its annual winter social 2 to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, in the University Union Ballroom I. Take a few minutes out of the busy end-of-semester schedule to come by for an afternoon treat and some time to visit with old friends or meet new ones. Donations for the holiday food drive will be accepted at this event.

The social is made possible through the support of the University Union, Java City and the volunteer efforts of college and division representatives.

Submitted by the University Staff Assembly

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

Cooper Lecture

Sharon Brandford, administrative law judge for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, will be the guest speaker at the annual Anna J. Cooper Lecture at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, in the University Union's Foothill Suite. The lecture is sponsored by the Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program. Brandford is also a professor of administrative law, alternative dispute resolution and professional responsibility at the Monterey College of Law.

For more information, call 278-5363.

Submitted by Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program

Grading period

Faculty grading begins Dec. 15 and concludes at 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 5. The Registrar's Office and Administrative Computing Services will hold faculty grading sessions Dec. 9-11. Each 60-minute class will cover how to enter grades, the save and approval process and the grade posting process. To attend, RSVP to cms@csus.edu. Sessions are:

Dec. 9, 1 p.m.–2 p.m., in ARC 3013
Dec. 9, 2 p.m.–3 p.m., in ARC 3013
Dec. 10, 9 a.m.–10 a.m., in ARC 3013
Dec. 10, 10 a.m.–11 a.m., in ARC 3013
Dec. 11, 9 a.m.–10 a.m., in ARC 3013
Dec. 11, 10 a.m.–11 a.m., in ARC 3013

Faculty unable to attend one of the above sessions may visit the Faculty Staff Resource Center in ARC 3012 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Dec. 15-19, Dec. 22-23, Jan. 2 and Jan. 5 for University Help Desk Staff assistance. For questions, contact the University Help Desk at 278-7337.

Submitted by the Registrar's Office

Class size discussion

The Curriculum Policies Committee will hold a discussion on the topics of class size and curriculum noon-2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4 in the University Union's Redwood Room. The discussion is open to the campus community and participants are welcome to bring a lunch.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Student video

Students from the College of Business Administration have developed a short YouTube video on recycling as part of a competition for Global Entrepreneurship sponsored by Stanford University. The video, which emphasizes the value of recycling water bottles, features twin brothers Donte and Dominic Morris as the good versus evil subconscious of student Aylin Davutoglu.

To view the video, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adQBKv-SBjw>. A prize will be awarded to the team with the most viewed video.

Submitted by the College of Business Administration

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 for your comments and questions.

Submitted by Institutional Research

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 278-7275 if you have questions.

Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

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 <http://www.csus.edu/sernacenter/scholarships/>.

Submitted by the Serna Center

Holiday food drive

Sacramento State's holiday food drive runs 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 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. 5. For information contact Shilts at shiltsm@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Human Resources

Holiday reminder

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 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. Limited campus services will be available that day.

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

Carol Eberhart, Foreign Languages

Nancy Hackbart, Career Center

Carolyn Ann Hollahan, Academic Information Resource Center

Michael Wilson, Economics

*Sherry Arrowood, Art

*Toni Johnson, Financial Aid

*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

On the job with the United States Geological Survey

The Bulletin spoke with Steve Phillips, research hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

What do people think you do?

Most people have no idea what I do. When I say that I am a hydrologist and work on problems related to groundwater, I tend to get a blank stare.

What do you really do?

I really do work on problems related to groundwater, usually involving water supply or water quality. My colleagues and I collect data in the field and gather information from previous studies to form a conceptual understanding of the problem, and then we often simulate the groundwater system to improve our understanding and to allow prediction of future conditions. If we can make reasonable predictions, then we can help water managers to make informed decisions.

Describe your office.

There are piles of reports on my desk, as usual, so the interior isn't very exciting. I have a great view from the fifth floor, though, looking towards Mendocino Hall and the river, which I can see after the trees drop their leaves.

What surprises people?

That I started working for the USGS in 1980, which shocks me as well.

What's your biggest challenge?

The biggest challenge is probably the gathering and compilation of all the information needed to do a good job of simulating a groundwater system, which can include data on urban and agricultural water use, geology, climate, surface water, water quality, etc.

What do you get asked the most?

A common question is "how deep is the water table at my house?" I can guess as well as anyone!

This Week in Hornet Action

Volleyball

Friday, Dec. 4-7

NCAA Tournament first and second round

Men's basketball

Monday, Dec. 1

Sacramento State vs. Idaho, 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Sacramento State at UC Davis, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Sacramento State at Santa Clara, 7:05 p.m.

Women's basketball

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Sacramento State vs. UC Irvine, 5:05 p.m.

Men's golf

No matches scheduled

Women's golf

No matches scheduled

Men's tennis

No matches scheduled

Women's tennis

No matches scheduled

Rowing

No meets scheduled