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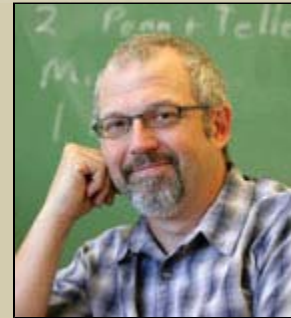
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Vocal jazz groups C-Sus and Vox 2

Sacramento State's vocal jazz groups C-Sus and Vox 2 will perform at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, at Capistrano Hall's Music Recital Hall. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at Sacramento State's Ticket Office, 278-4323 www.tickets.com.

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Metal and Metal Objects



All types of metal are recycled at Sac State, including aluminum, copper, brass, steel, tin and mixed metals. If your department generates large amounts of scrap metal of any kind call Integrated Waste Management at 278-5801 to arrange a pick-up. Parts may include bits of copper wire, brass plumbing parts, junk metal file cabinets, among others.

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

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Campus Calendar of Events

ATHLETICS

Leath's career-high 31 points sparks men's basketball to victory over UC Davis

Senior Loren Leath scored a career-high 31 points, and junior Justin Eller added 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead Sacramento State to an 82-70 victory over UC Davis in a non-conference men's basketball rivalry game last Wednesday at the Hornets' Nest.

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Campus charity drives

The tradition of charity drives at the end of the fall semester continues at Sacramento State. For those who haven't had time to give or thought the drives had ended, now's the chance to give back to the community.

The annual Holiday Food Drive, organized by University Transportation and Parking Services, began Nov. 17 and continues through Jan. 9. There are two types of donations that can be made. Cash donations go the furthest and feed the most people, as they make possible the purchase of bulk food throughout the year. And every dollar donated is used for the purchase intended—there are no administrative fees deducted.

Checks may be made payable to "State Employees' Food Drive" and mailed to Nancy Fox at campus zip 6076. Checks may also be dropped off at the UTAPS office at 7667 Folsom Boulevard. Monetary donations are tax deductible, and receipts will be sent to all donors.

Those who wish to make food donations can drop off canned or dried foods at any of [these campus locations](#). Bins are located throughout the campus. Employees are urged to donate canned or dry baby food, powdered milk, peanut butter, tuna fish, pork and beans, canned meats, beans, peas and macaroni and cheese, as these are the most-needed foods.

Sacramento State has been a participant in this statewide holiday food drive effort for 34 years.

Another University tradition is the University Union's Giving Tree. The tree, located in the University Union's main lobby, is decorated with paper ornaments that list the name, age and gift wish of a child who otherwise would not receive a gift for the holidays. Individuals may choose an ornament and deliver the unwrapped gift, along with the ornament attached, to the University Union administration office on the third floor of the Union by Dec. 12.

On Dec. 11, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Ballroom 2 of the Union, a wrapping party and reception will be held. Food and refreshments will be served for wrapping volunteers.

For more information on the Giving Tree, contact the University Union at 278-6997.

Sacramento State's Winter Commencement Schedule

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

Friday, Dec. 19

Noon – College of Business Administration

2:30 p.m. - College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

5 p.m. – College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

7:30 p.m. – College of Engineering and Computer Science

Saturday, Dec. 20

8:30 a.m. – College of Health and Human Services

11:30 a.m. – College of Education

2:30 p.m. – College of Arts and Letters

Graduates are asked to line up one-half hour before each ceremony begins.

Caps and gown-related items do not need to be ordered. They are in stock and can be purchased at the Associated Students Business Office in the University Union, third floor. A bachelor's set of a cap, gown and tassel is \$35.50; a master's set of a cap, gown, tassel and hood is \$58.50. Items can be purchased

separately, as well. Honor cords are available for \$12.50 for bachelor's students who are graduating Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude.

ASI Business Office hours are 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:15 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, and 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday.

For more information on commencement, call Ceremonies and Visitor Relations at 278-4724 or visit www.csus.edu/commence.

Clinic helps students get back on their feet

Sacramento State students who suffer an orthopedic-type injury can get help on campus from an unlikely source--fellow students.

The Department of Physical Therapy operates a free clinic that gives physical therapy students real world experience while providing free medical care to injured students.

"It's a useful learning tool, and it allows us to apply what we've learned in school before actually getting into the workplace," says Heidi Arts, a student in the program.

Physical therapy professor Clare Lewis says many students on campus have no idea the clinic exists and are surprised that they can receive free treatment. She also says many people are unaware that physical therapy can help after an injury.

"Physical therapy students can help with most injuries involving the back, neck, knees, foot or just about any joint," she says. "The students are very competent, and I am there supervising the whole time."

"This class teaches orthopedic physical therapy and it has exposed us to more of the outpatient type care when dealing with rehabbing knees, helping patients with lower back pain and caring for shoulder injuries," Arts says.

Most of the injuries seen at the clinic are from bike accidents and people running, Lewis says. "We're also seeing some ROTC students who train by running while wearing heavy backpacks."

While the clinic is a benefit to injured students, it also helps the physical therapy students. "The students really like the clinic," Lewis says. "The hands-on experience gives them more confidence before going out on their clinical rotation."

The clinic is located in Solano Hall, room 3003. "We are a little bit crowded and lack some privacy, but the clinic is free, and no one seems to mind," Lewis says.

Referrals are made by the campus health center. There are no restrictions on the number of visits a student is allowed.

For more information on the clinic, contact Lewis at 278-5049.

Sac State Wall Calendar captures campus moments

For the second time in its history, Sacramento State will be creating a wall calendar available for sale Dec. 9.

"The goal of public affairs was to have a monthly reminder of examples of what goes on at Sacramento State, and the splendor and glory of Sacramento State," says Ryan Chin, director of Strategic Communications.

The 8 ½ by 11 inch calendar feature different campus architecture, campus events, as well as Herky, the campus mascot, cheering and interacting with fans. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s visit to the campus in 1967 was

included as a retrospective. Other features of the University, such as the Aquatic Center, are highlighted as well.

The Alumni Association will be selling calendars through the Hornet bookstore. For more information visit the website at www.hornetbookstore.com.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, Dec. 9

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

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

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

Wednesday, Dec. 10

9-10 a.m. – Writing and Reading Subcommittee, Camellia Room, University Union

3-4:30 p.m. – General Education Course Review Subcommittee, Sacramento Hall 275

Thursday, Dec. 11

3-5 p.m. – Faculty Senate, Foothill Suite, University Union

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Ted Lascher, Public Policy and Administration, had an article accepted for publication in political behavior. The article is entitled, "Direct Democracy and Political Efficacy Reconsidered," and is coauthored by professor Joshua Dyck of the University at Buffalo, SUNY.

Lisa Beutler, Center for Collaborative Studies, served as a panelist at the American Water Resources Association annual Water Resources Conference, held in New Orleans, La. on Nov. 18. Beutler was one of four experts discussing - State Water Resources Plans: Expensive Doorstops or Valuable Tools? The session concluded with a useful Top Ten List for Future State Water Planners.

David Booher, Center for Collaborative Policy, gave a presentation on, "Social Justice and Sustainable Regions," at the UC Berkeley Institute of Urban and Regional Development on Nov. 20.

In the News

Joseph A. Palermo, History, appeared on Al Jazeera English Television for a segment along with the journalist Jeremy Scahill commenting on President-elect Barack Obama's choices for his national security team.

Campus Announcements

Employee of the Month

The Employees of the Month are Emily Chu, accounting manager, University Enterprises, Inc., and Ruth Schroeder, benefits analyst, Human Resources.

Chu's nominator mentioned she did an excellent job in dealing with external auditors while meeting a very short deadline. Chu's colleague indicated that she provided all the information requested by the auditors and answered all questions accurately and in a very professional manner, while continuing to complete the normal day-to-day duties.

Schroeder's colleague indicated, "It's the extra mile, the additional concern, the supportive and compassionate way she talks to individuals, and the dedication to service that makes the difference." Her nominator also mentioned, "She is the epitome of customer service and a welcoming environment."

All nominations are kept as part of the continuing pool of nominees until June, and all nominees are eligible for the award until then.

For details regarding eligibility, criteria and nomination procedures visit

<http://www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm>

Submitted by the Office of the President

Memorial

A memorial gathering for Richard Nadeau, former California Faculty Association representative for CSU campuses and husband of Sacramento State professor Diana Tumminia, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, in front of Capistrano Hall under the redwood trees. In case of inclement weather, the commemoration will be held in the University Union. Memorial donations can be made in Nadeau's name at Trees for Life.

Submitted by the Sociology Department

Going to D.C.?

The Public Affairs office is preparing an article on the presidential inauguration and is interested in finding out if any members of the Sacramento State community plan to attend. If you are a faculty, staff or student planning to attend the inauguration, please contact Lana Tsiberman at 278-6156, or e-mail her at cpa-05@csus.edu by Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Submitted by Public Affairs

University Foundation Training Sessions in January

The University Foundation is offering four training/review sessions in January for faculty and staff. The sessions will include the establishment and maintenance of accounts, purchasing policy and procedures and online financial reporting (CDD.net). The training and review sessions are open to all; however, review sessions are designed for those who attended a training workshop in previous years and a certain amount of knowledge will be assumed. Please RSVP to Ann Carlson at 278-6025 or at annc@csus.edu.

Sessions are:

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m. to noon (introductory training session) and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (review session)

Friday, Jan. 16, 10:30 a.m. to noon (review session) and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (introductory training session)

Sessions will be held in the University Enterprises, Inc., Board Room in the Bookstore Building, 3rd floor.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Faculty mentoring program

The Center for Teaching and Learning invites faculty to participate in the Faculty Mentoring Faculty program. This program offers a variety of mentoring support for individuals at all points in their careers and provides an excellent opportunity for them to get individualized help with any teaching questions.

Some of the support offered includes observation of courses, syllabus preparation, lesson planning, strategies for assessing students, strategies for pacing courses and strategies for presenting course material.

For more information, visit the Faculty Mentoring Faculty website at wwwctl.csus.edu/fmfdirectory.htm.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

December Holiday Concert

Sacramento State's Wind Studies Groups will perform a holiday concert 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10 in

Capistrano Hall's Music Recital Hall. Robert Halseth will be the conductor and Clay Redfield will be the guest conductor.

The concert includes the concert band, the symphonic wind ensemble and the combined band. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$5 students/seniors. Tickets are available at www.csus.edu/music/tickets.htm or call 278-5155.

Submitted by the Music Department

Undergraduate writing journal call for submissions

The Faculty Senate subcommittee for Writing and Reading is now accepting submissions for *Writing the University*, a new online journal of undergraduate writing across disciplines at Sacramento State. A faculty sponsor is required for each submission. For information about how to submit, visit the *Writing the University* homepage at www.csus.edu/wac/journal.

Submitted by the Department of English

Study design and architecture in Florence, Italy

Get an in-depth view of Florence, Italy, by visiting and studying its historic buildings through a two-week travel study program offered by the College of Continuing Education at Sacramento State. Open to the public, the program takes place in Florence from June 13-28. Participants will study the history of Florentine architecture while earning three units of undergraduate or graduate academic credits.

Andrew Anker and Jim Kenney, architects and professors with Sacramento State's Department of Design, lead the program. Participants will take daily walking tours, go on outdoor excursions and have sketching sessions. Study of the Renaissance masters will be emphasized. Registration is \$3,400 and includes 14 nights in a three-star Florence apartment, all ground transportation, entrance fees, an evening celebrating the Festival of San Giovanni, and two group dinners. Airfare is not included. For more information about the program, contact Jim Kenney, 278-6375 or kenney@csus.edu. Visit the program website at <http://www.cce.csus.edu/programs/travelStudy/italy09.html>.

Submitted by the College of Continuing Education

Telephone Directory

The 2008-09 telephone directory is ready for pick-up by faculty and staff at the Copy Graphics Center located at the River Front Center on the north end of campus. They will be available while supplies last, so pick yours up soon. Visit the Copy Graphics website for a map.

<http://www.enterprises.csus.edu/copygraphics/contact.html>

Submitted by the Copy Graphics Center

Holiday buffet

The University Center Restaurant will feature a holiday buffet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8 through Friday, Dec. 12. The menu includes prime rib, turkey with cranberry chutney, mushroom ravioli with mushroom sauce, and corn bread stuffing. There will also be an assortment of cakes, cookies, pies, cobblers, and ice cream. Students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors are welcome. Call 278-6100 for reservations for groups of five or more. The University Center Restaurant is located at the west entrance of the University Union across from Round Table Pizza.

Submitted by the University Union

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

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

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

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

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. We anticipate limited campus services 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:

Maharisha Belton, Admissions and Records

Fred Angell, Mail Services

Serena Johnson, College of Business Administration

Mary Ann Alvarez, Nursing

Carol Eberhart, Foreign Languages

Nancy Hackbart, Career Center

Michael Wilson, Economics

*Toni Johnson, Financial Aid

*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

Outstanding Teaching Award: Matthew McCormick

It can be a touchy subject, but philosophy professor Matthew McCormick's seminar on atheism is a popular series among students, and helped him win a 2007-08 Outstanding Teaching Award.

"It's an important area of philosophical research that's relevant to everyone, even non-philosophers," McCormick says of the seminar. But it's only been offered at the undergraduate level one or two times in the country. "I was pretty excited to develop something new and innovative like that."

McCormick says the class is not about trying to indoctrinate anyone, and notes that he frequently makes a case for believing in order to challenge standard atheistic arguments. "I'm not trying to make atheists. In fact, I got an e-mail from one student who, I think, has gone the other direction in part because of the class. The goal is for all of us to arrive at a more considered, better justification for what we believe."

The professor first became interested in philosophy as an eighth-grader while listening to the minister in church and began to question some of the teachings. "I think a lot of philosophers encounter philosophy first in religion," McCormick says.

His approach to lecturing may also have played a role in the Outstanding Teaching Award. McCormick has a self-deprecating sense of humor which he infuses into his classroom work. "I'm pretty sarcastic and pretty irreverent."

Prior to his arrival at Sacramento State, McCormick was working on his Ph.D. at the University of Rochester in New York. When his wife, Rebekah Donaldson, was offered a position in California, they moved west and McCormick became a lecturer at Sacramento State.

In addition to the atheism seminar, McCormick teaches philosophy of religion and critical thinking. "It's a great department and a great university," he says. "We're now one of the biggest—if not the biggest—philosophy departments in the CSU system."

McCormick says the most challenging aspect of teaching for any professor is drawing out those students who are not so interested in the subject matter. He adds, though, that subjects such as religion and atheism generate enough interest on their own. "Those are great topics because everyone's excited and enthusiastic about them," he says. "You go in there and ask the right questions and boy, the students just go."

Noting that he has a voracious appetite for ideas, McCormick says the best part of teaching is that people get to learn even more. "You never have to know something as well as when you teach it," he says. "I just learn so much. It's still surprising that I get paid to read and think and write and acquire all of this information."

This Week in Hornet Action

Men's basketball

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Sacramento State at Utah Valley State, 7:05 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11

Sacramento State at New Mexico State, 6:05 p.m.

Women's basketball

Saturday, Dec. 13

Sacramento State vs. UC Davis, 2:05 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14

Sacramento State vs. San Francisco State, 2:05 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