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President's Spring Address set

President Alexander Gonzalez will give his spring address to the campus community Thursday, Jan. 24, in the University Union Ballroom. The event will begin with coffee at 9 a.m. in the University Union lobby next to the Ballroom. The President's talk will follow at 10 a.m.

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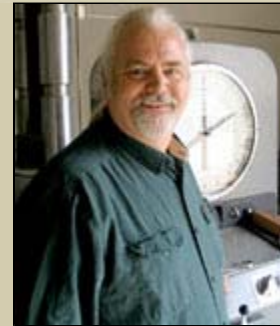
Last Bulletin

This is the last edition of the Bulletin for the fall semester. The first edition for the next academic year will be Tuesday, Jan. 22. Items may be submitted at bulletin@csus.edu. 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 or visit www.csus.edu/bulletin.



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"Field of Life: The Body in Contemporary Korean Art," continues its run in the Library Gallery through Feb. 29. Curated by Koo Kyung Sook and Ian Harvey, the free exhibition features works revealing the subject of the body in a distinct manner. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.

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Ink and toner cartridge usage

Consider purchasing recycled cartridges from a reputable vendor. Visit www.csus.edu/proc/Small_DVBEpercent20Businesses/toner.htm for Procurement's list of small business toner and ink cartridge vendors. Set the printer preferences to the lightest setting appropriate for your print job.

Some recycling tips: do not throw ink and toner cartridges in the trash. It is bad for the environment, and they can be remanufactured for reuse. Please do not give or mail your ink and toner cartridges to outside sources. We recycle right here on campus. The University has a contractual agreement with a toner and ink cartridge recycler and receives a recycling stipend which helps fund the recycling program.

Departments can request a collection box (17" square x 2' feet tall) from Kathleen Reynolds, integrated waste manager, at 278-5801.

Old cell phones can also be collected with the used ink and toner cartridges. Remember to remove the SIM card.

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

to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The gallery will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1. For more information, call 278-4189.

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ATHLETICS

Golf signs four players to national letters of intent

The Sacramento State golf program announced the signing of four student-athletes for the 2008-09 academic year. The group is comprised of one man and three women who will all enroll as freshmen in the fall.

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Faculty members open hearts and homes to children overseas

Director of Asian American Studies Tim Fong knew there would be more pink in his household with the addition of a 16-month-old girl to the family. What he didn't know was just how much pink there would be—or how well she would fit in with her new family.

Fong and his wife Elena Almanzo wanted to adopt for years and when the right time presented itself, the Fong-Almanzos began the paperwork and did the inevitable—waited. After 10 months of anticipation, in March 2007, the family was on its way to China and on its way to completing their family.

"It seemed like there were fewer issues in doing international adoption," Fong says. "China happened to be a place that's done quite a bit of adoption and has the most developed system."

And adopting a child from China was something of a visit to the history of Fong's family, whose father grew up in South China before immigrating to the United States.

Sitting in a conference room at the Chengdu Children's Welfare Institution, Fong and Almanzo completed the last of the paper work needed to obtain their newest family member, whom they had only seen pictures of. Their two sons, 9-year-old Gabriel and 6-year-old Tomas, sat with them.

"We were told not to bring our kids, but we chose to bring them as a part of the process, and it turned out wonderfully," Fong says.

The next few minutes were a blur as Mia suddenly appeared with an attendant to meet her new family for the first time. Gabriel reached for the video camera and began filming while Tomas snapped photos on a digital camera to document the arrival of their new sister.

"It was so fast we didn't really have time to think about it," Fong says. "It was just one of those magical moments in life that doesn't happen very often."

Fong knew that it was not uncommon for children to shut down and keep to themselves after such a traumatic experience and had prepared the boys ahead of time. But Mia, who Almanzo describes as "strong" and "very independent," displayed her true colors right from the start.

"When we got her she cried for about 30 seconds, and after that she was fine," Fong says. "We have it on videotape that one of our kids said, 'See, she didn't shut down.'"

Now, eight months later and back at home, the family is adjusting to having three children, particularly a girl.

"There's more feminine energy, more pink," Almanzo says. "Tim says, 'I knew there'd be more pink in the house, but I didn't know there'd be that much more pink.'"

While Mia does love to play gently with her dolls, she can hang with the boys, Almanzo says. Tomas has taught her how to play, jump and ride a scooter, while Gabriel enjoys that he can "boss around the little kids."

For the Fong-Almanzos, the family is finally complete, and both parents are very pleased with how seamless the whole process was for them and consider themselves very lucky.

"It was literally like we went on a family vacation and came home with this wonderful surprise, and Mia was it," Almanzo says. "She's adjusted incredibly well, and the boys have adjusted incredibly well to her. Now it's just as if she's always been here. It's been an amazing experience."

Additional faculty members who have adopted internationally

Rebecca Cameron

Jacqueline Anne Chong-Bo Cameron, 5 years old, adopted Oct. 2003 from China

Mimi Lewis and Larry Boles

Jasmine HsunJu Lewis-Boles, 5 years old, adopted from Taiwan

Jade MuTzu Lewis-Boles, 3 years old, adopted from Taiwan

Linda Roberts and Tom Savage

Claire Qingdong Savage, 5 years old, adopted May 2003 from Jianxi province

Abbie Dian Savage, 1 year old, adopted Oct. 2007 from Fujian province

University students benefit from donors' generosity

Sacramento State received a \$1 million gift from the estate of Almond and Betty Sue Curien Nov. 6. The gift will be used to fund student scholarships.

"This is the largest single donation to Sacramento State this fiscal year, and it represents a significant gift to the university," says Fran Baxter-Guigli of the University Development office.

Curien, a San Francisco native, was a district manager for Pacific Bell Telephone Co., until his retirement in 1980. He and his wife Betty moved to Sacramento in 1960. They decided to create the scholarship fund at Sacramento State after hearing stories of high school graduates who were struggling financially to get through college.

"When Almond graduated from high school, a teacher helped him get a scholarship to college," says Helen Curien, wife of his cousin Richard, and trustee of the Almond W. Curien Family Trust. "He wanted to help someone else like he was helped. He was very adamant about it."

The Curiens were not Sacramento State alumni; however, they chose the University because they wanted to help local students, Helen says. "Sacramento State was close to his heart. He decided to give the money to the university because there are a lot of good people in Sacramento, and he wanted to create a legacy so people here could continue their education."

Almond died in May 2007. Betty died in Dec. 1996. They had no children.

The donation will create the Almond and Betty Sue Curien Scholarship/Endowment Fund, which will support students studying in business administration, engineering, and biological and health sciences. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need to full-time students.

For more information on the endowment, contact University Development, 278-6989.

Where there's smoke, there's research

Craig Gallet's scrutiny of anti-smoking laws isn't a personal quest. Apart from the occasional cigar, the economics professor isn't a smoker and never had a particular interest in cigarettes. But what does interest him are the factors that affect demand for consumer products.

"I began this research with a student about three years ago," says Gallet. "I found that a lot of literature showed how smoking bans affected the sales of cigarettes, but no link was ever made between smoking bans and their affect on alcohol demand."

In particular, Gallet was curious about the impact on beer, wine and liquor sales in bars and restaurants once smoking was banned in public areas. "The drop was statistically significant," he says. "We found that

smoking bans did reduce alcohol consumption overall.

"It really helped our understanding that one public policy could have this spillover influence into another social activity." Gallet's study was recently published in *Social Science Journal*. Gallet also looked into smoking bans and whether their enforcement affected cigarette consumption. He found that ultimately, it was not the enforcement of bans that prevented smokers from lighting up.

"It was the social pressure that the ban created that was sufficient to get people to not smoke in public places," Gallet says. "We found the stigma associated with smoking was sufficient to make clean indoor air laws self-enforcing."

And while studying the merits of health information and advertising restrictions as measures to reduce smoking, Gallet came across some interesting findings. "We found that health warnings reduced cigarette demand, but advertising restrictions mainly affected the supply-side of the market."

In other words, Joe Camel may not have turned a non-smoker into a smoker, but he did influence smokers to buy his cigarette brand.

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Celeste Roseberry-McKibben, Speech Pathology and Audiology, had an article published titled, "Assessment and Intervention Guidelines for Service Delivery to Low-SES Children," in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Division 16 newsletter, *Perspectives on School-Based Issues*.

Joseph A. Palermo, History, gave a book talk for C-SPAN Book TV on Dec. 9 at the Avid Reader in Sacramento where he discussed his new book, *Robert F. Kennedy and the Death of American Idealism* (Pearson 2008). The show should air in two to six weeks.

Stanislaus Dundon, Philosophy Emeritus, presented a day-long training for teachers on, "Ethics in the Defense of the Human Person," dealing principally with medical and biotechnological assaults on dignity and uniqueness of the human individual at the Sacramento Catholic Diocesan Pastoral Center, Dec. 8.

In the News

Robin Datel and **Michael Schmandt**, Geography, were quoted on Nov. 11 in the *Sacramento Bee* about a development idea for the rail yard to help enhance the downtown area.

George Jouganatos, Economics, was interviewed on Oct. 30 on Capital Public Radio about Sacramento's future housing market; and on Nov. 13 on Capital Public Radio about how the downturn in housing and higher gas prices will affect Christmas season spending.

Robert Waste, Public Policy and Administration, was interviewed on Nov. 1 on Capital Public Radio about what it would take to get a new arena downtown.

Ruth Ballard, Biological Sciences, was interviewed on Nov. 12 on KXTV News 10, and quoted on Nov. 10 in the *Sacramento Bee* and on Nov. 2 in the *Sacramento Union* about creating a DNA database in Tanzania, Africa.

Ted Lascher, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted on Nov. 13 on KOVR Ch. 13 about Sacramento hosting the Latino Film Festival.

Anthony Platt, Social Work, was quoted on Nov. 8 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the controversial beliefs of historical figure Charles M. Goethe, for whom a Sacramento park is named

Cheryl Osborne, Nursing, was quoted Nov. 13 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the percentages of volunteers at the Methodist Hospital who are 80 and older.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted on: Nov. 1 in Santa Rosa's *Press Democrat* about the effectiveness of YouTube for politicians; on Nov. 4 in the *Los Angeles Times* about the federal investigation into possible corruption by state Senate leader Don Perata; on Nov. 8 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about city mayor Gavin Newsom and his goals as mayor; on Nov. 7 in the Long Beach *Press Telegram*, Woodland Hill's *Daily News* and Torrance's *Daily Breeze* about billions in water bonds being unspent; and on Nov. 7 in Santa Rosa's *Press Democrat* about the online Glassbooth quiz that matches presidential candidates with a person's responses on key issues.

Robert Ortbal, Art, was quoted on Nov. 9 in Placerville's *Mountain Democrat* about an art exhibit at Sacramento State that allows students to work with artists.

Dennis Tootelian, Business Administration, was interviewed on Nov. 23 on KOVR Ch. 13 about why there will be bargains on toys and electronics during seasonal shopping.

Liam Murphy, Anthropology, was quoted on Nov. 30 in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* about why young scholars of anthropology may not publicize their participation in a Human Terrain Team.

Nick Trujillo, Communication studies, was quoted on Nov. 23 in the *Sacramento Union* about the formal dress drive, "Cinderella's Closet," a project that originated from one of his communication class assignments.

Ian Harvey, Art, was quoted on Nov. 23 in the *Sacramento Union* about the art exhibit, "Field of Life—The Body in Contemporary Korean Art."

Alberto Esquivel, Business Administration, was quoted on Nov. 1 in *Capitol Weekly* about the current housing market trends.

James Hernandez, Criminal Justice, was quoted on Nov. 15 in the *Sacramento News and Review* about possible evidence of racism in a court case in which a man was beaten by police officers.

Stephen Brock, Special Education, Rehabilitation, School Psychology and Deaf Studies, was quoted on Nov. 12 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about post-traumatic stress disorder contributing to achievement gaps among children.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted on Nov. 11 in the *San Mateo Co. Times* and on Nov. 9 in the *Contra Costa Times* about the difficulties Gov. Schwarzenegger and Democrats face in trying to placate opponents on a health care plan.

Campus Announcements

Meet the candidates

Information Resources and Technology will conduct interviews with three candidates for the position of director, Information Security and IT Policy, and invite all faculty and staff to an open session with each candidate on the dates and times listed below:

Dec. 17, 1-1:50 p.m., Library 11 – Wyman Miles

Dec. 18, 1-1:50 p.m., AIRC 1011 – Jason Musselman

Your participation and feedback regarding these candidates can be provided to Jeanette Norton, interim associate vice president, Administrative Computing Services, at jgnorton@csus.edu. IRT officials hope you will take the time to meet the candidates for this important position at Sacramento State and provide your comments.

Resumes will be provided at the sessions. For more information on the position, visit http://www.csus.edu/hr/faculty/MPP/ISO_vacancy.doc.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

January training sessions for faculty and staff

University Foundation at Sacramento State introductory training is a comprehensive session designed for those who are new to working with the University Foundation at Sacramento State accounts. It will include the establishment and maintenance of accounts, purchasing policy and procedures, and online financial reporting (CDD.net).

Tuesday, Jan. 8 10:30 am to noon

Monday, Jan. 14 1 to 2:30 pm

University Foundation at Sacramento State review: The review session will include a brief overview of the University Foundation at Sacramento State and address changes in policies and procedures since the initial trainings in January 2006.

Tuesday, Jan. 8 1 to 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 14 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to Ann Carlson, 278-6025, annc@csus.edu, by Dec. 21 if you plan on attending one of the sessions. Sessions will be held in the Del Rio Suites in the River Front Center.

Submitted by the University Foundation at Sacramento State

Resolve to be ready

This New Year's Eve, nearly 50 percent of Americans will make at least one resolution as they look toward the new year. Risk Management Services encourages staff, faculty and students to make a new year's resolution that is both important and easy to keep: prepare for emergencies.

Risk Management Services encourages the campus community to visit www.ready.gov/, call 1-800-BE-READY, or contact the department at 278-6456 to learn how to prepare your families, homes and departments for all types of emergencies including natural and human-caused disasters. Free materials, including family emergency plan templates and sample business continuity plans, are available through these resources. These materials will provide the campus community with tools to make a New Year's resolution that will bring peace of mind.

Submitted by Risk Management Services

Employee Assistance is open for service

The Employee Assistance Program will be fully staffed and open for services throughout the winter break, except from Dec. 24, through Jan. 1. The office is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and is available for any staff, faculty, or eligible family member. Issues do not have to be work related and they can generally offer an appointment within a day of contacting them.

Questions or comments may be directed to Doug Adams at 278-5018 or adamsd@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Employee Assistance Program

Human Resources

Catastrophic Leave

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 at www.csus.edu/hr/forms.stm#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:

Toni Johnson, Financial Aid

Gary Davis, Facilities Management

Rose Marie Fisher, Office of Graduate Studies

Kandi Sanders, Facilities Management

Marcellino Coelho, Housing and Residential Life

Julie Villescias, Photocopy and Technical Support

*Lien Nguyen, Admissions and Records

*Bonnie Jarvis, College of Continuing Education

*only vacation credits may be donated to these employees

Staff profile – Jim Ster, 25 years

When mistakes happen, the results are usually bad. Occasionally though, something good comes from it. Jim Ster experienced one of those rare moments 26 years ago when a clerical error led to a job on campus.

Ster is an equipment technician in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. He is responsible for operating and maintaining the lab equipment in the college. It's a job that most likely would have gone to his dad if not for the error.

"I'm James F. Ster the third, and my dad is James F. Ster Jr.," says Ster. "Two jobs opened on campus for journeyman machinists, and we both applied for them. We hoped maybe they would hire us both, although I was still an apprentice and technically didn't qualify for the job. When it came time for the interview, someone made a mistake, our applications got crossed up and I was called for an interview. The supervisor took one look at me and said, 'Oh, there has been an error.'"

Ster says he was given an interview and took the verbal and written tests, but didn't think he would get the job. "I relaxed because I was sure I wouldn't get it, but I topped all the scores. I was the only person who answered all the questions on both tests correctly."

His dad placed third, but there was no animosity about it, Ster says. "He was proud that I got the job." His father was eventually hired on here as a part time lab assistant.

Ster has taken advantage of the opportunity and has become a self-proclaimed jack of all trades. "You have to have a little knowledge about a lot of things because we maintain hundreds of pieces of equipment," he says. "Some of what we have is equipment donated from the military. It was produced 20 years ago and they still use it, but some of the companies that made the equipment have long since gone out of business, so we try to figure out how to make it work."

His favorite pieces of equipment seem to be the ones that tear things apart and make a lot of noise.

"Testing things until they break is cool and fun and the students really get a kick out of it," he says. "You're snapping pieces of steel and when they give they go 'bam' and the whole building begins to shake for a moment. These are the labs that students will remember in 20 or 30 years, when they think back on what they did in college."

Make no mistake about it; 26 years later, Ster still enjoys his job.

This Week in Hornet Action

Women's basketball

Sunday, Dec. 23

Sacramento State at Fresno State, 7 p.m.

Men's basketball

No games scheduled

Men's Tennis

No matches scheduled

Women's tennis

No tournaments scheduled

Men's Golf

No tournaments scheduled

Women's Golf

No matches scheduled