Budget pact means more students in spring

Sacramento State will be able to accept as many as 600 additional new students in the spring 2005 semester, thanks to additional enrollment funding agreed to by the Governor and Legislature in the state budget. The 600 new students will be among 7,500 that the 23-campus California State University system will be able to admit in the spring.

The final budget also restored funding for student outreach, academic preparation and educational opportunity programs. And statewide, the CSU is planning to admit another 10,000 students in the 2005–06 academic year, based on the higher education compact agreement with the governor. Under the compact, the CSU system also will receive a 3 percent increase to its general fund budget for mandatory costs and faculty and staff compensation.

In addition, students will benefit from the restoration of 5,400 competitive Cal Grant awards that were reestablished as part of the budget agreement.

Spring admissions will be a big change from the last couple years, when Sacramento State was forced to tightly limit spring admissions and impose tighter deadline requirements for fall applicants. Enrollment growth came to a halt last fall, and is expected to be flat again this fall.

Earlier this year, as many as 23,000 students were denied access to CSU campuses as the system struggled to find the $297 million in proposed cuts in the governor’s initial budget. The CSU has also made significant cuts in student services and programs, and decreased staff and faculty.

The budget picture has brightened considerably.

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Summer simmered with news

A busy summer on campus included another successful Olympic Track and Field Trials as well as a step forward in the plans for a proposed Sacramento State Place Campus. The University was also chosen as the site for two major national sports championships and as the new host of a one-of-a-kind legislative education program.

Sacramento State: Championship central

Sacramento State is becoming a major draw for athletic competitions. More than 170,000 people packed Hornet Stadium in July when, for the second consecutive time, the campus was the site for the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials.

And over the summer, the University was named as the host for two major college competition in the coming years—the NCAA Rowing Championships and the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

In July, the NCAA track and field committee awarded the 2005, 2006 and 2007 NCAA Division I Outdoor Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Championships to Sacramento State. It’s an amazing run of championship meets for Sacramento, starting with the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials and continuing with the 2001 Junior Olympics, 2003 NCAA Division I Championships and 2004 Olympic Trials, and now the next three NCAA Championships.

Sacramento State beat out collegiate track powerhouse Texas in the final voting. Also bidding for the 2005–07 championships along with Sacramento and Austin were Carson, Calif.; Eugene, Ore. and Columbus, Ohio.

But Hornet Stadium wasn’t the only venue attracting national attention.

The Aquatic Center will again be the site of the NCAA rowing championships in 2005. The Aquatic Center, home facility for the Sacramento State rowing squad, also hosted the event in 1997, 1999 and 2004.

Part of the appeal may be the Center’s upgraded facilities. The Aquatic Center has received more than $3 million worth of improvements over the last five years, including a two-story administration building with locker rooms and showers, improved parking areas and a four-bay boathouse.

And, in another coup, the University will be the host school for the NCAA Volleyball Final Four in 2007. The semifinal and championship matches will take place at Arco Arena.

Details: Intercollegiate athletics at 278-6896.

University inks Place Campus deal

In May, the University and Placer Ranch representatives signed a formal agreement for a gift of land to build a Placer Campus.

The gift of more than 280 acres is at the originally proposed site for the campus that was announced last February. It is located near the juncture of Ful-dyment Road and Sunset Blvd. West in South Placer County, in the proposed 2,200 acre development called Placer Ranch that is owned by venture philanthropist Eli Broad.

With the deal signed, University planners will begin putting together proposals for what the new campus will look like. The University has already begun planning the academic program, an effort that includes gathering significant input from residents and from the area’s political, community and business leaders.

Technology, business and teacher education are expected to be among the priorities.

Groundbreaking at the new

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New leadership in place

The leadership at Sacramento State has a decidedly new look this year, following the retirement of numerous long-time administrators. The people put in place over the summer include the following:

Matthew Altier has been named vice president for capital planning and resource development and executive director of the CSUS Foundation. He was previously associate vice president for facilities management.

As executive director, he replaces Eloey Littlefield, who is retiring after a long career at Sacramento State. In his new dual role, Altier will provide leadership for the CSUS Foundation and its operations, while also continuing to assist in the development and oversight of the campus master plan.

That includes planning efforts on campus and at other possible sites such as the Placer County Campus. He will also continue to develop new resources and relationships for future projects.

Phil Hitchcock was given a two-year appointment as the director of School of the Arts. Hitchcock will continue to serve as the director of the University Library Gallery, which opened three years ago, and remains responsible for developing the library’s overall art collection. He is a professor of art who previously served nine years as chair of the art department.

He has also worked as a corporate art consultant for major projects including the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel.

Marion O’Leary has been named interim vice president for University Affairs (formerly University Affairs). He will be responsible for moving Sacramento State forward on the numerous fundraising and community relations goals that have been established over the last year. He will serve in the position while the search continues for a permanent vice president, and will continue to serve as chair of that search committee.

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President’s fall address

President Alexander Gonzales will give his fall “State of the University” address to the campus community on Thursday, Aug. 26 in the University Union Ballroom. The event will begin with coffee at 9 a.m. followed by the speech at 10 a.m.

University staff members who wish to attend should secure the permission of their supervisors.

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**Student Spotlight**

The IEEE STUDENT BRANCH received the 2003 Student Branch membership growth award for outstanding leadership and results in IEEE Region 6, selected among more than 60 student branches spread across 12 Western states, during the IEEE Central Area Meeting and Contests at San Francisco State University. All three CSUS entries won prizes. The “Blue Tooth Enabled Advanced Medical Sensors” project captured first prize in the design contest and the Autonomous Race Car “NATCAR” project came in second. Dzifa Duose won third place in the Student Paper Contest for her paper based on the NATCAR design.

** Geography student RICH CROSBY was pictured on the cover of the March issue of Comstock’s Business Magazine. The photograph shows him working as a facilliator at one of SACOG’s recent regional planning forums. Rich is one of several geography majors just completing or in the midst of internships with SACOG.**

** Recognition **

JANICE HAYDEN, university ceremonies and events relations, has been elected to a second term as President of the Sacramento Chapter of the Society of Government Meeting Professionals for the year 2004–05. As President, Hayden also serves as a member of the National SGMP Chapter President’s Roundtable.

** DEIDRE SESSOMS, teacher education, has been named director of the Teacher Preparation and Credentials program. Sessoms previously served as a center coordinator for the teacher education department and took a leadership role in responding to new state standards for preparing teachers. She will assume the directorship with the start of the fall semester.**

** Scholarship **

MARIA WINKLER, art, had an article published in the May issue of The Movable Statio- nery, a quarterly publication of the Movable Book Society. The article, “My Three Favorites,” is a comparison of three paper engineers/illustrators who use movement to extend and enrich the stories in their books.

** STAN DUNDON, philosophy, was a presenter on an interfaith panel on Mel Gibson’s “Passion of the Christ.” at Blackford High School in San Jose on May 1.**

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of alumni relations and executive director of the Alumni Association. He will hold the position in addition to his role as dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies. Laurel Heffernan has been named acting dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Math- ematics, where she is the student services director.

Nancy Tooker has been named dean of the College of Arts and Letters, where she is associate dean. Her appointment fol- lows the retirement of Bill Sullivan as dean. Carolyn Pittman has been named associate vice president for financial services. She holds the position of University budget officer. Her appoint- ment follows the retire- ment of Jonathan Sch. Many other leadership changes were announced during the last academic year. They include the hiring of John West, who was named vice president for Academic Affairs; Stephen Garcia, who was the vice president for Administra- tion and Business Affairs; Michael Lewis, who was named dean of the College of Education; Sanjay Varshney, who was named dean of the College of Business Administration; and Mike Lee, who was named special assistant to president for planning (one- to two-year appointment).

In addition, two programs now report to different vice presi- dents. Payroll Services is now part of Human Resources, though it remains in the same office—Sacramento Hall 1st Fl. Public Safety now reports to Administr- ative & Business Affairs. That office now reports to Director Public Safety Building.

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California State’s Capital Center were chosen in May to direct the nation’s premier training and development program for legisla- tive staff. The first sessions in Sacramento will be in the summer of 2005.

The program, called the Legislative Staff Management Institute, is the cornerstone of the legislative staff training and development programs offered by the National Conference of State Legislatures. It was created in 1990 to help senior legislative staff from each state expand their abilities in dispute resolution and conflict management, management of the legislative process, policy analysis, strategic planning, information systems, team building and communications. The Sacramento State-UC partnership competed success- fully with some of the most presti- gious universities in the nation—the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute and the LBJ School of Public Policy at the University of Texas.

The Legislative Staff Manage- ment Institute is sponsored by the University and will also receive funds from the National Conference of State Legislatures. It will foster the growth of state and territorial legislatures by helping to improve their leadership skills, learn new ideas and best practices, and network with other state and territorial legislatures.
Student project details 2,000 years of living

From the first Ford and two World Wars to the Kings in the playoffs – you see a lot when you live more than 100 years. For Sacramento State students the opportunity to transcribe the experiences of local centenarians provided an invaluable learning experience.

Gerontology and nursing students interviewed elders about their outlook on life, their memories and the secrets of their longevity. The results were compiled in a booklet that was handed out at a fundraiser for elder abuse prevention.

Of the more than 140 centenarians Social Security Admin-istration records say live in Sacramento County, nearly 20 were interviewed for this project. And while the students learned a great deal about events of the last century, they learned even more about the people who lived them. “It was a myth-buster,” says Cheryl Osborne, chair of the Uni- versity’s gerontology program, noting that nearly all of the inter-vie-wers were living on their own or with family rather than in care facilities. “They’re not all sick. Unlike we often see in the media, most were managing well.”

Even so, she is pursuing an undergraduate degree in ger-on-tology, meeting a person who was over one hundred was a first for Janelle Thurber, “I’ve never known anyone over 75. Doing the interview gave me a more positive attitude.”

Osborne says this isn’t unusual for students. “They learn about ‘gerontology’ but with this project they got to see it and interact with it. Just because they’re nursing of elderly the-ontology students don’t mean they don’t have the same biases about seniors that others have.”

With nearly 2,000 people in life experience between them, the stories the elders told offered glimpses of both their pasts and the present.

They tell of careers: Milledge Petersen traveled the Central Valley as the piano player for a dance band while Eva Robinson worked for Selective Service.

And of being at war: Leila Dunn worked as a shipyard electrician in World War II and “Chuck” Ambersbury had Victory Gardens for both World War I, when he was too young to go, and World War II, when he was too old.

Of coming to America: Mui Chan’s family immigrated from China to escape the Commu-nists. Gregoria Baltrán came from the Philippines at age 82. And being Northern Californ-ians: Ina Sutton follows the Kings, Stockton native Mary Edna Hooper, the 49ers. Hooper even got a 105th birthday greet-ing from her favorite player, Steve Young.

They reveal the secrets of their long lives: Eva Robin-son abstains from drinking and smoking. Charles Ambersbury has an occasional dip of chewing tobacco. Ina Sutton swears every day until she was 98.

Osborne hopes to continue the interviews annually and sees them as a potential source of material for future research projects by comparing what they find in their interviews with longevity studies.

— Laurie Hall
NATIVE ART
Works by a dozen of a America's most significant contemporary American Indian artists will be on display from Sept. 3 through Nov. 13 in a free show at the University Library Gallery.

The opening reception—set for 5 to 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3—will feature performances by Native Dancers and Traditionalists. A California native dance group led by Sacramento State professor emeritus and artist Frank LaPena who is of Wintu descent. The show includes art by LaPena as well.

Titled "Images of Identity," the exhibition includes paintings, photos and sculpture by artists Dugan Aguilar, Rick Bartow, Frank Day, Harry Fenyes, Bob Hiaousos, George Longfish, Judith Lowry, Fritz Scholder, Brian Tripp, Hulleah Tsinhnahjen and Frank Tuttle, along with LaPena's work.

An ongoing series of University events is scheduled in connection with the show including a talk by several of the artists at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14 in the University Union Hinde Auditorium.

LaPena along with Sacramento State anthropology professor Terron Castaneda will curate the ground-breaking exhibit.

"In my imagination is a world my elders have given me. It is beautiful and difficult, and vastly rewarding," says LaPena of the show. "I want to share these stories."

University Library hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information or group arrangements, contact the gallery at (916) 278-2368.

We Are All Sacred by Frank LaPena