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To make the bike commute easier, Hornet Express shuttles and Sacramento Regional Transit buses are equipped with bicycle racks. Commuters can also arrange to ride with a "bicycle buddy" by visiting www.1800commute.org for a bicycle buddy match list.

For more information on bicycling on campus, contact Alfredo Orozco at orozcoa@csus.edu or 278-7527. For more information on bicycling off campus visit www.sactma.org or call 441-7074.
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Disco icons The Village People—featuring Sacramento State alum David Hodo—will bring their hits “YMCA,” “Macho Man,” and “In the Navy” to the University Union Ballroom at 7:30 p.m., April 6.

Hodo, who graduated from Sacramento State in 1969, has portrayed The Village People’s “construction worker” since the group’s 1977 inception. His appearance is one of many Alumni Month events in April which recognize Sacramento State alumni and their achievements.

Earlier in the day, the Union will be the site of the first-ever “State of the Students” address, where Associated Students will unveil its new logo. CBS News “Early Show” host and Distinguished Service Award recipient Rene Syler will be on hand for the event.

Tickets for the Village People are $30 general, $25 for Alumni Association members and $20 for Sacramento State students. They are available from the Sacramento State Ticket Office at 278-4323 or Tickets.com.

The making of a hangout

The history of the University Union mirrors the Sacramento State’s growth. It opened in September of 1975 under the direction of late Donald Hinde, for whom the Hinde Auditorium is named. Hinde came to Sac State in 1973 charged with creating a University Union for a burgeoning campus then serving around 15,000 students.

When the ribbon was finally cut, the facility featured an ice cream parlor, the original Hornet’s Nest dining area complete with striking orange booths, and a “rap” room with a sunken octagonal conversation pit. The building’s Redwood Room at 3,200 square feet was the biggest space for campus events outside the gym.

The staff included five custodians, a scheduler and a secretary along with former assistant director Richard Schiffer. In 1978 Schiffer recruited 20 student volunteers and started the Union Network for Innovative Quality University Entertainment, universally known on campus as UNIQUE, to bring outside acts on campus. The “A Night with...” series was UNIQUE’s initial offering, booking entertainers like Harry Anderson, Dana Carvey and Ellen DeGeneres early in their careers.

Through the ’80s the Union hosted prominent personalities such as Alex Haley, G. Gordon Liddy, Maya Angelou, Jesse Jackson and Geraldine Ferraro. Hypnotist Tom Deluca made the first of his now-annual appearances in 1980. Funding for many lectures came from the campus’ cultural affairs budget, so speakers came from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Growing pains

As the campus grew, the need for a larger Union was felt. The facility’s South Lawn was often pressed into service to host large events, but with no electrical power or permanent stage, it was a makeshift solution. A push was started to fund expansion, leading to the passage of a student referendum to pay for upgrades in 1991. Construction began the next year on a minor expansion, but real changes happened in 1998.

The facility more than doubled in size to its current 183,000 square feet in ‘98, adding a new lobby, the Hinde Auditorium, the Ballroom and other improvements. “The addition of the Ballroom was huge. It was really the cornerstone of the whole expansion,” says Union Assistant Director of Operations Donald Tucker. With the
capacity for 1,700, it became the premier venue of the facility. The Hornet’s Nest was updated and the “rap” room became a computer lab.

Food, long a fixture of the Union, was improved as well. A cafeteria serving mashed potatoes and meatloaf was replaced with outside vendors—restaurants like Gordito Burrito and Burger King. Java City took over coffee operations in the former ice cream parlor, and in 2000 Round Table began serving pizza in the Hive.

Now a modern, large facility, the Union was able to host bands from Greg Kihn to They Might Be Giants, speakers like Molly Ivins, and the highest-profile events to date—the California gubernatorial recall debate in 2003 and the inaugural Green and Gold Gala last fall. UNIQUE grew to a volunteer corps of about 60 students under the direction of Dean Sorensen, Union associate director of programs, and puts on 70 to 100 events annually.

**The Union at 30**

Today the Union is run by a staff of 25 as well as 80 students. Forty to 50 meetings a day happen in its 21 rooms, about 8,000 annually. The Union was also the first campus facility to provide wireless access to the campus computer network, and staff can screen DVDs and provide LCD projectors and wireless microphones for clients. Expansion continues with a new outdoor seating area off the east walkway near Serna Plaza slated to open this spring.

“The University Union is a community center for the University, for all members of the University family—students, faculty, administration, staff, alumni and guests,” says Leslie Davis, current director of the Union. “A building is just bricks, mortar and glass until the people arrive. It is the community using this building that makes it special. Visit other places and you will find out how special our Union really is.”

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ASI will also reveal its new logo at the event. The image was created by Osaki Design, the same firm that designed the University’s logo last year.

Musical entertainment will be provided by student radio station KSSU. There will also be food, drinks and giveaways.

For more information, contact Associated Students at 278-6784.

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Vaca’s book, *The Presumed Alliance: The Unspoken Conflict Between Latinos and Blacks and What it Means for America*, examines the often conflicting interests over resources and political power between Latinos and African Americans in light of the dramatic growth of the Latino population—now the largest minority group in the country—and how the groups can explore a mutually agreed-upon agenda.

A Bay Area attorney, Vaca is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Harvard Law School, and has been a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley and UC Davis.

A book-signing will follow Vaca’s lecture. A reception for Vaca will held from 1 to 1:30 p.m. in the University Union Lobby Suite.
For more information, call the Serna Center at 278-4512.

Language Day celebrates world of words

Foreign language students from all over the Sacramento region will celebrate the world’s languages and cultures during the fourth annual World Language Day from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 29 at Sacramento State.

The event offers a culturally-rich day of workshops, presentations, food, dancing, sports, foreign films, job information and more. Participants can try their hand at such activities as Japanese swordsmanship, French folk dancing, Taiko drumming or watch high school and college students perform skits and read poetry in an assortment of languages.

World Language Day is hosted by Sacramento State’s Foreign Languages Department to promote foreign language proficiency, support language teachers and give language students the opportunity to demonstrate their skills.

Parking, workshops and activities are free and open to the public and will take place in Mariposa Hall, Eureka Hall and outside on the Library Quad.

The event’s organizers are still seeking entertainers, presenters or vendors to participate in the event. Members of the community, cultural groups, clubs and high school or college students are encouraged to participate. The last day to register online as a presenter or entertainer is April 2.

Registration and a complete schedule of events is available at www.csus.edu/worldlanguageday. For more information contact Laurence Lambert at (916) 278-5379 or lambert@saclink.csus.edu. Media assistance is available by contacting the Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

Faculty Senate schedule

Monday, April 3
3 p.m., General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 150
2 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE), University Union Capital Room

Tuesday, April 4
1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee
3 p.m., Executive Committee
3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, University Union Green and Gold Room

Wednesday, April 5
1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee

Thursday, April 6
2:30 p.m., Faculty Senate Tutorial, University Union Capital Room
3 p.m., 2006-07 Faculty Senate, Nomination of Officers, University Union Foothill Suite
3:30 p.m., 2005-06 Faculty Senate, University Union Foothill Suite

Friday, April 7
2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.
Professional Activities

Recognition

Sandra Perez, Center for California Studies, has been selected as one of 22 women nationwide to participate in the National Hispana Leadership Institute's 2006 Executive Leadership Program. The Institute develops Latina leaders who will return to their communities and work to ensure that political and policy changes meet the needs of the nation's growing Latino population. Perez is the director of the California Executive Fellowship Program.

Monica Freeman, Global Education, has been selected as one of four participants nationally for the Fulbright U.S.-Korea International Education Administrators Program to take place in June. Freeman has served as Sacramento State’s Fulbright advisor for more than 20 years and has previously held two Fulbrights: one to Germany and one to France. She has also been elected vice president-elect of Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars. The Sacramento State chapter was one of the original founding chapters.

The Sacramento State Aquatic Center has been awarded the bid to host the 2006 Intercollegiate Water Ski National Championships, Oct. 12-14 at Bell Acqua Ski Lakes in Rio Linda. Skiers will come from 22 universities to compete in the Division I and Division II national championships. The Water Ski Team is also celebrating its 30-year anniversary and will hold a reunion Oct. 14-15. For more information visit www.csusaquaticcenter.com/ColWaterSkiNationals.htm.

Scholarship

Mary Mackey, English, had her short fiction "Third Initiation: A Gift From the Land of Dreams" in the anthology ParaSpheres: Extending Beyond the Spheres of Literary and Genre Fiction, Fabulist and New Wave Fabulist Stories published by Omnidawn Press.

Evri Kwong, Art, has been invited to conduct an art workshop on April 22 as part of the "Any Town, Any Time: Drawing as Painting, Painting as Drawing in Contemporary Context" series sponsored by the Di Rosa Preserve at the Sonoma Community Center. He also has artworks in the Di Rosa Preserve collection.

Robert Ortbal, Art, has his recent work "Pollinate II" on exhibit in the gallery at Fresh Paint Art Advisors in Culver City through May 1.

Dan Deocampo, Geology, had his paper titled "Evaporative Evolution of Surface Waters and the Role of Aqueous CO2 in Magnesium Silicate Precipitation: Lake Eyasi and Ngorongoro Crater, Northern Tanzania" published in the South African Journal of Geology.

In the News

Marion O’Leary, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, was quoted in the Dec. 1 Sacramento Bee about development and funding for the Sacramento State Space and Science Center.

David Swim, Criminal Justice, was quoted in the Dec. 2 Sacramento Bee on the recent emergence of female police chiefs and women in command positions in the police force.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted in: the Dec. 5 Sacramento Bee on the likelihood of grassroots constituent victories; in a Nov. 7 Antelope Valley Press article about the 2006 race for governor and how it related to the special election; in Nov. 8 Pasadena Star and the San Gabriel Valley Daily Tribune articles about how propositions on the November ballot would affect California; and in a Nov. 11 Los Angeles Daily Journal article about the likelihood of reapportionment reform becoming a reality after the defeat of Proposition 77.
Sudhir Thakur, Business Administration, was quoted in the Dec. 2 Sacramento Bee on real estate prices in California in comparison to other states.

Jerome Jenkins, Athletics, was profiled in Dec. 5 Sacramento Bee. The story touched on his goals as coach of the Sacramento State men’s basketball team and the strategies he uses to motivate players.

Linda Joy Clemons, Financial Aid, was quoted in the Dec. 8 Sacramento Bee and on KCRA Channel 3 about a state error that jeopardized financial aid to a thousand college students in California and what students at Sacramento State can do.

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Honors banquet
Six Sacramento State faculty members will be nominated for membership in the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi. One of them will be named as the 2005-06 "Outstanding Faculty Initiate" at the Phi KappaPhi annual banquet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 26 in the University Union Ballroom.

The nominated faculty are: Jacueline Carrigan, Sociology; Patricia Clark-Ellis, College of Health and Human Services; Jennifer Lundmark, Biological Sciences; Katherine McReynolds, Chemistry; Rosemary Papa, Educational Leadership and Center for Teaching and Learning; and Otis Scott, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies. Along with the faculty honorees, more than 100 Sacramento State students will be initiated in the society and several students will be awarded scholarships.

Tickets are available from Professor Joe Digiorgio, Chemistry, at 278-6600.

International scholars reception
Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars, will host a reception in honor of the international research scholars at Sacramento State, a group that represents a variety of countries and disciplines. The campus community is invited to attend the event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 7 in the University Union Forest Suite.

To RSVP, contact the Office of Global Education at 278-6686.

Defining the meaning of life
Carol Cleland, professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder and NASA Institute for Astrobiology, will speak on “Searching for a Universal Theory of Life” from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday, April 3 in the University Union Summit Room. Cleland argues that a scientifically compelling answer to the question “What is life?” requires a general theory of living systems, as opposed to a definition of "life."

Her talk is sponsored by the Visiting Scholars Program and the Department of Philosophy. It is free and open to the public, staff, faculty and students.

Details: Christina Bellon at 278-4759 or bellon@csus.edu.

Campus Announcements

Library newsletter available
The second issue of Library Liaison, the Sacramento State Library Collections newsletter, is now online at: library.csus.edu/pubs/ liaison/spring2006/spring.html. Highlights include the budget status for library collections, introductions to two new databases: Social Sciences Citation Index and Dissertations and Theses and more news on the Library’s move to electronic journal access. There is also news for the Art, Computer Science, Education, Music and Nursing departments.
Study Abroad Fair
Students considering studying abroad but don’t know where to start can visit the Study Abroad Fair, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 5 in Library Quad. Students can talk to other students who have participated and get information about course credit, registration fees, financial aid, scholarships and application deadlines.

For more information, call the Office of Global Education at 278-6686 or stop by Lassen Hall 2304.

Candidate Visits
Members of the College of Education and the campus community are invited to meet the candidates for the position of Dean of College of Education on the dates below.

- 11 to 11:50 a.m., Friday, April 28, University Union Delta Suite: Samuel Hausfather, Dean, School of Professional Studies, East Stroudsburg University, Pennsylvania
- 1:30 to 2:20 p.m., Monday, May 1, University Union California Suite: John Y. Lee, Associate Professor, Department of Human Development and Leadership, School of Education, Long Island University
- 2:30 to 3:20 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, University Union Delta Suite: Otherine Neisler, Chair/Dean, Education Department, Saint Joseph College
- 10 to 10:50 a.m., Thursday, May 4, University Union Forest Suite, Carole de Casal, Assistant Dean for NCATE, Accreditation, Strategic Planning and Professional Education, University of Southern Mississippi
- 1:30 – 2:20 p.m., Monday, May 8, University Union Delta Suite: Vanessa Sheared, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Education, San Francisco State University

Vitae may be reviewed in the Office of Academic Affairs in Sacramento Hall 230 or in the Dean's Office for the College of Education in Eureka 206. Written comments should be sent to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ric Brown at ricb@csus.edu no later than Wednesday, May 10.

Registration for Summer Semester 2006
Even though it’s still raining outside, it’s almost time for summer registration. The invitation to register was e-mailed to 21,645 students who are eligible to enroll as continuing students. CASPER begins April 17. Details can be found at: www.csus.edu/admr/invsum06/

For more information, contact the Registrar’s Office at registrar@csus.edu.

Input sought at College Summit
The City of Sacramento will hold a College Summit for students to express their preferences on how the city should develop from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, April 20 in the University Union Redwood Room.

The summit is part of the city’s General Plan Update and seeks to gather input from Sacramento’s future leaders on services, housing, and transportation improvements. The General Plan will guide the city’s decisions on issues such as land use, public safety, transportation, housing and more over the next 25 years.

Free lunch will be provided. RSVP is requested by calling Michelle Skhal at (916) 808-8704.

General Announcements

Customer satisfaction surveys
The CSU 2006 Customer Satisfaction Survey for Sacramento State is now available. The survey will help University departments better understand campus needs and identify areas where improvements can be
made. To assure anonymity, responses will be collected and summarized by an agency outside of the CSU.

The links will be active through May 23:

- Accounting Services: websurvey.calstate.edu/application/rws3.pl?FORM=SAC_Accounting_Services
- Accounts Payable: websurvey.calstate.edu/application/rws3.pl?FORM=SAC_Accounts_Payable
- Facilities: websurvey.calstate.edu/application/rws3.pl?FORM=SAC_Facilities
- Library Services: websurvey.calstate.edu/application/rws3.pl?FORM=SAC_Library
- Mail Services: websurvey.calstate.edu/application/rws3.pl?FORM=SAC_Mail_Distribution
- University Police: websurvey.calstate.edu/application/rws3.pl?FORM=SAC_University_Police_Services

For questions about the surveys, or about quality improvement at Sacramento State or in the CSU system, contact Sarah Whyte, interim director of Strategic Planning and QI at 278-7450 or whytes@csus.edu.

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Human Resources

Catastrophic Leave Program

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. CSEA, MPP, Unit 6 and Confidential employees may donate up to a maximum of 40 hours per fiscal year. Unit 4 employees may donate up to a maximum of 32 hours per fiscal year.

If employees are interested in donating time, a donation form can be obtained by going to www.csus.edu/hr/forms.stm#Disability, by visiting the Human Resources Benefits Office in Sacramento Hall 162, or by calling 278-6213.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation program: Chiquita Aries, Admissions and Records; Glenmil Biete, Housing and Residential Life; Corrina Carlock, Admissions and Records; Tamara Dunn, College of Business Administration; *Karen Moseby, Procurement; Sara Richards, Academic Technology and Creative Services; Jane Roberts, History; Ondria Small, College of Continuing Education; and Annie Suarez, Educational Administration and Policy Studies (*Only vacation leave credits may be donated to this employee.)

Alumni Month Profile: Ken Barnett

It could be considered the police equivalent of working your way up from the mail room to CEO, but there’s more to Ken Barnett’s rise from student police dispatcher to Sacramento State’s chief of police than just climbing the ladder.

While the campus police are responsible for looking after the welfare of what amounts to a small city, what Barnett (Economics ’78, MBA ’89) sees as his biggest accomplishment is building his team into an integral player in law enforcement in the region.

With the Olympic Track and Field Trials in 2000 and 2004 as a springboard, campus police have developed strong relationships with the Sacramento Sheriff’s Department, the Sacramento Police Department and other area agencies. Previously the agencies would work together infrequently and that, combined with turnover, resulted in officers that rarely knew each other. “Now when we run into them on patrol, we’re familiar with each other. We talk to each other, we help each other,” Barnett says. “I’m proud of that.”

Barnett learned the inner workings of the Sacramento State police department after starting as a 17-year-old student with the University Foundation. When an opening came up, he tested for one of the positions and became officer in 1979. He went on to become a sergeant in 1987, lieutenant in 1992 and then chief in 2000.
Along the way, he earned his bachelor’s degree in economics and his MBA from Sacramento State, and graduated from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training Command College.

Like many law enforcement officers in those days, Barnett did not have a background in criminal justice when he joined the police force. And while that trend has reversed itself in recent years, Barnett believes that it takes more than an understanding of criminology to be a police officer on a college campus because so much of the job is customer service-oriented.

The University’s population—more than 30,000 students, faculty and staff—is equivalent to a town and it faces similar challenges, such as homeless issues, traffic congestion and burglaries. There are “industries” as well: banks, food courts, stores and educational areas. And the campus puts on as many as 34,000 functions each year ranging from 18 visitors for a small art event to 22,500 for the Olympic Trials.

But even though they face many of the same issues that city and county law enforcement officers do, a campus police officer needs to have a certain type of personality, Barnett says. “There’s a fine line between customer service work and law enforcement. If you don’t have good communication skills then you can’t do the job.”

**Puppets bring 18th century drama to life**

A rare college production of the Japanese classic *The Love Suicides at Sonezaki* featuring life-sized puppets opens Friday, April 14 at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre. Performances continue at 2 and 8 p.m. on April 15, at 6:30 p.m. on April 19, at 8 p.m. on April 20-22 and at 2 p.m. on April 23.

A special benefit dress rehearsal performance for the Sacramento State Friends of the Library will be held on April 13 at 7 p.m.

*The Love Suicides at Sonezaki*, first performed in Kyoto in 1703, is the work of Chikamatsu Monzaemon, considered by many to be the “Japanese Shakespeare” and the greatest dramatist in Japanese literature. The tragic story of a simple shop clerk in love with a courtesan, *The Love Suicides at Sonezaki* was written specifically for the bunraku, or puppet theatre, a form of Japanese classical theater in which puppeteers operate on stage with dialogue coming from just off stage.

Richard Bay, noted professor of puppetry in the Department of Theatre and Dance, designed the life-size puppets and will direct the production, which also will include Chinese shadow puppets, contemporary dance styles, and traditional and modern Asian music. Bay, who said it is unusual for a college to tackle such an ambitious production as *The Love Suicides at Sonezaki*, has been honored for his creative puppet designs and productions using puppets on stage.

Tickets are $15 general, $12 for students, faculty and staff, and $10 for senior citizens and high school students and are available at the Sacramento State Ticket Office at 278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

Tickets for the Friends of the Library benefit performance are $30 and are available at 278-5954. The benefit also will feature a silent auction with items such as still life giclee prints titled "Books and Peaches" by artist and Sacramento State alum Jian Wang, and a print titled "Life on the River" by alum Greg Kondos and donated by the University Library Gallery and the Alumni Association. Proceeds will benefit the University Library.