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News

In memory of Dr. Russell K.H. Ching
It is with heavy hearts that we share the news that Dr. Russell K.H. Ching, Sacramento State’s associate dean for the Undergraduate Program in the College of Business Administration, passed away Friday, May 25. Russell was a beloved mentor, friend and professor to many CBA students over the years, and a source of support and inspiration for his faculty colleagues and the CBA staff. He was a gifted scholar and a warm and generous man who cared deeply about his students, his colleagues, his friends and family, and the world around him. It was an honor and pleasure to be his colleague and friend. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at George Klumpp Chapel of Flowers, 2691 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento.

Submitted by the College of Business Administration

Sac State’s fourth annual Summer Book Swap
Bring your used books and swap them for “new” books from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, June 7, in Serna Plaza. The Summer Book Swap will benefit the Sacramento SPCA and the Sacramento County Animal Shelter.

Books can be dropped off at the Health and Wellness Promotion Office in the Health Center at The WELL from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. through Wednesday, or you can bring them on the day of the event. Monetary donations in lieu of books will be taken at the event.

Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

Leonard Valdez retirement celebration
Student Affairs has invited the campus community to join in celebrating the retirement of Leonard Valdez after 20 years of service at Sacramento State. He currently serves as the director of Student Conduct and has previously served as the director of the Multi-Cultural Center. Please stop by the Multi-Cultural Center (Library 1010) between 2 and 4 p.m. Thursday, June 7, to wish him well. Refreshments will be served.

Submitted by Student Affairs

Anita Kermes named financial aid director
Student Affairs is very pleased to announce that Anita Kermes has accepted the position of financial aid director, effective immediately. She brings to the position more than 25 years of experience in higher education, including 10 years as a director of financial aid.

Her collaborative leadership style and highly organized approach, combined with her experience in financial aid and the student loan industry, make her well-suited to lead the Financial Aid Office at Sacramento State.

Student Affairs wishes to thank the Sac State community for its participation throughout the process. Please join in congratulating and welcoming Anita Kermes.

Submitted by Student Affairs

Ed Mills of Student Affairs named CSSA Administrator of the Year
Ed Mills, associate vice president for Student Affairs, Enrollment and Student Support, has been named Administrator of the Year by the 23 members of the California State Student Association (CSSA).
CSU student leaders system-wide annually recognize a variety of university stakeholders who demonstrate high levels of support for student participation in policy development, student advocacy and the overall mission of CSSA.

Mills was nominated by Sacramento State CSSA student representative Vance Jarrard and Associated Students Inc. President Laura Gonzalez, both members of the CSSA Board of Directors. The students commended Mills for his efforts to maintain access to Sacramento State for as many students as possible, even in financially challenging times. Jarrard also spoke highly of Mills’ presence at new-student orientations to greet incoming students and answer their questions. That availability continues throughout the year as Mills helps students with various issues.

Submitted by Student Affairs

Institute for Social Research wins two awards
Sacramento State’s Institute for Social Research and its subcontractor, the Academic Technology and Creative Services Unit, partnered with First 5 California to produce the First 5 California Fiscal Year 2010-11 Annual Report. This report recently picked up two awards: a Gold Award from the California State Information Officers Council and a Crystal Merit Award from the Association of Business Communicators Sacramento. The award-winning report can be found at: www.ccfc.ca.gov/pdf/annual_report_pdfs/Annual_Report_10-11.pdf.

Submitted by the Institute for Social Research

Nominations sought for safety awards
The Governor’s Employee Safety Awards (GESA) were established in 1980 to highlight and encourage safety on the job by recognizing individuals and groups that have provided outstanding safety and health service to the state. Awards are presented to individuals or groups that have responded to hazardous or life-threatening events, as well as those that have developed safety programs that are not part of their normal duties during the preceding year.

Nominations for 2011 are currently being accepted. Awards are given in individual, group and departmental categories according to different criteria. If you would like to nominate an individual or group, please contact Bernie Tano by Friday, June 8, at btano@csus.edu for additional information.

Submitted by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety

Meet candidates for associate vice president, Student Engagement and Success
Student Affairs invites the campus community to meet candidates for associate vice president, Student Engagement and Success, on the dates below. Each open forum includes a 15- to 20-minute candidate presentation, followed by approximately 40 minutes of questions and answers. The forums are open to all interested University members, including students, faculty and staff.

The open forum meetings will be held from 1:15-2:15 p.m. in the Terrace Suite at The WELL on the following dates:

- Monday, June 4: Beth Merritt Miller, director, Academic Advising & Career Center and Student Services Center, Sacramento State
- Monday, June 11: Beth Lesen, executive director of Student Affairs, the City College of New York
- Tuesday, June 12: Christian Wuthrich, affiliate faculty, Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling Psychology, College of Education, Washington State University
- Wednesday, June 13: Michael Speros, interim executive director, Housing and Campus Life, Sacramento State
- Thursday, June 14: Eric Arneson, director of Campus Life, Florida International University

Individuals who plan to attend are encouraged to submit written comments to Lori Varlotta, vice president for Student Affairs, by email at varlotta@csus.edu no later than noon Monday, June 18. The subject line on the email should read “AVP candidate feedback.”

Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
UEI Campus Grant Program announces recipients for Fall 2012
University Enterprises Inc. is issuing awards to 22 recipients through its UEI Campus Grant Program for Fall 2012. The UEI Campus Grant Program provides funding for projects proposed by students, faculty and staff that are innovative and benefit the academic endeavors of Sac State, and promote teaching, research and campus engagement.

The Campus Grant Committee received 29 applications for the Fall 2012 program, with requests totaling $136,347. After careful consideration, the committee recommended funding $40,819 for 22 outstanding projects.

Campus Grant Program awards range from $500 to $5,000. They help provide learning opportunities for Sac State students and opportunities for additional faculty-student interaction as well as more community outreach and visibility. For a detailed listing of the awards and more info on the UEI Campus Grant Program, visit the UEI web page at www.enterprises.csus.edu/campusgrantprogram or email research@csus.edu.

Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

2012 Writing Across the Curriculum faculty development retreat
All full- and part-time instructors are invited to the 2012 Writing Across the Curriculum faculty development retreat, “Time-Saving Strategies for Assigning, Evaluating, and Responding to Student Writing,” from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, in the University Union, Foothill Suite. The retreat is free, and breakfast and lunch will be served. RSVP to Dan Melzer at wac@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

2012 Graduating Student Survey Report
In Spring 2012, the Office of Institutional Research administered a Graduating Student Survey to assess the quality and effectiveness of the educational programs and support services at Sacramento State. This survey asked graduating seniors to share their views on a variety of issues covering many aspects of the Sacramento State experience, as well as to relate their future plans.

The survey report consists of nine sections: satisfaction with campus services and facilities; satisfaction with college experiences; progress; campus climate; interactions among racial/ethnic groups; faculty support; engagement and commitment; future plans; and background information. Survey findings have been compared with the previous year’s results where applicable and are broken down by college.

Please go to www.csus.edu/oir/Reports.html to view the report.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

Faculty Teaching Assignment Report update
The updated Faculty Teaching Assignment Report is available on the Office of Institutional Research website. This report is based on the Academic Planning Data Base submitted to and approved by the Chancellor’s Office on the Spring 2012 semester census date. It displays information regarding faculty teaching load, such as courses and sections, student course credits, section enrollment, student FTE and weighted teaching units by individual faculty member and department.

To view the report, go to www.csus.edu/oir. Click on “Data Center,” then “Faculty: Special Reports.” Please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 278-6566 if you have any questions.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

University Policy Manual revisions
Please note the following announcement of a revised policy in the University Policy Manual:

The policy “Campus Physical Planning” has been updated with a new title to align with other campuses and the Chancellor’s Office. Changes were also made to the committee membership. This revised policy replaces the existing “Campus Facilities Planning” policy.

ADM 0158 – Campus Physical Planning Policy (formerly Campus Facilities Planning)
www.csus.edu/umanual/admin/ADM-0158.html (revised)
Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Professional activities
The latest professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/05/ProfessionalActivities05-07-12.html.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

President Gonzalez continues updates
Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez will post updates on campus developments on his web page at www.csus.edu/President/fromthedeskofthepresident.html.
Submitted by the Office of the President

College of Business Administration to host Information Session
The College of Business Administration is hosting an Information Session for all business graduate programs from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, on campus. An adviser from each of the degree programs will provide a program overview and conduct a question-and-answer session.

To reserve a seat for the Information Session, RSVP at www.surveymonkey.com/s/VS7HTJ9. You must be registered to attend.
Submitted by the College of Business Administration

Summer Academies for High School Students begin July 23
High school students will explore the fields of biotechnology, health careers and culinary arts from July 23-Aug. 2 on the Sacramento State campus.

The Summer Academies for High School Students offer a personalized learning experience via small classes and a hands-on approach. Teens can study potential careers and prepare for the future while meeting other high school students from around the region.

To register, visit www.cce.csus.edu/acads. For questions, contact Carole Taylor at catalyor@csus.edu or 278-2794.
Submitted by the College of Continuing Education

Summer Golf League
Sac State’s fifth annual Summer Golf League is playing weekly 18-hole rounds on Thursdays through Aug. 16 at Cordova Golf Course. Tee times are 4-5:30 p.m. with two players per team (substitutes may be arranged). Cost is $10-$12 for 18 holes/unlimited (no cart). It is not mandatory to make every Thursday of the summer. Absences and substitutions can be arranged. This is a recreation-based golf league.

For more details, please contact basso@saclink.csus.edu.
Submitted by The WELL

Temporary closure of parking facilities
In an effort to save energy costs during an off-peak period, the following parking facilities are closed during the summer. Reopening is planned by 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20:

- Parking Structure III
- Lot 10
- Lot 11

All other parking facilities are scheduled to be open and available. For questions, contact University Transportation and Parking Services at 278-7275, parking@csus.edu or www.csus.edu/utaps.
Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

Price of commuter pass increases for faculty and staff
The cost of faculty and staff Regional Transit commuter passes will increase from $30 for a six-month pass to $40, beginning July 1.
The commuter pass provides a significant discount for Sacramento State faculty and staff who ride RT buses and light rail. Sac State faculty and staff will pay only $6.67 a month for unlimited ridership, whereas an unlimited ridership pass purchased from RT costs $100 a month. Fees paid for faculty/staff commuter passes help fund the contract between the University and RT that allows faculty, staff and students to ride RT transportation at a reduced rate. Students pay for the commuter pass through a transportation fee each semester.

Faculty/staff commuter passes can be purchased at the Student Financial Services Center and the UTAPS Office. Passes are effective July 1-Dec. 31, 2012. For more information, visit the UTAPS website at www.csus.edu/utaps.

Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

Summer closures at several campus eateries
University Enterprises Inc.’s Dining Services has closed several eateries for the summer due to construction and renovation. The closures are as follows:

- Du Jour’s: closed until further notice.
- River Front Center and University Center Restaurant: closed.
- Round Table Pizza: closed.
- Da Deli/Dreyer’s Hornet Creamery: closed, to be replaced in the fall with a new eatery focusing on fresh tossed salads, carved meat sandwiches and more.

These changes are expected to enhance the dining experience of the campus community by providing new, healthy and flavorful dining options in inviting settings. For more information regarding these changes or closures, please contact Angela Rader at angela.rader@csus.edu.

Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Sac State Magazine online
The Spring 2012 issue of Sac State Magazine is available at www.csus.edu/sacstatemagazine. In this edition, you’ll find:

- Sac State Alumni Are Going Places: Changing the World One Hornet at a Time.
- Globalizing the Classroom: University Faculty Making a World of Difference.
- Cultural Connections: International Education Broadens Students’ World View
- Plus: Class Notes, a world tour of the University Library, high times at the climbing wall, a cool course on wine tourism and more.

Have an idea for an upcoming issue of Sac State Magazine? Drop a line to advancementcommunications@csus.edu or call the Office of Advancement Communications and Stewardship at 278-4282.

Submitted by Advancement Communications and Stewardship

Police Department on Facebook and Twitter
Have you checked out the Sacramento State Police Department’s official Facebook and Twitter pages? Managed by the Office of the Chief, the pages offer important news and alerts at Sacramento State, such as emergency notifications, traffic alert updates, alert bulletins, media releases, upcoming training/events, services and safety tips. For the Police Department’s Facebook page, go to www.facebook.com/sacstatepolice. To follow the Police Department’s Twitter updates, go to http://twitter.com/sacstatepolice. Email any suggestions or questions to police@csus.edu.

Submitted by University Police

Marketing now part of Public Affairs and Advocacy
The Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy is now responsible for University marketing, including brand and logo compliance, campus-wide advertising, and review of the design and development of all communications intended for an external audience.
If you have materials you need reviewed, please email them to universitymarketing@csus.edu or call 278-4381. Please allow at least two working days for the process. This procedure ensures that Sacramento State's identity standards and guidelines are maintained.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Watch for even more University news and videos
Sacramento State is filled with activities worth keeping up on – from outstanding teaching, learning and research to the arts, wellness activities and Hornet athletics. Stories and videos on University people, events and other news are available on Sacramento State’s news page, www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/, overseen by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy. And send your ideas for campus coverage to publicaffairs@csus.edu.

Another option for publicizing an academic event or performance is the University’s digital sign network on campus. Submit your message to www.csus.edu/digitalsigns or www.csus.edu/pa/digitalsign.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Sac State on Facebook and Twitter
Have you checked out Sacramento State’s official Facebook and Twitter pages? Managed by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy, the pages offer up-to-the-minute news and information on all things Sac State, from academics to athletics, the arts to student life. For the University’s Facebook page, go to www.facebook.com/sacstate. To follow Sac State’s Twitter updates, go to http://twitter.com/#!/sacstate.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Security quick tip
Safeguarding campus physical information: Social engineering
When you hear “social engineering,” you may think about Facebook or Google+. However, when the Information Security Office refers to social engineering, it means any individual interacting with faculty and staff to gain inappropriate access to critical systems and documents. Be aware of who is asking you for information, and work with administration and co-workers to determine if the requests are appropriate. This is a critical step to ensuring that you can prevent a social engineering attack on campus.

For more information on social engineering, visit the Information Security Website at www.csus.edu/security.
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Noontime and After-Work Wellness programs, Summer 2012
Professional Development and Training invites you to reduce stress and meet your daily physical activities needs by participating in our Summer 2012 Noontime and After-Work Wellness activities.

You are encouraged to find a partner and practice yoga and tai chi, or tone those muscles with aqua aerobics, and make it a practice to engage in healthful activities. Interested in burning 400-800 calories in one hour? Sign up for zumba or give ballroom dancing a whirl.

To register, visit our page at www.csus.edu/hr/traindev/noonwellness.html.

Noontime Wellness activities will be held from 12:05-12:50 p.m., and After-Work Wellness activities will be held from 4:15-5:15 p.m., through Aug. 2. No activities will be held Wednesday, July 4.

For more information or questions, please contact Kim Harrington at harringtonkc@csus.edu or call 278-6327.

Summer office hours
This summer, in an effort to conserve energy, Sacramento State is continuing the practice of a modified work schedule with normal business hours for the campus of 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. These hours are effective through Friday, Aug. 17. As always, authorized supervisors may modify
individual work schedules to address special situations as long as these basic hours are covered. It is important that offices are staffed during these announced hours.

As in past summers, this schedule enables the University to realize substantial budget savings by reducing energy consumption during the late afternoon hours when energy demand is highest. The University hopes that this change will also permit many employees to get the most from the longer summer days.

If you have any questions or concerns that cannot be answered by your supervisor or manager, please contact Kent Porter, associate vice president for Labor Relations and Compliance.

**Catastrophic leave donation**
Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick or vacation leave credits in one-hour increments each fiscal year. Bargaining Units 1, 10 and 11 may donate only up to 16 hours per fiscal year. If employees are interested in donating time, a form can be obtained at [www.csus.edu/hr/forms.htm#Disability](http://www.csus.edu/hr/forms.htm#Disability), by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3002, or by calling 278-3522.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

- Cynthia Hester, Facilities Housing Department
- Althea Spencer, Accounts Payable Department
- Steven Craddock, Facilities Services