News

2012 Writing Across the Curriculum faculty 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

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. The 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. For the report: www.ccfc.ca.gov/pdf/annual_report_pdfs/Annual_Report_10-11.pdf.
Submitted by the Institute for Social Research

Anita Kermes is new financial aid director
Student Affairs is 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

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate schedule for the summer is available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/06/FacultySenateSummer2012Sked.html.
Submitted by the Faculty Senate

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

Spots available for Peak Adventures summer youth camps
Give your kids a summer to remember. Peak Adventures offers weeklong outdoor youth camps for ages 9-17. For the younger kids, activities include scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, games, water activities and
much more. Older kids have the choice of backpacking for a week or experiencing a new activity each day, ranging from the Challenge Center on campus to outdoor rock climbing and whitewater rafting. Drop them off in the morning with a lunch and let the adventures begin!

Peak’s youth camps meet at Sac State and include all technical equipment and a camp T-shirt. The cost also includes transportation, entry fees and a friendly, qualified staff.

Available dates for Green & Gold Camp (ages 9-12; on-campus adventures):
- Week 2: June 25-29, six spots left
- Week 3: July 9-13, seven spots left
- Week 4: July 16-20, seven spots left
- Week 5: July 23-27, nine spots left
- Week 6: July 30-Aug. 3, five spots left

Available dates for Expedition Camp (ages 13-17; weeklong travel adventures):
- Week 2: June 25-29, two spots left
- Week 4: July 16-20, five spots left
- Week 6: July 30-Aug. 3, one spot left

Available dates for Adventure Camp (ages 12-15; day trips from campus):
- Week 5: July 23-27, seven spots left

Submitted by Peak Adventures

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 information, contact basso@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by The WELL

Temporary closure of parking facilities
To save on energy costs, 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

OneCard discounts
OneCard Services wishes to thank all who visited the OneCard booth during the University Staff Assembly’s Employee Picnic. Many were excited to view the discounts available to Sac State employees. If you didn’t get a chance to check out the list, you can do so by visiting the OneCard website at www.csus.edu/onecard. You can also "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sacstateonecard to receive the latest and greatest discounts as we post them.

Submitted by Student Financial Services/OneCard

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
Human Resources

Whistleblower Protection Act
California’s Government Code Section 8548 requires the California State University to inform its employees of the California Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA Government Code Section 8547 et seq.). Pursuant to this section of the Government Code, the University is required to distribute electronically the state auditor’s written explanation of the California Whistleblower Protection Act. This was done Tuesday, June 12.

Christine D. Lovely, interim vice president for Human Resources, has been designated as the person on campus to receive protected disclosures and answer questions about these policies. Her office is in Del Norte Hall 3001D, and she can be reached at 278-6078, via email at clovely@csus.edu, or through campus mail using ZIP code 6032. You may also call the California attorney general’s confidential whistleblower hotlines at (800) 952-5225 or (916) 322-3360.

The statutorily required notice from the state auditor can be found at www.csus.edu/hr/HR/CSUS%20whstlblwr%200612.pdf.

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.

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, 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