November 19, 2012

Editor’s note: Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, items for the Nov. 26 Monday Briefing must be submitted by 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21. Happy Thanksgiving!

News

Campus closed to the public on Friday; building heat will be off
The Sacramento State campus will be closed to the public Friday, Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving. To save energy and money, and because most faculty and staff will be taking the day off, the heat in all campus buildings will be turned off. If you must work Nov. 23, arrangements can be made to heat your workspace by contacting Facilities Services Customer Service at fm-work1@csus.edu or 278-6242 by the close of business Tuesday, Nov. 20. Please provide the building and room number where you will be working.
Submitted by Facilities Services

This week’s One World Initiative events
Monday, Nov. 19: Grand opening of “Weha Lahulume (water for all): Ethiopia and Water From an Anthropological Perspective,” a special exhibit in support of Water Aid. The event will include an inauguration by Eskinder Tadesse (president, Sacramento Ethiopian Community Center) and remarks by Berhanu Zergaw (co-founder and president, Journey of Light); 3 p.m., Anthropology Museum, Mendocino Hall. The exhibit will be open noon-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday through Dec. 7.

Monday, Nov. 19: James Rae, associate professor in the Government Department, presents “Planting Flags on the Tide: The South China Sea as Containment Policy”; 4:30-7:20 p.m., Amador Hall 262.

To find out more about the One World Initiative or submit an event for our calendar, go to www.csus.edu/oneworld/index.html. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SacramentoStatesOneWorldInitiative.
Submitted by One World Initiative/Geology

Eatery hours for Thanksgiving week
University Enterprises Inc. (UEI) Dining Services has announced special Thanksgiving week hours for campus eateries. For specific information, see the items listed under News and Events at www.dining.csus.edu. For questions, please contact Nicole Johnson, Dining Services manager, at 278-6376.
Submitted by UEI Marketing Services

Open forums for UTAPS senior director candidates
The campus community is invited to attend open forums to meet the candidates for senior director of University Transportation and Parking Services (UTAPS):

- 10-11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, University Union, Hinde Auditorium – Gina Lombardo, director of administration, UTAPS.
• 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, University Union, Hinde Auditorium – Michael Biagi, director, Transportation and Parking Services, Cal Poly-Pomona.
• 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, Benicia Hall 1025 – Eric Cross, principal parking supervisor, UC Davis Medical Center.
• 1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, Benicia Hall 1025 – Perry Eggleston, director of Parking Services, Montclair State University.
• 10-11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, University Union, Hinde Auditorium – Tony Lucas, director of Business and Finance, Public Safety Services, Sacramento State.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Donaville at donavil@csus.edu.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Documentary on Mary’s Meals coming Nov. 20
A documentary film on the charity Mary’s Meals will be shown in the University Union, Redwood Room, at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20. The film highlights the work of Mary’s Meals around the globe and the difference just one meal every school day can make for children living in extreme poverty.

Admission is free, and some classes will give extra credit for attending. Free food and drinks are provided, and there will be a raffle and silent auction. Donations and more information on the charity will be available. Please join us for this amazing and moving film.

Submitted by the Communication Studies Department

Retirement reception for Nancy Fox
Please join the Division of Administration and Business Affairs from 3-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at the Alumni Center to celebrate Nancy Fox’s retirement after 36 years of service at Sacramento State. RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 21, to Veronica Liew at vliew@csus.edu.
If you would like to contribute toward a retirement gift for Nancy, please contact Abbi Stone by Wednesday, Nov. 21, at stonea@csus.edu.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

‘Wish Upon a Star’ gift drive at the University Union
The University Union is working toward making children’s wishes come true this holiday season through the “Wish Upon a Star” gift drive. Economic hardships have affected us all, and the spirit of giving is more important than ever. Come to the “Wish Upon a Star” display in the Union main lobby, choose a star, purchase the wish listed on the star and share the holiday gift with a child. Gifts benefit Sunburst Projects, serving children and families with HIV/AIDS.

The gift drive runs through Friday, Dec. 7. Unwrapped gifts should be delivered with the star wish to the University Union Services Office on the first floor between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
You also can help wrap donations from 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 7.

Submitted by the University Union

Sac Pack Drive
The Community Engagement Center will host its fall Sac Pack Drive from Monday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Dec. 14. Please donate new or gently used school and art supplies to benefit youths in need. Please encourage fellow faculty, staff and students to donate. Visit www.csus.edu/cec/sacpack/ for our donation wish list and more information. Donations can be dropped off at the Community Engagement Center, Library 4028, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center
**Spirit of Giving Drive**

Through Thursday, Jan. 31, the Community Engagement Center is accepting food and clothing donations through the Spirit of Giving Drive, benefiting the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. Or you can volunteer your time and help Sac State win the second annual SOG Volunteer Challenge. For more information, including donation drop-off locations and how to participate in the Volunteer Challenge, visit [www.csus.edu/cec/sog.stm](http://www.csus.edu/cec/sog.stm) or contact Kay Oghoghorie at kso28@saclink.csus.edu.

*Submitted by the Community Engagement Center*

**2012 California State Employees Food Drive**

This year’s California State Employees Food Drive at Sacramento State runs through Tuesday, Dec. 18. Please reach as deep as you can to help make the holidays and the new year a little better for the many children and families helped by your donations.

*Monetary donations and canned goods:* Your monetary donations go the farthest, as bulk food can be purchased at lower cost. Make checks payable to “California Emergency Foodlink” and mail them to Nancy Fox, department zip code 6076. Food collection boxes for canned goods will be placed in most department offices and information booths at campus entrances.

*Holiday events:* As you plan your department holiday events, please consider doing one or more of the following:

- Ask folks to bring canned or monetary donations to holiday parties, potlucks, luncheons and gatherings.
- Put out donation jars so people can drop in their change.
- Hold a silent auction with donated items.
- Ask folks to bring canned goods to campus events.
- Have a book or rummage sale.

For more information, go to [www.csus.edu/utaps](http://www.csus.edu/utaps). If you have questions, contact Nancy Fox, food drive coordinator, at foxna@csus.edu or 278-5241.

*Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services*

**Partnership to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities will seek input**

The Sacramento State/UC Davis Cancer Center Partnership to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities is looking to expand in 2013. A forum will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the University Union, Oak Room, to hear from faculty, staff and other campus members who have an interest in contributing time and/or expertise to the partnership’s goals.

For 2013, the partnership will focus on the following:

- Increasing public awareness of cancer health inequities and the impact on society.
- Exploring the impact of cultural/social determinants on health behavior and how to change unhealthy behaviors.
- Developing effective interventions and public policies to promote and support healthy behaviors and decision-making.
- Establishing effective community/University collaborations to improve health and reduce the incidence of cancer.

RSVP to research@csus.edu to reserve your seat and to receive more information.

*Submitted by the Office of Research Administration*
**CSU International Programs application deadline approaching**
The CSU International Programs (systemwide study-abroad programs) application deadline for student participation during the 2013-14 academic year is Saturday, Dec. 15. Faculty are asked to announce this deadline and encourage your students to look into this life-changing opportunity.

The CSU and Sac State study-abroad programs allow our students to earn resident credit while studying in another country. Students pay no international tuition fees to the university abroad, and those who normally receive financial aid can apply for aid to their studies abroad (except work study).

The Office of Global Education (Lassen Hall 2304, 278-6686) holds information sessions and individual advising appointments. Please refer students to the OGE to learn more and get started with an application. If you have the opportunity to show the following eight-minute video (*Breaking Barriers*) in your classes and/or insert the video location into a message sent to your students, please do so:

[www.calstate.edu/ip/breaking-barriers.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/ip/breaking-barriers.shtml)

Submitted by the Office of Global Education

**Entertainment Book sales support staff events**
The University Staff Assembly is selling Entertainment Books for 2012-13 as a fundraiser to support staff programs on campus, including the Winter Social, the Awards Luncheon and the Summer Picnic. The book costs $30. For more details, contact Angel Thayer at 278-7458 or Carolann Forseth at 278-6177.

Submitted by the University Staff Assembly

**Professional activities**
The latest professional activities are available at

[www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/11/ProfessionalActivities11-19-12.html](http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/11/ProfessionalActivities11-19-12.html)

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

**Faculty Senate schedules**
The Faculty Senate schedule for November is available at

[www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/20Dec. 10/FacultySenateNov2012.html](http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/20Dec. 10/FacultySenateNov2012.html)

The Faculty Senate schedule for December is available at

[www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/20Dec. 10/FacultySenateDec2012.html](http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/20Dec. 10/FacultySenateDec2012.html)

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

**Security quick tip**
You notice a USB drive on the sidewalk. The USB drive you’ve been using for work is full, and you haven’t gotten around to getting another one. Should you use this “free” drive to store files? No. Never attach a USB drive (also called a “flash drive,” “thumb drive” or “memory stick”) unless you are certain of its origin and contents.

It is possible for an attacker to attempt to access campus information systems by planting nefarious software – often referred to as malware – onto a USB drive in an attempt to have an authorized user activate the software. This is called “baiting.” Advanced baiting techniques include placing corporate logos or interesting titles on the media to encourage their use. For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find contact information on its website at [www.csus.edu/irt/is](http://www.csus.edu/irt/is).

Submitted by the Information Security Office
Human Resources

Retirement reception for Mary Ford
Please join us in a fond farewell to Human Resources Benefits Manager Mary Ford as she retires after more than 29 years at Sacramento State. A University-wide retirement reception will be held in her honor from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Terrace Suite of The WELL. We hope to see you there!

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:

Florence Jackson, UTAPS
Geetha Ramachandran, Math Department
Joseph Small, Reprographics