Job outlook very promising for winter graduates

For many students graduating from the University this holiday season, their most welcome gift may come in the form of a job offer. Like their counterparts nationwide, graduates participating in Winter Commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17 at Arco Arena, are entering the best job market since the dot-com days, says Marilyn Albert, director of the Sacramento State Career Center. “Students are getting more offers and they are getting them sooner,” Albert says. “Usually students have to wait a while but this year many are finding out before graduation.”

And the opportunities are across the board, even in areas such as technology which had seen slowdowns as of late. “We’re definitely on the upswing,” says Eva Gabbe of the center’s management recruitment program. Accounting students have been particularly sought after, Gabbe says, because of the rigorous demands of the accounting programs, which requires Sacramento State students to take 30 units of auditing coursework. “So they are more prepared when they get out than their contemporaries from schools that don’t demand the courses we have here,” she says.

Other employment sectors are showing strong demand too, particularly in areas relating to construction. Albert says the employers aren’t looking for people to do construction per se, but to fill the support functions that go with housing developments such as interior design or recreation and leisure. There has also been a resurgence in recruitment for students from all majors by the CIA and the FBI.

Albert says that employers are increasingly drawn to the campus because they are looking for students with work experience. Nearly 60 percent of students at Sacramento State participate in at least one internship before graduating, helping them gain the leadership skills, decision-making skills, organizational skills and language skills that come from experience in a work setting.

For students still on the job search, the Career Center provides walk-in counseling, access to job listings, and opportunities to meet with a career counselor for resume preparation assistance. And once they have graduated, services are still available for a fee to both Sacramento State grads and those who’ve attended other CSU campuses.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18
• 8:30 a.m., College of Health and Human Services
• 11:30 a.m., College of Business Administration
• 3 p.m., College of Arts and Letters
• 6 p.m., College of Engineering and Computer Science

For more information on commencement, call 278-4724 or visit www.csus.edu/commence.

Doctrinal program to address need for education leaders

Sacramento State is one of three Northern California universities launching a new doctrinal program to help meet the need for leadership in California’s schools and community colleges—especially those in the state’s northern region.

The program in educational leadership, geared to working professionals, is offered by Sacramento State, Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park and the University of California, Davis. It will lead to a Doctor of Education, or Ed.D., degree awarded jointly by the UC and CSU systems.

Information sessions will be held at Sacramento State Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Sonoma State Monday, Dec. 13, and at UC Davis in January.

The initiative comes as the state’s growing educational system is demanding more leaders and as fewer administrators have the advanced training to support them in addressing the complexities of today’s educational environment. “Managing and leading schools or community colleges in California is an increasingly more complex and challenging task,” says Harold Levine, dean of the UC Davis School of Education.

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KAZUE MASUYAMA, foreign languages, and ANDREA SHEA, Academic Technology and Computer Services, gave a presentation titled “Development, Integration, and Implementation of Technology: Successful Web-enhanced Japanese Language Courses” at the American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Languages Conference Meeting and Exposition, Nov. 19-21 in Chicago.


DOUG RICE, English, has published a theoretical essay titled “Delirious, Always Becoming” in the anthology Biting the Error: Writers on Narrative. STEPHEN KROLIK, economics, gave a talk to the Sacramento Economic Roundtable on Nov. 17 titled “Behavioral and Experimental Economics: Research Agenda and Potential Impacts.”

THOMAS HUTSON, communication studies, had an article published in the September 2004 Journal of Intercultural Research titled “Thai Cultural Values: Smiles and Sawadesdee as Implications for Communication Effectiveness.” He is also hosting six doctoral students from Kaseberg University in Sweden, during their six-week visit to Sacramento State to observe classes and conduct research.

DOUG ZUCKERMAN, communication studies, will present a paper titled “Politics as Usual” at the upcoming convention of the Western States Communication Association. The paper deals with the superficiality of faculty expressing political opinions in the classroom.

NANCY SHULOCK, public policy and administration, delivered a keynote address on accountability in higher education at the annual meeting of the Pacific Association for Institutional Research in Anaheim on Nov. 18.

PAULA MCNIEL-SHELDON, nautical and health science, and student graduate MEGAN TILTON, gave a talk at the Western States for the Physical Education of College Women in Wonder Valley Nov. 20.

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“We are suffering from a lack of statewide leadership on higher education,” says Timshel, whose mandate as the state’s top education official is to advocate for the “mission of education to guest lecture and teach courses in partnership with regular faculty members.”

She says major challenges for California include a growing college-age population, learning gaps at the K-12 level, a large number of adults without a college education, a poor system for transferring students from community colleges to four-year universities, and a lack of “culture of completion” at community colleges. California also lacks a standardized system, she says, as well as statewide goals and accountability for meeting them that would keep the focus on the needs of college and career.

For more information or a copy of the report contact the author at: 916-388-9481 or www.csus.edu/ch.

FRANK WILDTACH, commu-
Community service a hallmark for Covin

When an idealistic David Covin came to Sacramento State as a new professor in 1970, he was determined to use his college education to serve the community and the state. He and his wife moved into the Oak Park home they still live in, and he immediately got to work.

More than 30 years later, Covin, a government and ethnic studies professor and the most recent recipient of the Community Service Award from the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, remains heavily involved. And Sacramento has been inextricably marked by his efforts.

Covin's efforts in his early years in Sacramento involved working with community development and poverty programs in Del Paso Heights. He was involved with the University's Black Student Union, and among the students he mentored was Grantland Johnson, the future California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary.

In 1972, Covin was a founder of the Sacramento Area Black Caucus along with Bill Lee, the publisher of the Sacramento Observer. That group is credited with many accomplishments, including increasing the number of African Americans on local boards and commissions.

He would later work with countless community groups. Among them is the Women's Civic Improvement Club, which works to improve the lives of black people in Sacramento. He's been on that group's executive board since 1987.

"I came out of the black student and black power movement in graduate school," Covin said. "I wanted to continue that type of work after I graduated," Covin says. "Working with these community organizations is rewarding in many ways, and part of it is just the engagement with people. You get exposed to ideas and questions you would never have expected otherwise."

In her letter nominating Covin for the award, longtime friend and colleague Carole Pederson wrote: "Even if there was a faculty member at CSUS who is highly deserving of recognition for his unflagging service to his adopted community, it is he … Community involvement and commitment to other has not been a some-time thing in David Covin's life. It has been his life." In addition to his community service and activism, Covin is called upon often to share his academic and inspirational talks with gatherings of scholars, at countless community events and at local schools.

And in recent years, he has expanded his definition of "community" to the national and international levels. In 2003, he hosted a highly successful meeting of U.S. and Brazilian scholars at Sacramento State to talk about challenges facing black communities. The meeting led to multiple ongoing projects. In 2003, he helped organize the first of what has become the annual Congress of African Peoples, which is designed as a forum to discuss issues facing black communities and is affiliated with the National Black Political Convention.

Covin says that while it can be challenging for new faculty who are not yet tenured to pursue community service, he has seen a promising surge in interest.

"I would say that in the last four or five years, there has been much more," he says. "Many more new faculty are interested in getting directly involved with the community than I have seen in the last 20 or 25 years."  

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Details: 278-4786 or 278-4769, or visit www.csus.edu/osc.

LA NOCHE BUENA GALA

El Concilio, an umbrella organization of Chicano/Latino student organizations, will hold its 2nd La Noche Buena from 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Dec. 10, in the University Ballroom. Faculty and staff are invited.

Tickets are available through the CSUS Ticket Office for $25 per person. The dinner and program is 7 to 9 p.m., with the dancing follow.

Details: Gheza, 7308 hotmail.com or Rhonda Ross Kravitz at rrosskravitz@csus.edu.

RETABLES ON DISPLAY

A rare and varied collection of some of Mexico's most cherished works of art, miniature religious paintings known as retablos, will be on display in the University Library Gallery Dec. 1 through Feb. 18.

"Behind the Altar" features dozens of the small paintings of Catholic saints, and biblical and other religious scenes. The works all come from the collection of San Francisco gallery owner Paul Thiebaud, son of Sacramento artist and Sacramento State alum Wayne Thiebaud. The collected works show the evolution of retablo art, beginning with early colonial works on copper to folk masterpieces painted onto tin plates.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Details: 278-4189.
**KING REMEMBERED**

The kick-off event for the regional remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. will come to campus this year when the University hosts an inspirational breakfast event in honor of the famed civil rights leader from 6:30 a.m. to noon, Monday, Jan. 17, in the University Union Ballroom.

The event will include choir and solo musical performances, dramatic presentations and speakers along with a full breakfast buffet. Representatives from more than 40 area churches are expected to attend.

Also featured will be one of the earliest known recorded interviews with King, obtained by the late William D. Riles and donated this year by the Riles family to the University.

Sacramento State has been home to many events honoring the memory of King. In 2002, the University marked the 50th anniversary of King’s visit to campus on Oct. 16, 1967. The prayer breakfast, with its roots in the earliest years of the civil rights movement, is organized by Sacramento State’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities. Other area events include a march in Oak Park and an evening gospel concert of The Martin Luther King Jr. Workshop Mass Choir, a multi-denominational group, at Antioch Progressive Baptist Church.

Tickets for the breakfast are $20 and are available from the CSUS Ticket Office at 916-278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

For more information, contact Kim Harrington at 916-637-32.

**Space Science**

“Sacramento is the largest metropolitan center without a state-of-the-art planetarium and observatory that needs to change,” said Marion O’Leary, dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The Space Science Center will contain an observatory, planetarium, hands-on science exploration areas and laboratories for university students interested in astronomy research.

The Space Science Center will allow the University to expand on partnerships with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in hosting the Space Science Center and purchasing a wide range of equipment including solar and astronomical telescopes, observatory domes and high-volume lab servers. Part of the project will house the Center for Mathematics and Science Education that provides assistance to support and enhance the skills of more than 1,000 students in mathematics and science teachers annually. It also encourages the pursuit of teaching those subjects in K-12 schools by providing workshops, training sessions and other support, said O’Leary.

In issuing a news release, Congressman Robert Matsui (D-Sacramento) who supported the measure said, “Strong science and math education is essential to maintaining America’s place at the top of the world in research and exploration. Innovative approaches, like those offered at Sacramento State help students and experts alike realize the dream and potential of our generation. California is a leader in our nation’s space industry and the integrated Space Science Center will help keep our state on the cutting edge or research and development.”

Commencement, College of Engineering and Computer Science, 6 p.m., Arco Arena, parking $10. 916-278-4724. Doors open and candidates assemble at 5:30 p.m.

Athletics, Women’s basketball vs. Nevada, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym, $5 general/$3 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at 916-278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

**Friday, Dec. 17**

Commencement, College of Education, 1 p.m., Arco Arena, parking $10. 916-278-4724. Doors open and candidates assemble at 12:30 p.m.

Commencement, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, 3-30 p.m., Arco Arena, parking $10. 916-278-4724. Doors open and candidates assemble at 3 p.m.

Commencement, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, 6-30 p.m., Arco Arena, parking $10. 916-278-4724. Doors open and candidates assemble at 6 p.m.

Commencement, College of Health and Human Services, 8-30 a.m. Arco Arena, parking $10. 916-278-4724. Doors open and candidates assemble at 8 a.m.

Commencement, College of Business Administration, 11-30 a.m., Arco Arena, parking $10. 916-278-4724. Doors open and candidates assemble at 11 a.m.

Commencement, College of Arts and Letters, 1 p.m., Arco Arena, parking $10. 916-278-4724. Doors open and candidates assemble at 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 30**

Athletics, Men’s basketball vs. Utah Valley State, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym, $10 reserved/$7 general/$5 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at 916-278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

**Friday, Dec. 31**

Athletics, Women’s basketball vs. Great Falls, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym, $10 reserved/$7 general/$5 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at 916-278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

**Wednesday, Jan. 5**

Exhibit, “Collages,” Sacramento State graduate student Mark Morgan, third floor of University Library, call 916-278-6926 for library hours. Continues to Jan. 27.

**Saturday, Jan. 8**

Athletics, Women’s basketball vs. Wyoming, 2:05 p.m., Hornet Gym, $5 general/$3 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at 916-278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

**Thursday, Jan. 13**

Athletics, Men’s basketball vs. Idaho State, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym, $10 reserved/$7 general/$5 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at 916-278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

**Friday, Jan. 14**

Athletics, Women’s gymnastics vs. Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m., Hornet Gym, $5 general/$3 youth ages 2-17. Doors to ticket.