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## SA fills vacant positions

### Council appoints five of 15 applicants before April election

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At last, the Student Association has filled all of its seats, just in time for a new election.

Of all the candidates to have submitted applications, only five student representative positions could be filled. Christopher DuCray, Heather Kennedy, Ricky Guido, Charles Stevens and Sarah Crandall are the five to be appointed by the SA president Lou Martinson.

There were approximately 15 applicants and a wide variety of applicants, says Martinson. But he says he had a strong pool from which to choose.

"I'm happy with our new members on the council. It was difficult because there were a lot of applicants that had many skills and tal-

## Huerta urges all students to be activists

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"Si se puede! Si se puede!"

Students filling Raef Hall chanted while they stood to their feet applauding guest speaker, Dolores Huerta.

Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers Association with Cesar Chavez and women's rights activist, arrived with a smile on her face as she looked out to the crowd. Her words captivated the College Hour audience as they engaged to her every word.

During her presentation, she explained the roles society has blessed upon women. Women are taught to be nice, proper, and dainty.

"... and then Walt Disney comes along," said Huerta as the audience chuckled. "We raise our young women to be victims."

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— Dolores Huerta  
Co-Founder of United Farm Workers Association



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...nt to offer the council," said Martinson. "I encourage others to participate in other elections around the corner."

Guido had been a member of the SA for the last three semesters. The council had agreed Guido was a good selection for the position because he was always on time and ready to work.

David Fisher, Public Relations director of SA, says Guido has his support because Guido has shown dedication to the SA and has continued to do great things for this college, including holding a guide dog awareness College Hour.

Stevens is another candidate to have served

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In a survey, 1,000 men and 1,000 women were asked if they thought they had the confidence to get a high paying job. Of the men, 85 percent said yes, as opposed to only 30 percent of the women asked.

Huerta says society needs to get away from this "macho culture" because everything in this world comes from the body of a woman.

Women in California are still fighting for the right to choose [on abortion], says Huerta.

"I'm Catholic; I have 11 children, but not everyone wants 11 children," she said.

Political candidates bring up and use these issues, like abortion and affirmative action, to help them gain votes in elections. She told the audience after one proposition is defeated,

Women's rights activist Dolores Huerta spoke to students at College Hour on March 13 about the need for women's voices in the world.

another one comes up, and another.

American River College student Cynthia Genera who attended the College Hour says she is a fan of Huerta because of Huerta's devotion to fighting for women's rights.

"I really think she's phenomenal," said Genera. "She is dedicated her life for women's rights and taking a political stand. We're taught women should be heard not seen. We have to manifest ourselves. This has been an inspiration for me."

Women's voices are needed because they think differently, says Huerta.

## **CESAR CHAVEZ**

### **MARCH**

A march in honor of UFW co-founder Cesar Chavez.

#### **WHEN:**

Saturday, March 29th  
10:00 AM

#### **STARTS:**

Southside Park,  
5th and T streets

#### **ENDS:**

Cesar Chavez Park  
10th and J streets

# THE OBSCURE ORIGINS OF APRIL FOOLS' DAY FUN, GAMES

By Andrew Breese  
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Several years back a renowned history professor, Joseph Boskin from Boston University, explained the origins of April Fools' day as a result of jesters in Constantine's court (around 300 b.c.e.). The claim was that jesters told the Emperor they were more capable of running the kingdom than he was, so Constantine gave them one day, April 1, to take the helm.

With jesters in control the day was spent pulling pranks, telling jokes and achieving nothing but constant laughter and complete silliness. This became an annual tradition resulting in jokes and pranks being played all day throughout the land. This explanation, however, was itself an April Fools' Day prank Professor Boskin pulled.

Every year April has its first day, and every year many of us forget what this means: getting swept up into some

great prank or hoax. These usually give us fits of rage, followed by a big laugh. Taking part in this tradition is not only fun, especially for those creating the pranks, but it is also quite a historical tradition; one we should all be honored to take part in.

April Fools' day, also known as All Fools day, has some very ambiguous roots. With a day such as this, it is hard to tell what is fact or just another Fools day joke. There are however, some undeniable truths surrounding this day of fun.

For centuries, several cultures have celebrated the return of spring with festivals and tomfoolery. The Romans have a celebration known as Hilaria. Coming in March, this festival involves lots of joke telling and sending friends on Fools errands (sending someone out to a store or place that doesn't exist.)

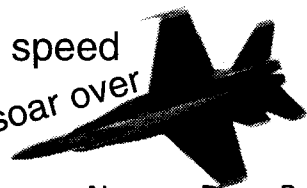
Hindu and Jewish cultures have similar springtime celebrations, revolving around jokes, hoaxes and pranks to

celebrate the new season. With the Vernal Equinox falling around the first of April, this time of year was the start of the New Year for centuries. All over the world springtime is a universal symbol of life and a time to celebrate through laughter and frivolity.

Worldwide, this time of year is used to pull a prank on just about anyone anywhere. From newspapers printing fake news stories to radio shows announcing free concerts with superstar artists, the first of April has become synonymous with clowning around.

Whatever the origins of this fun-loving day, one thing remains true; it is a right of passage into the new season of life: spring. April first reminds us all that we've made it through another winter, that our crops are growing, and that life goes on. Pick on some friends, play some jokes, maybe throw a costume party, just have fun; cause spring is here once again!

Faster than the speed  
of sound!  
Blue Angels soar over  
Sactown!



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Sexy Jason Statham, Saffron  
Burrows can't save bland  
heist flick, 'The Bank Job'

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city's famous Blue Angel nightclub in the New Yorker Magazine," reads the site.

The Blue Angels officially performed in town at the California Capital Air Show at Mather Airport on March 15 and 16. They used the two days before as practice days to become acquainted with landmarks and work on their routine.

Ernie Christensen, a retired rear admiral and former Vietnam fighter pilot who once flew with the Blue Angels, explains the importance of practice.

"When you are working at high speeds, close to the ground and in close proximity to other aircraft, the environment is extremely unfor-

giving. That is the reason they practice so many thousands of times," says Christensen.

Practice is essential as the F/A-18 Hornets can reach speeds around 1,400 mph, which is almost twice the speed of sound. The pilots have to be extremely careful at these speeds to ensure their own safety, the safety of their fellow pilots and the safety of any spectators.

For those who are interested in becoming a part of the Blue Angels, there are certain qualifications needed to apply for this elite group. Pilots must be

active duty Navy or Marine Corps tactical jet pilots, carrier-qualified and have a minimum of 1,250 flight hours. Since there are only six pilots, the positions are extremely limited.

Students who were unable to attend the most recent air show will get another chance this coming October when the Blue Angels make a return to California. The air show will be held Oct. 11 and 12 in San Francisco. To find out more information about the Blue Angels and their upcoming air shows, visit [www.blueangels.navy.mil](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil).

# SA: Five new councilmembers grace chambers

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on the council. He has served on three committees this semester including the Governance, Legislative Affairs and Public Relations committees. Even though he is taking 11 units, he says the student representative position won't be too much to handle because he is already doing the work for the SA anyway.

"It's a privilege to serve," said Stevens.

DuCray announced he is passionate about politics and loves working in groups. He says even though he is taking on 16 units, he feels it won't get in the way of doing "such a good job that it will be impossible for anyone to fill my shoes."

Kennedy worked on the activities committee with DuCray. She was involved with leadership in high school.

"My goals . . . are to create a sense of school spirit and provide the students . . . with activities they find enjoyable," she said on her application.

Crandall is interested in finance. Her job revolves around her keeping track of the budget. She says her goals are to learn more about the SA and each position.

"You can't do anything unless you're apart of it," she said.

## Student Association (S.A.) General Elections 2008-2009

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Director of Finance
- Director of Activities
- Director of Public Relations
- Director of Legislative Affairs
- 10 Representative positions

### The following Student Association offices are vacant:

#### Qualifications for Office

1. Be a student at American River College when applying for candidacy and through out the term of office.
2. Be enrolled in at least 5 units (candidates for President must have completed 12 units and served on council at least one semester)
3. Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 when applying for candidacy and for the term of office. You cannot serve if on academic probation.

### Steps to becoming a candidate: Fill the following forms by April 8th, 2008

- Statement of Understanding for Candidacy
- Alcohol/Illegal Substances form
- Council Position Application and Questionnaire
- Signature petition signed by 50 currently enrolled students

#### Qualifications for Office

1. attend every meeting, unless excused by the SA President or Advisor
2. must have consistant attendance at at least one standing committee
3. required to attend at least one higher body meeting
4. must participate in completion of at least one major project during their term