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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, September 7, 2001

Coddington Designated as MOUS Testing Center

SRJC's Center at Coddington has been designated an official M-O-U-S (Microsoft Office User Specialist) testing center.

The Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS) program is the only comprehensive certification program designed to validate desktop computer skills using Microsoft Office applications. MOUS proves computer literacy, measures proficiency, improves productivity and identifies opportunities for skills enhancement.

"Adding MOUS proficiencies to your resume verifies your expertise," explained Carole Bennett, Business Office Technology instructor and coordinator of SRJC's Center at Coddington.

There are seven tests given at SRJC's Center at Coddington. The MOUS program offers two levels of certification in Word and Excel (the "core" and "expert" levels), and one level of certification in PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook. To become a MOUS Master 2000, a person must be certified at the highest level for all five applications. Each test costs \$50.

SRJC's Center at Coddington offers a self-paced class called "MOUS practice" (BOT 170.2) which allows students to take simulated MOUS exams. Individual short courses in each application are also offered at SRJC's Center at Coddington. To pass the exams, individuals should score at least at the 90% level in the practice exams.

For more information about the MOUS program, go to SRJC's website: <http://online.santarosa.edu/presentation/?1019>

Applications to Teach Abroad Due Sept. 14

The deadline to apply to teach in SRJC's Summer 2002 Madrid, Fall 2002 London, and Spring 2003 Florence study-abroad programs is Friday, September 14.

Applications are available by calling the office of the Dean of Instruction, Educational Programs and Services, (707) 527-4441.

Faculty from all disciplines are invited to apply for the Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 programs, however, the emphasis of the curriculum must have breadth of student appeal. Faculty interested in teaching in the Summer 2002 program in Madrid must be able to teach a wide range of transferable Spanish courses (Spanish 1, 2 and 3, and conversational Spanish).

The principal role of the semester abroad faculty is to teach; however, a considerable amount of time must be spent prior to departure assisting with program promotion and student orientation. Faculty also serve as advisors to students during the program.

While the Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 programs are full semesters abroad, the Summer 2002 program in Madrid is only six weeks long. Faculty teaching in the summer program will teach one four unit Spanish class and one Spanish life and culture class.

SRJC's study abroad program is offered in cooperation with other community colleges and with the American Institute for Foreign Study.

Bear Cub Trust Golf Tourney Set for Sept. 24

The seventh annual Bear Cub Athletic Trust Golf Tournament will be held Monday, September 24, at the Windsor Golf Club.

Registration fee is \$135 per person which includes a round of golf, a cart, range balls, tee prizes, lunch and dinner. Cost of the dinner only is \$35 per person. The tournament will be set up as a four-person scramble.

For more information, contact Ron Myers, ext. 4389, Lenny Wagner, ext. 4393, or the SRJC Foundation, ext. 4348.

SRJC Hires New Director of Institutional Research

KC Boatsman, interim research analyst for SRJC, has been selected as the college's new Director of Institutional Research, effective September 6. She replaces Baba Adam who left in June.

A native Californian, Boatsman has a B.A. in history and Spanish from UC Berkeley, two master's degrees, one in history from UC San Diego and one in education from UCLA, and a Ph.D. in higher education and organizational change from UCLA. She and her husband and their two children make their home in Petaluma.

Prior to joining the staff at SRJC, Boatsman conducted research for the Stanford Institute for Higher Education, the California Community Colleges, and the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA. She has been a partner in the firm Educational Consulting and Evaluation as well as a past Associate with Educational Evaluation Associates.

SRJC Hosts "Transfer Day/College Night"

Representatives from 50 colleges and universities will meet with prospective transfer students and high school students at Santa Rosa Junior College on Thursday, September 13, as part of the college's annual "Transfer Day/College Night."

Transfer students will meet with the representatives from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Coop Patio area near the Doyle Student Center on SRJC's Santa Rosa campus. In case of inclement weather, the event will move inside the Doyle Center. High school students who are considering attending SRJC and then transferring to a four year college may meet with the representatives from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. the same day.

College representatives will provide information about admission requirements, academic programs, fees, housing, scholarships and financial aid for the University of California, the California State University, and private and out-of-state schools. For more information, contact SRJC's Transfer Center at 527-4874.

Photographer & Journalist David Bacon Presents Slide/Lecture Sept. 12

Noted photographer, journalist, and union organizer David Bacon will present a free slide/lecture entitled "Every Worker is an Organizer: Farm Labor and the Resurgence of the United Farm Workers," Wednesday, September 12, at 12:15 p.m. in Newman Auditorium, Emeritus Hall on SRJC's Santa Rosa campus. The lecture is sponsored by the college's Arts and Lectures Committee.

Bacon's photos chronicle the state of farm labor and the United Farm Workers Union as it exists today in California. They provide an intimate look at field labor capturing the working lives of the people, from strawberry pickers bent doubled-over in the fields, to the extreme youth of today's farm workers, where the average age has fallen to 20. His work was most recently exhibited at the Oakland Museum.

As a senior at Berkeley High School in 1965, Bacon was the youngest person arrested in the Free Speech Movement protests on the U.C. Berkeley campus. He spent 20 years as a factory worker and union organizer, including several years as an organizer for the United Farm Workers. Since the mid-1980s he has worked full time as a journalist and photographer, documenting farm labor, immigration and the impact of the global economy on workers. His work can be seen on his web site www.igc.org/dbacon

Art Exhibits Open Next Week

Santa Rosa Campus

Photographs by nine local photojournalists featuring the drama and beauty of Sonoma County will be exhibited in the show, "Our Own Backyard," which opens Thursday, September 13, at Santa Rosa Junior College's Art Gallery. A public reception to meet the photographers will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the gallery, which is located in Bussman Hall on the college's Santa Rosa campus.

Regular gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. The exhibit closes Friday, October 19.

Petaluma Campus

Paintings, prints, photographs, and three-dimensional work by art instructors at the Petaluma campus will be on display during the Faculty Art Show which opens Monday, September 10 at the campus' Mahoney Library. A public reception to meet the artists will be held Thursday, September 13, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Mahoney Library is open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. The exhibit closes Friday, September 28.

We Tip Our Hats

Jennifer Mann, Staff Development Coordinator, has been selected as the Western Regional Vice President for the National Council for Staff, Program and Organizational Development.

Cyndi Reese and Barbara Heiman, Computer & Information Sciences Department instructors, attended a three day training session this week at Caxton in San Francisco on Acrobat and Advanced Acrobat software.

Congratulations to **Pattie Myers and Karen Roche**, instructors in the College Skills Department, who received their master's degrees in Education from Sonoma State University this past May. Patti's thesis focused on emotional intelligence and education and was entitled, "Emotional Intelligence and Academic Success For Underprepared Students in a Community College Reading and Writing Course Using Constructivist Principles." Karen's thesis was a curriculum project—an experimental structure with extensive online components and extensive documentation.



Baby News

Congratulations to **Kory Sessions-Risely**, Administrative Assistant III, Plover Library, and her husband **Chris Risely**, who are proud first-time parents of a baby boy. **Madoc Christopher Risely** was born Wednesday, August 15. He weighed seven pounds, five ounces, and was twenty-one inches long.

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