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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, October 5, 2001

SRJC Hosts Speech & Debate Tournament

SRJC's Communication Studies Department will host its annual Speech and Debate Tournament this weekend on the Santa Rosa campus. Events begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and will continue through October 7. Admission is free and the college community is invited to attend.

The tournament will attract participants from 20-30 colleges in California, Oregon and Nevada. For more information, contact Mark Nelson, tournament director, ext. 4217.

SRJC's Forensics Team took third place at the recent Raisin Center Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament held at Fresno State University. SRJC's Erin Dohert and Collin McDonald defeated UC Berkeley in the novice division final round by a score of 3-0, placing first in parliamentary debate. Doherty also received an award for her informative speech about robotics.

In junior division parliamentary debate, Susan Thompson and Steve Bowen

placed fourth, and in open division debate Dave
Hamilton and Brennain Garber placed fifth. (Open
division is normally reserved for those students in
their third and fourth years of competition; however,
Garber and Hamilton are already expert enough to
compete in the higher division even though they're
just beginning their second year.) Hamilton also
received a third place award in impromptu speaking.

Marina Whitchurch placed fourth in open poetry interpretation, reading poems written by Pablo Naruda, as well as poetry from other authors. Christopher Chrystal took home first place in junior division informative speaking with his speech about electronic-pulse technology. Hamilton, McDonald, and Doherty also placed in the top ten in their parliamentary debate divisions for garnering the most "speaker points." Speaker points are given for one's ability in delivery, evidence usage, argumentation skills, humor, and cross-examination skills.

Final Fall Orientation for Student Employees Set for Oct. 12

The final student employee orientation session for fall will be held Friday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Santa Rosa campus.

Reservations for the training session should be made no later than Monday, October 8. To reserve a spot for your student(s), please send an email to spapa@santarosa.edu or fax to 524-1712. Include the student's name, department, and supervisor's name.

Topics to be covered include customer service, diversity awareness, and the role of the student employee. Each session includes a campus tour. Training is recommended for all student employees, and is required for those employed within Student Services. The focus of training is on problem solving, professionalism, and acquiring skills for working with the public.

Confirmation letters with the location of the training will be sent to each supervisor. For further information, contact Suzanne Papa, 527-4690.

Shone Farm Plans Open House on Oct. 13

The organic garden at SRJC's Shone Farm is having a fall open house, Saturday, October 13, from 10 am to 2 pm. Several varieties of pumpkins will be available for "u-pick", plus winter squash, garlic braids, ornamental gourds, red and gold sweet peppers, chiles and more.

Garden staff will be on hand for tours and to answer questions, and refreshments will be provided by SRJC's Culinary Arts program.

To get to Shone Farm, take the River Road exit off of Highway 101 and travel west about six miles to Trenton-Healdsburg Road. Make a right at Trenton-Healdsburg Road and go about one and a half miles to Eastside Road. Make a left on Eastside and then an immediate right at the entrance to the farm. Park near the greenhouse.

For more information, call Shone Farm, 887-0740.

Deadline is Oct. 12 to Purchase Computer Through Employee Program

Faculty and staff who qualify have only until October 12 to sign up for the Employee Computer Program. The program enables faculty and staff to purchase personal computers at district prices and make payments through payroll deduction. Information about the systems available for purchase can be found at the following website:

http://www.santarosa.edu/compserv/staffbuy

If you have questions about what computer is best for you, feel free to contact Rich Abrahams (x4492), Ken Fiori (x4428) or John Hemenway (x4748).

Library Offers Free Database Access

As a complement to its usual offering of electronic information databases, the SRJC Library once again has temporary free access to an additional selection of online databases. These database trials are available to any currently employed SRJC faculty or staff member and to any currently enrolled SRJC student. Access will end in October or November, depending on the database. Databases currently included are:

- AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive: Hundreds of thousands of photos, charts, graphs, tables, maps and sound files which may be used for SRJC class handouts and presentations and for SRJC student papers. Contents drawn from the archives of AccuWeather and the Associated Press. (Please read list of permitted uses.)
- American National Biography: Profiles of nearly 18,000 men and women, from all eras and all walks of American life, who have influenced and shaped American history and culture. (The print version of this reference tool is 24 volumes in length.)
- History Resource Center: A comprehensive collection of resources useful for
 the study of American and modern world history. Includes many firstperson accounts and other primary source documents as well as
 encyclopedic articles, country and era overview information, biographies,
 full-text periodical and journal articles, scholarly debate, maps, statistics
 and images.
- LION (Literature Online) Select: Resources for the study of American and English language literature. Offers author biographies, critical reviews, literary dictionaries, and the full text of 200,000 poems, plays, novels and essays. Also provides links to over 1,000 hand-selected literary websites.
- NewsBank: A collection of databases offering access to global news, business and science news, news in Spanish, statistical data, and UN documents.
- **Oxford English Dictionary:** The accepted authority on the evolution of the English language over the last millennium. Traces changes in word meaning from the first time a word appeared printed in the English language. (A 20-volume set in the print version.)
- **NetLibrary:** Offers access to a trial collection of 3,000 electronic books on a wide range of topics. Books are full-text and may be browsed online.

These database trials can be reached from the Library's electronic databases web page at: **www.santarosa.edu/library/ftdb/** (Click "Trials & Demos.")

To obtain IDs and passwords for each database, present your current SRJC ID at either of the SRJC library reference desks. Note: PLEASE help us honor our legal agreements with these database publishers by not sharing login IDs and passwords with people who are not currently (i.e. this semester) employed by or attending Santa Rosa Junior College.

Eileen Cichocki Honored at October Board Meeting

Eileen Cichocki, Budget Technician, will be honored as the Employee of the Month at the Tuesday, October 9, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The October meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in the Pedroncelli Center on SRJC's Santa Rosa campus. Please stop by and join the Board in honoring Eileen.

Booth Space on Sale Now for October Flea Market

Booth spaces are now on sale for a community-wide flea market being held Sunday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bailey Field parking at SRJC's Santa Rosa campus. The event is sponsored by the college's Campus Activities Board. Booths are \$14 per space if purchased in advance or \$18 per space on the day of the sale (if space is available). Vendors may purchase spaces at the college's Student Affairs Office, located in Pioneer Hall on the Santa Rosa campus. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds from the flea market will be used for student activities at SRJC. For more information, call SRJC's Student Affairs Office, (707) 527-4424.



Congratulations to **Walter Chesbro**, Computer & Information Sciences instructor, and Rebeca Trevino, on their marriage, Friday, September 14th. Rebeca is Director of Human Resources at Franciscan Estates Winery in St. Helena.

As a response to the September 11 attack on New York City, **Ruben Ochoa**, custodian at SRJC's Petaluma campus, instigated and coordinated a fundraising drive for the American Red Cross World Trade Center Disaster Relief Fund. SRJC faculty, staff and students donated \$1600 for the relief effort.

Community College Foundation Makes Software Available to Students

SRJC students now may purchase Microsoft's Office XP Pro at a reduced price, due to an agreement between Microsoft and the California Community College Foundation.

Eight thousand sets of Office XP Pro are available to students at the 104 colleges covered by the Foundation's Microsoft Campus Agreement. Students may purchase the software package for \$99 which is half of the normal academic price and one-sixth of the regular store price. Students can order online at

www.CAstudentbuys.org, the special website for this offer.

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