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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, January 25, 2002

Classified Recognition Week Declared April 15-19

At its December meeting, the Board of Trustees declared April 15-19, 2002, Classified Recognition Week. The special events will be held "to recognize and honor classified employees for their outstanding service to Santa Rosa Junior College." Planning is already underway by the Classified Senate for the following events for Classified Recognition Week:

Tuesday, April 16 – A morning reception will be held for all Classified Staff in the Oak Room, Doyle Student Center, from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. and will be co-hosted by the Classified Senate, Dr. Agrella and members of the Board of Trustees.

Thursday, April 18 – An annual Recognition and Awards dinner will be held in the Staff Lounge, Doyle Student Center, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Classified Senate encourages all departments in the District to do something special to honor Classified Staff during the week of recognition. Additional events are being planned by the Classified Senate and announcements will be forthcoming.

Hall of Fame Dinner Set for March 23

Seven former athletes, a retired coach, and members of SRJC's championship 1952 baseball team will be inducted into Santa Rosa Junior College's Hall of Fame on March 23. The Seventh Annual Hall of Fame Dinner will take place at the Double Tree Hotel in Robert Park.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees include: Earl Singleton (1930s- football, basketball, track, swimming), Myrel Moore (1950s- football, track), Jim Gray (1960s- football, basketball), Maryjane Rizzitello (1970s- volleyball, basketball, softball), Dennis DeSoto (1980s- football, track), Ilsa Bertolini (1990s- soccer, basketball), coach Pat Ryan (1968-1992, cross country, track) and members of the 1952 state champion baseball team.

The evening will begin with a no host bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Menu choices include beef, salmon or pasta. Tickets to the event are \$55. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and must be made by March 11. Checks should be payable to the SRJC Bear Cub Athletic Trust. Call Ronda Eisenhauer at ext. 4348 for more information.

Free Lecture/Demonstration of Tibetan Thangka Painting at Petaluma Campus February 6

Tibetan thangka artist Ang Tsherin will present a free lecture/demonstration of thangka art, Wednesday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mahoney Library on the Petaluma campus.

Tibetan thangka art is founded in the complex symbolism and philosophical beliefs of Vajrayana Buddhism and has a rich tradition that has been developed over several centuries. To achieve an accurate appreciation of the symbolism, it is necessary to have an in-depth understanding of the meaning of even the tiniest detail.

Tsherin is a native of Kathmandu, Nepal. He studied with his father Urgen Dorje, a renowned master thangka painter whose career as an artist spanned 40 years. Many of Tsherin's pieces have been commissioned by Buddhist practitioners and art collectors in Asia, Europe, and North America.

The presentation is sponsored by SRJC's Arts and Lectures Committee. For more information, contact SRJC's Community Education Office, (707) 527-4372.



Some Facts From Institutional Research

SRJC's Office of Institutional Research offers our campus a host of interesting and helpful facts about our students, which *The Insider* will regularly spotlight. According to Institutional Research, the California Department of Education recently reported that in the 2000-2001 school year, 27 percent of kindergarten students enrolled in Sonoma County Public Schools were "English Language Learners," or students whose native language is not English. In addition, 22.7 percent of K-12 Sonoma County Public School students qualified for free or reduced priced meals.

Institutional Research notes that in a recent survey of approximately 10 percent of the credit student population at SRJC (in spring 2001), 89.3 percent of the respondents indicated that they have a computer in their home. In addition, nearly 90 percent have Internet access either from home, campus, or another source; nearly 83 percent have a personal e-mail account; and 81 percent had accessed SRJC's website at least once in the six months prior to taking the survey.

The survey also points out that 15.5 percent of respondents identified that English is *not* their primary language. In fact, 36 different languages were listed by students as their primary languages other than English. Of the students who indicated that English is not their primary language, the most common primary languages listed were Spanish at 59 percent, followed by Mandarin at 6.2 percent, Vietnamese at 3.8 percent, Japanese at 3.2 percent, and Portuguese at 3.0 percent.

For more interesting information, contact the Office of Institutional Research on ext. 7944.

Photographs By Jane Baron Trek To The Inner Dolpo

An exhibit of photographs of the inner Dolpo, a remote area of Nepal on the Tibetan plateau, by local photographer Jane Baron, will open Monday, February 4, at the Mahoney Library on the SRJC's Petaluma campus. The exhibit will continue through February 28, admission is free; however, a \$2 permit is required to park on campus. A reception is scheduled on Wednesday, February 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to meet the artist.

The Mahoney Library is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Dolpo, a pristine land inhabited by some of Asia's most culturally intact Buddhists, was opened to trekking in 1990. The series of Baron's photographs captures moments from this challenging and breathtaking trip through a dramatic, austere landscape with a culture that could be described as contemporary medieval.

The exhibit is sponsored by SRJC's Arts and Lectures Committee and the Friends of the Petaluma Campus. For information, call the Mahoney Library at 778-3974.

Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Mother Presented

"History Comes Alive with Alberta Williams King: A Mother's Story," a one-woman theatrical presentation about the mother of Martin Luther King, Jr., will be presented Monday, February 4, at 12:15 p.m. in Newman Auditorium. Admission is free.

Performer Voris Brumfield uses documented texts to intertwine King's family history with events of the day, combining history, humor, and inspiration to bring to life Martin Luther King's mother, Alberta Williams King.

Brumfield has a degree in theatre from the University of Denver and was an instructor for eight years for the Yuba Community College District.

The presentation is co-sponsored by the college's Arts and Lectures Committee and the Multicultural Events Committee. For more information, contact SRJC's Community Education Office, 527-4372.

SRJC – A Drug-Free Workplace

The use of illicit drugs and alcohol disrupts classes and the work environment, compromises physical and mental health, subjects an individual to criminal penalties, and compromises the quality of the educational services we provide to our community. Therefore, SRJC policies, procedures, and labor agreements all acknowledge the importance of an educational environment free of drugs and other performance inhibiting substances. The following policy applies to SRJC employees:

"District Policy 4.11.2 prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance while on Sonoma County Junior College property or being under the influence of a controlled substance while engaged in activities endorsed, sponsored, or supported by the District."

Employees in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment and referral for prosecution. Disciplinary action may include completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program. Federal law requires an employee convicted of a drug violation to notify the District in writing within five days of such conviction. Student Health Services can provide information about the health risks from using controlled substances. The District has also arranged with Family and Community Counseling Services (545-4551) to provide information and assistance with alcohol and drug related problems through the District-sponsored Employee Assistance Program. Call Marie Thompson at ext. 4303 with questions.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to former Board of Trustee member, Al Maggini and his family at the loss of his wife of 62 years, Helen Maggini, who died on January 21. She was 86.

Originally from Oakland, Helen had lived in Sonoma County since 1950.

She volunteered at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital for many years, and was one of the founding members of Catholic Charities of Sonoma County.

A memorial mass will be held at 4:00 p.m. on January 29 at Star of the Valley Church in Oakmont.

Memorial donations may be made to the Helen and Albert Maggini Scholarship Fund, through the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation, the Hanna Boys Center, or Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital.

We Tip Our Hats

Joe Gerber, retired SRJC psychology instructor, and his wife, Ginny Lancaster, who taught art at Napa College, will be showing their watercolor, acrylic, and sumi-e paintings at the Rochioli Winery at 6192 Westside Road in Healdsburg through February 27. Joe is currently teaching painting classes at Riley Street, an art supply store in Santa Rosa.

Bookstore Has Movie Tickets and Bagels!

To welcome you to the Spring Semester 2002, the Bookstore has movie tickets for the Roxy, Rohnert Park and Airport Theatres for \$5.50 each. In addition, pizza bagels are delivered fresh to the Bookstore every morning for only 99 cents each. A variety of other fresh baked goods are also available from only \$1.00 to \$1.39 – muffins, brownies, cookies – all delivered by Jean of Flour Creations twice a week. (You may have seen Jean's products at the Farmers Market.) The Bookstore also has milk, yogurt, and a wide assortment of healthy snack foods

No Emergency Funds Available From Reentry Services

Funds for books are no longer available through Reentry Services. Many students received misinformation that they can receive help to buy books or materials from Reentry. However, the Emergency Grant that once offered assistance has not been available since spring 2001. Reentry Services requests that staff is made aware of this so that students are clear as to the lack of such assistance.

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