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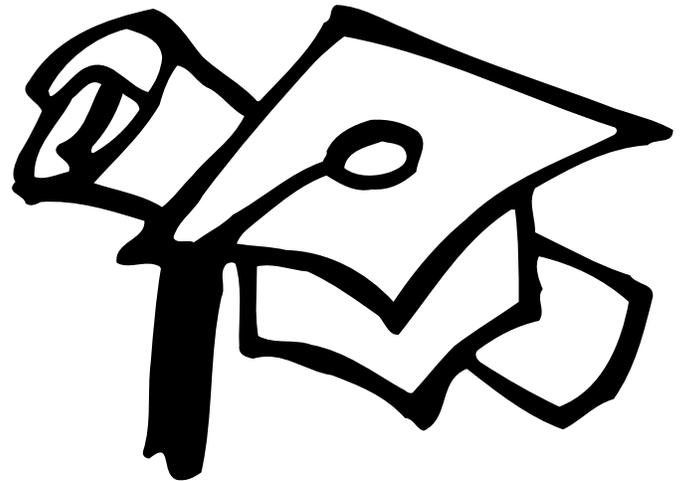
VOTERS APPROVE BOND!

Campus Celebrates March 5 Bond Passage!

On March 5, 2002, SRJC's first bond measure since 1938 was passed by voters with a 67 percent margin. The entire college community can celebrate a victory that was made possible by the outstanding support and hard work of the SRJC Board, Foundation, faculty, students, staff, administration, and many other community groups and individuals.

The passage of the bond will help the college accommodate recent and future enrollment growth by using \$250 million bond funding to renovate aging facilities, construct new buildings, install more energy efficient heating and cooling systems, expand parking, build out the Petaluma campus, among other efforts. A detailed project list is available for review in the President's Office. An independent Citizen's Oversight Committee will review all bond-related expenditures in the years ahead.

Congratulations to the entire college community for this success! Your hard work and team spirit has ensured that many essential improvements to SRJC will now be initiated to benefit our students today and in the future.



Spring 2002 Planetarium Show

From March 8 through April 14, SRJC's Planetarium will present "Star Stories," a show that explores the evolution of sun-like stars, including star-forming regions, the stellar life cycle, binary stars, and galaxies. The Greeks, Romans, Babylonians, and other early cultures told stories of the stars and grouped them into a variety of patterns called constellations, which derived their names

Star Stories

from heroes, monsters, and other mythical characters. But new

stories of the stars are still being constructed today by astronomers as they discover the true nature of these most distant objects.

Showtimes: Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. Admission: \$4 General, \$2 Student and Seniors. Tickets are only sold at the door 30 minutes before showtime. No children under five admitted. Call ext. 4372 or 4465 for more information.

Classical Guitarist

Craig Einhorn

will perform

17th through 20th century music

March 9 at 8:00 p.m.

*in Newman Auditorium,
on the Santa Rosa campus.*

*Sponsored by SRJC's Music Department,
the program includes music by Bach,
Tárrega, and Chet Atkins,
as well as traditional Brazilian music.*

*Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.
Call Richard Prenkert
at 829-6719 for more information.*

Screening for Tay-Sachs Disease Available

Student Health Services encourages students to take advantage of free screening for Tay-Sachs Disease on March 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and March 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 and from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The screening will be held in SRJC's Student Lounge in the Doyle Student Center on the Santa Rosa campus. No appointment is necessary and the test only takes five minutes, requiring taking a small amount of blood from a finger or vein.

While the disease is not well known, it is a potentially fatal genetic disorder in children. Tay-Sachs can be passed on to offspring by two healthy individuals who may both carry the gene. Most couples have no history of the disease, so testing is the only way to discover if you are a carrier. Children who have the disease appear normal at birth, but begin to show symptoms of Tay-Sachs at approximately six months, including the loss of motor skills, seizures, and progressive unresponsiveness. Descendants of Central and Eastern European Jews primarily are affected, although members of any group may inherit the disease. Call ext. 4445 for further information.

Yoga for Staff and Students!

Yoga classes are offered by Dr. Rob Neiss every Thursday from 4:40 to 6:00 p.m. in 958 Tauzer Gymnasium. Drop-ins are welcome, all levels will benefit, and participants should wear loose-fitting clothing to allow ease of movement. According to Rob, yoga isn't merely about increasing flexibility, strength and immune functions, but also offers ways to turn stress into greater energy for work and play and enhances the development of poise and presence. Call ext. 1781 for more information.

Letter of Appreciation

"I want to express my deepest thanks to all of my kind and giving friends during my recent medical leave. I did not know what amazing cooks you all are. I did know, however, what generous and thoughtful people you are. Thank you for the glorious flowers, the interesting books and the lovely personal gifts that you sent. Most of all, thank you for your time and interest. I enjoyed each and every visit and conversation. I am not surprised at how wonderful you all are, because it is just like you."

Barbara Kammeyer-Boutwell, SRJC Information Desk/Mailroom

Sympathy

Margaret Beck

Our deepest sympathy goes out to family and friends of Margaret Beck, who died on March 4. From 1971 to 1989, Margaret worked as an instructor, accompanist and department secretary in SRJC's Music Department. Margaret was a graduate of New Mexico State University, where she also began her teaching career.

She and her husband, Chester Beck, who was Dean of Students at SRJC, were an integral part of the music community in Santa Rosa. Margaret was a founding board member for Sonoma County Community Concerts.

She is survived by daughter Kathy McMahon, brother Lawrence Davis, grandson John Scott Winslow, his wife, Bonnie, great-grandson Austin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her first husband, Seymour Winslow, who died in World War II, her son, Richard Winslow, and her second husband, Chester Beck.

A visitation is scheduled at Daniels Chapel of the Roses in Santa Rosa on Sunday, March 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be on Monday, March 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Church of the Incarnation in Santa Rosa.

The family requests that memorial donations be sent to either the Sonoma County Chorus Beck Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the SRJC Foundation; Cottey Junior College at 1000 West Austin Blvd, in the town of Nevada, Missouri 64772; or to the Diabetes Society of Sonoma County at 277 Cleveland Ave., #101, Santa Rosa, 95403.

We Tip Our Hats

Dr. J. Davis Mannino, Chair-elect of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and psychology professor, was recently appointed by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences as Commissioner of Exams for Marriage and Family Therapist candidates. The appointment is for three years.

Adjunct faculty members **Janis Wilson** and **Tom Segal** recently wrote and directed a light-hearted Broadway style comical cabaret, Amor-eh!. Opening on February 14 and continuing through March. Amor-eh is performed Friday and Saturday nights at the Sonoma Coast Villa Inn, 16702 Highway One in Bodega. Showtime is at 8:00 p.m. Call toll free 888-404-2255 for information. Amor-eh!

Adjunct Theatre Arts faculty member **John Shillington** recently published *Grappling With Atrocity*, Guatemalan Theatre in the 1990s (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press). John directs the Young Actors Conservatory at Sonoma Repertory Theatre.

Caroline Mercer, Manager of Career Development Services, was selected as a member of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Statewide Advisory Committee for Career Development.

SRJC music instructor, **Meryl Wamhoff**, was elected President of the California Band Directors Association last month. He also received the CBDA Distinguished Service Award at the same time. Wamhoff teaches SRJC's symphonic band, jazz band and wind ensembles classes.

Congratulations!

Jeff and Eileen Cichocki

announce the arrival of Claire Marie Cichocki on February 27. Born at 8:27 a.m. The baby weighed in at 9 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 22"

long. Everyone in the family is doing wonderfully, including Claire's big sister, Sophie.



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