



# insider

Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, June 13, 2002

## Safe Eclipse Viewing a Success

Approximately 100 SRJC students, staff and faculty gathered to safely view the June 10 partial solar eclipse on the Santa Rosa campus. SRJC Planetarium Specialist Ed Megill and Merlin Combs from the Sonoma County Astronomical Society set up solar telescopes to allow indirect viewing of the eclipse. Viewing was especially good after 5:00 p.m. when the eclipse reached maximum coverage of 65 percent at about 6:15 p.m. and ended half past 7:00 p.m. Viewing was set up along Planetarium Way between Lark Hall and the Bech parking lot with instruments specifically designed for safe solar viewing. Ed noted that not until May 20, 2010, would we have another opportunity to enjoy a solar eclipse as we did from campus this week.

By accessing the Planetarium's Web site at [www.santarosa.edu/planetarium/](http://www.santarosa.edu/planetarium/) under "New and Upcoming Events," you can read about solar eclipse viewing and other interesting cosmic information.

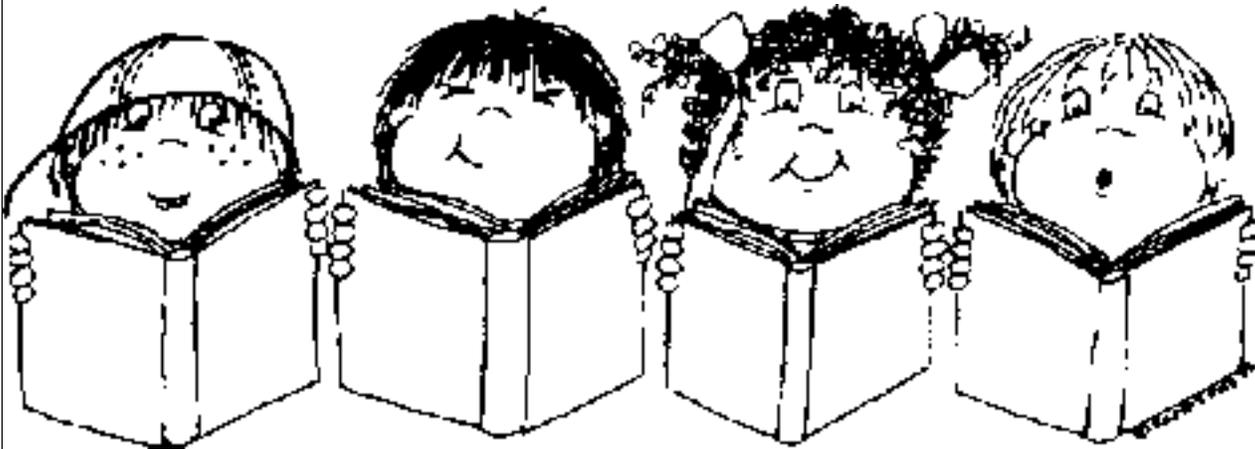
## SRJC Welcomes Adelante Summer 2002 Migrant Education Program

Since 1980, SRJC has welcomed young participants from local junior and senior high schools to the Summer Adelante Program. Held this year from June 17 through August 1, we hope that the Adelante students, who are primarily children of migrant workers, will eventually become SRJC students.

Adelante offers a series of noncredit classes to 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from throughout Sonoma County. The word "adelante" means "forward," and is intended to strongly communicate to students involved in the Adelante Program that they can move forward after high school to college. The Adelante Program reflects SRJC's

mission to provide quality educational opportunities to economically disadvantaged students.

For information about the program, contact Ever Flores, Program Principal, at ext. 2887 or ext. 1698.



## Community Education Opens Its Doors to College for Kids Beginning June 17

Over 150 students grades three to seven will converge on the Santa Rosa campus next week to participate in SRJC's annual *College for Kids*. Sponsored by the Community Education Office, the program is held during the last two weeks of June, offering weeklong classes from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. This schedule allows students to take a different class each week.

The non-credit, fee-supported classes that range from \$75 to \$95 a week offer students a variety of subjects ranging from chemistry, sculpture, painting, and photography to drawing, astronomy, clowning, creative writing, and storytelling. All classes are held in Barnett Hall.

According to Community Education Director Kerry Campbell-Price, "The purpose of the program is two-fold. We want to provide an educational and stimulating learning environment for young students in the summer, and we hope that by coming to the campus these young people will begin to see themselves as potential SRJC students."

Community Education hopes to expand the *College for Kids* program next summer, and is already seeking qualified instructors who may be interested in teaching in this unique program. For more information, contact Community Education on ext. 4372.

## A Call for Driving and Pedestrian Safety!

In an effort to reduce the unusually large number of staff, faculty, and students who continue to exceed the speed limit on our District streets and to lower the number of parking lot accidents, the SRJC District Police Department is beginning an educational awareness program.

Staff, faculty, and students must remember that people wander about campus and may step out from between cars or off sidewalks unexpectedly. It only takes one inattentive driver traveling over the speed limit or a pedestrian who is not paying attention for an accident to occur.

By following the safety driving tips below you will help increase pedestrian safety, reduce accidents caused by inattentive drivers, and reduce the number of speeders:

- Slow down to the posted 15 mph speed limit in parking lots
- Stop completely at all stop signs
- Obey lot rules when waiting for an available parking space
- Watch for clues, such as brake lights or exhaust that indicate that a vehicle will back out
- Turn off radios, open windows to hear cars and people when you can't see them
- Pedestrians should check for traffic before stepping onto a roadway
- Make eye contact with drivers so you are aware of each other's intentions

The provisions of the California Vehicle Code are enforced by many different agencies throughout the District. The primary police agency for campus is SRJC's own District Police, and additional enforcement units include the cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma Police Departments, CHP, and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department in outlying areas.

Enforcement is a 24-hours a day, seven days a week process. Parking permits are also required on all SRJC properties 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Remember, the SRJC District speed limit is 15 miles per hour on campus roadways and in parking lots unless otherwise posted. All speeds are enforced by radar. Please slow down and help avoid accidents and injuries!

## Summer Repertory Theatre Seeking Support

For over three decades, SRJC's renowned Summer Repertory Theatre has enriched the campus and community through an incredible array of excellent performances. In the last 30 years, over 6,000 SRJC students have come through SRJC's Summer Repertory Theatre who are now working in theaters around the world. As was recently announced, SRT matched the generous gift from the Jean and Charles Schulz Fund of the Sonoma County Community Foundation. The challenge gift of \$100,000 was matched with gifts from many community and campus members, increasing SRT's Student Scholarship Endowment by \$200,000!

Encouraged by this success, Frank continues to pursue the goal of fully funding SRT's student Scholarship Endowment and encourages all of us to participate. "Any amount that you can give, however large or small, would be appreciated," Frank noted in a recent campus email. Contributions can be made through payroll deduction, or by check or credit card. Checks should be made out to "SRJC Endowment/SRT." In addition, SRT's box office is now open! Visit the SRT Web site at [www.santarosa.edu/srt](http://www.santarosa.edu/srt) SRT will continue to publish the *SRT E.mail Notes* to offer specials, freebies, and other goodies to all staff, including free tickets (two per person) to selected performances. Call Frank at 527-4221 or Leira V. Satlof, Development Officer at 527-4348 with any questions about the SRT Endowment.



## BOGG and ESL Facts From Institutional Research

Nearly a third of full-time students counted in the first census spring 2002 received the Board of Governor's Grant (BOGG) to waive their registration fees at SRJC. In addition, nearly a quarter of students enrolled in 9-11.5 units received the BOGG. The same was true for nearly 18 percent of students enrolled in 6-8.5 units and 10.7 percent of students enrolled in 3.5-5.5 units. The BOGG is awarded to students who are at or near the federal poverty line, which was set at \$13,4223 in 1999 for a family of one adult and two children.

Working in spring 2001 with the Noncredit English as a Second Language Program (ESL), Institutional Research administered a survey to noncredit ESL students. From the 478 returned surveys, the following findings were derived:

- 90% of noncredit ESL students stated that their country of origin is Mexico
- The average years of school completed in their country of origin is eight
- Just over half (52%) of noncredit ESL students report an annual household income of \$15,000 or less
- The top three reasons cited as to why students want to study English are to get better jobs, improve current jobs, and to help their children with homework

For more information contact the SRJC Institutional Research office at (707) 521-7940.

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