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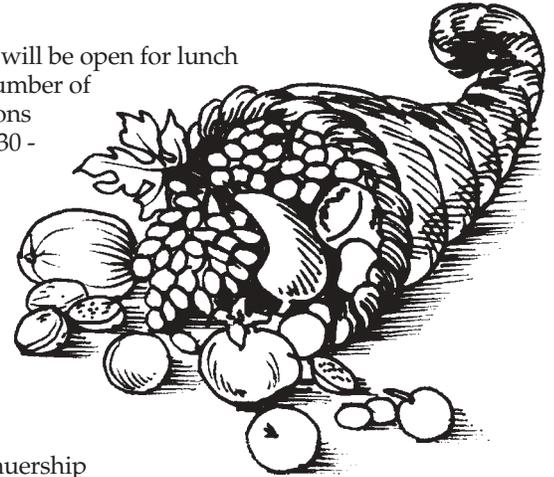
Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, January 24, 2003

Culinary Cafe and Bakery Opens

The Culinary Cafe at the SRJC Culinary Arts Center in the Brickyard will be open for lunch 11:30-2:00 pm Wednesday-Friday beginning January 24. A limited number of reservations will be available for tables of 4 or more. Phone reservations will be taken only during the following times: Wednesday-Friday, 9:30 - 2:00 by calling 576-0279. **The previous Culinary Cafe reservation number of 527-4999 x 1254 has been eliminated.**

The Bakery is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 - 2:00.

The Culinary Arts Center is located at 458 B Street in downtown Santa Rosa. Parking is available in the 7th street parking garage.



Homestay Families Sought for Swedish Visitors

From March 8 through April 12, 2003, 20 students from the Entrepreneurs Program at Sven Eriksonsgymnasiet in Borås, Sweden, will be studying at Santa Rosa Junior College. These students are 18-19 years old and are in their third and final year at the Gymnasiet, after which most of them plan to continue their education at a University – maybe even one here in California. While at SRJC the students would like to live with local families to fully experience life and culture in the United States.

This visit is the result of several years of planning and collaboration between the faculty of Sven Eriksonsgymnasiet and Santa Rosa Junior College

While at SRJC, the visiting Swedish students will be active with members of SRJC's Student Government, attend Anthropology Forum meetings, and participate in other aspects of student life.

They will also be offering a free, open-to-the-public, Arts and Lecture presentation at noon on Monday, March 24, 2003, in Newman Auditorium. The focus of the presentation will be Swedish history, culture and traditions, including the Viking Age, Swedish kings and queens, the current royal family, and S-mis (Lapps). Throughout their presentation the students will incorporate photographs, art and live music performances.

Hopefully, most of the volunteer homestay families will be selected from SRJC employees. The students will benefit from living with an SRJC employee who can assist them in their orientation and acclimation to living and studying here, and our employees will enjoy learning about Swedish culture and its people. All of the students are fluent in English and look forward to teaching the locals some Swedish words and phrases.

If you would like to volunteer to provide a home for one of these students, please contact Peg Saragina (527-4693 or psaragina@santarosa.edu) or the Swedish Project Assistant, Corinne Kriegel (527-4999 x 4971 or ckriegel@am.net) for more information and an application.



Theatre Arts Department Presents "All in the Timing"

SRJC's Theatre Arts Department will present "All in the Timing," a collection of satirical comedies by David Ives, January 31-February 9 in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa campus. Performances will be at 8 p.m., January 31, February 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 with 2 p.m. matinee performances on February 8 and 9. Tickets are \$10/general and \$7/students and seniors. SRJC faculty and staff may receive a free voucher for admission by taking their staff I.D. cards to the Student Affairs Office on the Santa Rosa campus between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Otis Taylor Headlines 10TH Annual Evolution of the Blues

Otis Taylor, winner of the W.C. Handy Award for Best Blues Artist for 2002, will be the headliner in "Evolution of the Blues X," the 10th annual blues concert being held Thursday, February 6, at Santa Rosa Junior College as part of SRJC's Black History Month celebration. The concert, which also features the Volker Strifler Band, the Gary Vogensen Band, and A Case of the Willy's, begins at 7:00 p.m. in Burbank Auditorium on SRJC's Santa Rosa campus.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. A \$2 permit is required to park on campus. Advance tickets are available at SRJC's Community Education Office, 1990 Armory Drive, Santa Rosa.

"This annual concert gives people the opportunity to see some of Sonoma County's finest musicians performing in an intimate concert setting," explained Joel Rudinow, musician, SRJC instructor, and coordinator of the annual event.

Sponsored by SRJC's Arts and Lectures and Multicultural Events Committees, the concert is presented by Smith and Bowker Productions and is supported in part by the Sonoma County Blues Society.

For more information about "Evolution of the Blues X," contact SRJC's Community Education Office at (707) 527-4372.

NISOD Award to Go to Todd Straus

Todd Straus, French instructor in the Modern and Classical Languages Department, has been selected to receive the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award. Todd and other awardees from around the country will be honored at the NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence being held May 25-28, 2003 at the University of Texas, Austin.

Todd was selected from among many excellent nominees by the SRJC Faculty Recognition Committee based on NISOD's nomination criteria of teaching excellence, outstanding curriculum development, creation and use of innovative teaching materials/techniques, sensitivity to student needs and leadership within the campus community. Todd's nomination letter spoke of his contributions in all of these areas, but of special note are his accomplishments in: developing new curriculum including 10 NEW courses since he came to campus; using creative and innovative techniques to engage students in the classroom from day one; and being aware and sensitive to needs of individual students. "He (Todd) eats, sleeps, and continually savors French language and culture himself, and he endeavors to convey that dedication to every one of his students."

The Faculty Recognition Committee wishes to thank the College for recognizing the outstanding contributions of faculty colleagues through your nominations for the NISOD award. The committee will soon be seeking nominations for the Academic Senate Awards program. This program which recognizes outstanding SRJC faculty will be held on April 10, 2003.

We Tip Our Hats

English Department instructor **Ruben Sandoval** recently began his fourth year as a volunteer programmer at the local non-profit, bilingual public radio station, KBBF FM 89.1 Radio La Nuestra. The name of his program is "Diversion Cultura," and is broadcast every Friday from 8 to 10 p.m., featuring a mix of latin jazz, salsa, and merengue music.

He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Bilingual Broadcasting Foundation for the past six years. As a board member, he has participated in planning this year's 30th anniversary celebration of KBBF's inception. KBBF is the oldest bilingual public radio station in the U.S.

Congratulations to **Catherine Sagan**, ESL instructor, who recently earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in Integral Studies with a concentration in Learning and Change in Human Systems. A first generation American, Catherine was the first female in her family to go to college and the first of six children to get a Ph.D.

Linda Weiss, jewelry making instructor in SRJC's Art Department, has been invited to participate in two upcoming exhibits. The "Art of Gold," an exhibit of contemporary American goldsmithing, opens this month at the Crocker Museum in Sacramento and runs through April 27. The show will then travel to six other museums throughout the United States over a period of four years. A concurrent exhibit, also at the Crocker, called "California Gold," will also feature one of Weiss' pieces

SRJC Music instructor **Bennett Friedman** and The Bennett Friedman Quartet will perform at Felix and Louie's Restaurant and Bar from 6-10 PM on Wednesday, Feb. 5. There is no cover charge and all ages are welcome. The restaurant is located in Healdsburg, on the plaza, at 106 Matheson St.

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