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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, February 13, 2003

Center at Coddington Mall to Vacate Mall in May

SRJC's space in the Coddington Mall will be vacated effective May 24, 2003.

However, Business Office Technology (BOT) Department will offer computer-training classes in other formats this summer, including self-paced, 1.5 unit, and online classes. Beginning fall semester, the BOT Department plans to add one-half unit intensive classes in the business computer labs on the second floor of Maggini Hall to its existing offerings on campus. There will be no summer offerings for one-half unit intensive classes.

BOT students must plan to access Admission & Records and Bookstore services on the Santa Rosa campus Monday through Friday as other SRJC students do. A BOT counselor is available to assist students as they explore alternative class options, such as self-paced, online, Community Education, and taking courses at other sites, including the Petaluma campus. Appointments can be made with the counselor by calling 527-4451 and requesting Bettina Armstrong. It is also anticipated that some offerings that have been traditionally offered at the Center at Coddington will likely move to Community Education possibly this fall.



Italian Film Series Begins Feb. 21

Three classic Italian films will be featured as a part of a series titled, "Three Moments in Italian Cinema." Scheduled on consecutive Fridays from February 21 through March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Mahoney Library on the Petaluma campus, the films are in Italian with English subtitles. Admission is free. A \$2 parking permit is required on campus.

SRJC instructors will present an overview of each film, highlighting characteristics of Italian culture and elements that contribute to the richness of Italian cinema. The series is co-sponsored by SRJC's Department of Modern and Classical Languages and the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Santa Francisco.

Friday, February 21—*In nome del Papa Re* (1977) is a historical drama that gives insight to the history of Italy. Winner of the David di Donatello award, the film is directed by Luigi Magni.

Friday, February 28—*La notte di San Lorenzo* (1982), directed by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani, takes place in Tuscany during August of 1944.

Friday, March 7—*Zuppa di Pesce* (1992), directed by Fiorella Infascelli, is set between the 1950's and 1970's on the Tuscan coast.

Academic Senate Faculty Awards April 10

The 2003 Academic Senate's Faculty Recognition Awards will be held on Thursday, April 10 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Doyle Student Lounge on the Santa Rosa campus. In consultation with the Academic Senate, awards are presented by the Faculty Recognition Committee in the following categories: Outstanding Contribution by Adjunct Faculty member, Unsung Hero, Staff Development, Professional Achievement, Curriculum Development, Academic Senate President's Award, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education awards (three faculty members will be recognized for this award), Sabbatical Leave Project, Tauzer Lecturer and the newly titled award, Publications/Fine Arts/Performing Arts. The last award was formerly just for publications, but this year was expanded to include works produced in the fine and performing arts.

Award recipients are nominated by SRJC faculty, staff and students. All regular and adjunct faculty including counselors, librarians and other allied faculty are eligible for nomination. Look for nomination forms that will be distributed across campus this week. The entire campus community is invited to attend the ceremony and congratulate awardees.

Mark Your Calendars for the Retiree Dinner Dance!

The 2002-2003 Retiree Dinner and Dance will be held April 11 in the cafeteria in the Doyle Student Center on the Santa Rosa campus. The reception will start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the Steve Morris Band. The menu choices include tri-tip steak and pasta served with beans, salad and garlic bread, dessert, and beverages. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, contact Leslie McCauley at 527-4248 or Laurie Beard at 524-1826.

Fringe Benefits Committee Update

The Fringe Benefits Committee, upon reviewing the District's life insurance policy, would like to inform employees of the option to enhance their life insurance coverage through a voluntary payroll deduction.

Unum Provident, the provider of the district's paid life insurance policy, covers eligible employees for \$50,000 of life insurance. Additional benefits of up to \$50,000.00 will be payable in the event of an accidental death or dismemberment. Eligible dependents of covered employees are insured for \$5,000.

In addition to the district-paid basic life insurance, a benefit available to eligible employees is the ability to apply for supplemental life insurance coverage in the amounts of \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Applications are required, and an approval by Unum Provident is necessary before any person's supplemental benefits can go into effect. Applications are available and may be submitted at any time. Once an application is approved the employee pays the premium through payroll deduction. If you would like to receive an informational flier or an application for supplemental coverage, please contact Louise Burke in Human Resources at ext. 4304.

Culinary Arts Open House Feb. 24

Remember to mark your calendar for February 24, when SRJC's new Culinary Arts Center will host an open house from 2-5 p.m. All SRJC staff and faculty are invited.

Baked treats, prepared by SRJC Culinary Arts students, will be served with coffee and tea.

The Culinary Arts Center is located at 458 B Street at the Brickyard in downtown Santa Rosa. One hour of free parking is available in the 7th Street parking garage across the street from the Brickyard.

The Culinary Café is now open and serving lunch Wednesday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations are not necessary, except for parties of five or more. Phone reservations are taken only during the following times: Wednesday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. by calling 576-0279. The Bakery is open Monday-Friday, 7:30-2 p.m.

AAUW Events Planned for Spring

American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a nationwide organization of women working to promote education and equity. The Petaluma branch of AAUW is an organization of 200 local women that provides opportunities for activism and networking at the local level. By joining our Petaluma branch, members may participate in activities that make a difference to the community.

Here are some of the activities we have planned this spring:

FEBRUARY

Cooking demonstration at the New Brickyard Wine and Culinary Center.

MARCH

Talk by one of the Academy Award winners from Industrial Light and Magic.

The second annual Sister to Sister Summit: a program sponsored by the Petaluma Branch for high school young women to conduct a summit for junior high girls.

APRIL

The city planning director will speak to us on downtown land use.

MAY

The new board installation and champagne celebration.

If you are interested in further information, please contact Susan Emerson semerson1@attbi.com.

We Tip Our Hats

SRJC music instructor **Bennett Friedman** and the Bennett Friedman Quartet will perform 8:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 1, at Zebulon's Lounge, 21 Fourth Street, in Petaluma. Jeff Pittson will be featured on the piano. There is an \$8 cover charge, and attendees must be 21 years or over.

Sabbatical Leave Applications Due February 21

All regular faculty members who are applying for a sabbatical leave for the 2004-2005 academic year must submit their applications directly to the Office of the Dean, Letters & Social Sciences no later than 5 p.m., Friday, February 21. Anyone who needs a sabbatical application should call Becky Brown at ext. 4626 or stop by Room 1576 in Emeritus Hall.

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