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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, February 20, 2004

Trustee Carole Ellis Announces Resignation

The resignation of Carole Ellis from the Board of Trustees of Santa Rosa Junior College, was announced at the Board's February 10, 2004, meeting, effective immediately.

Serving on SRJC's board since 1992, Ellis stated that her resignation was due to health reasons, adding "The great experience I have had as part of this exemplary Board and College is unmatched by any other experience, but I must give it up. The quality, commitment, dynamism, and expertise of this collected body will always remain a benchmark of what it means to 'hold in trust for the future.' The constant quest to be the best made me proud to be a part of you. Our young people's future is safe in your care."

Ellis' active membership on SRJC's Board included consecutive terms as board clerk (1994, 1995), vice president (1996, 1997) and president (1998, 1999). During her board tenure she served on numerous Board subcommittees, including the personnel committee and finance committee.

"Carole's tremendous interpersonal skills and ability to forge strong community partnerships reflect a leader who cares deeply about each and every student, an administrator who is effective and compassionate, and an invested worker who has dedicated her life to educating members of our community," said SRJC superintendent/president Dr. Robert F. Agrella.

Agrella further characterizes Ellis as an individual and trustee of great strength and skill. "Her knowledge of educational systems on all levels in the state of California and her commitment to providing quality education to individuals of all ages made her a great asset to the College and the entire education community."

Ellis' career spanned 40 years in public education, 34 in California. Her teaching career began in 1960 as a high school teacher in American Dependent Schools in Germany. She became a junior high teacher in Sacramento and a middle school teacher in San Rafael. Moving to Santa Rosa in 1978, Ellis assumed a teaching position at Rincon Valley Junior High and was later promoted to assistant principal at Comstock Middle School where she made her mark as an effective grant writer and implementer of innovative programs. In 1986 Ellis became the principal of the culturally diverse Lawrence Cook Middle School where she served for 12 years until her 1998 retirement. Ellis currently serves as principal of Ursuline High School.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Ellis completed her undergraduate study at the Tuskegee Institute, earned a master's in curriculum and instruction and an administrative credential from Sonoma State University, and did doctoral studies at the University of San Francisco in curriculum, instruction, and learning theory.

When Ellis received the "Woman of Achievement" award from SRJC's faculty and staff in 2001, she revealed that she has lived by the credo, "Students don't care how much you know, until they know you care."



Faculty Recognition Award Nominations Due March 5

It's not too late to nominate one or more of SRJC's finest faculty members for this year's Faculty Recognition Awards. The nomination categories are: Unsung Hero, Outstanding Contributions by Adjunct Faculty Member, Staff Development, Professional Achievement, Curriculum Development, Innovative Use of Technology in Education (this is a new award category), Publications/Fine Arts/Performing Arts, and the Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Award. All regular and adjunct faculty including counselors, librarians, and other allied faculty are eligible for nomination. Any campus employee or enrolled student may submit a nomination.

Flyers with nomination forms should be arriving in mailboxes soon. Nominations need to be submitted to Paula Burks in the Library by Friday, March 5, 2004. Send nominations on the printed form via campus mail, or you may e-mail them to pburks@santarosa.edu.

Scholarship Applications for 2004-05 Due March 1

The deadline to apply for SRJC scholarships is quickly approaching. Applications for the Doyle Scholarship and the Doyle Occupational Education Award are available and may be picked up at the SRJC Scholarship Office on the Santa Rosa Campus, the Financial Aid Office on the Petaluma Campus and through local high school counselors. Award amounts for both scholarships will range next year from \$1,000 to \$1,600. Students taking SRJC summer classes can receive Summer Doyle awards from \$250 to \$750.

Applications for 2004-05 **must be received by Monday, March 1, 2004**. High school seniors and college-level students are encouraged to apply.

Last year more than 7,000 students were offered over \$7.6 million

in scholarships from the Doyle Trust funded through the Exchange Bank.

SRJC Foundation Scholarships for both continuing and transferring students are also available. These competitive scholarships require financial information and an essay. Workshops will be held during the last week of February on the Santa Rosa Campus to assist with scholarship application procedures. Call the Scholarship Office at 527-4740 for more information.

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Sabbatical Leave Filing Period Opens February 23

Full-time regular faculty who are interested in applying for a sabbatical leave for the 2005-2006 academic year may pick up an application between February 23 and March 5 from Becky Brown in the Office of the Dean, Letters & Social Sciences (Room 1576, Emeritus Hall).

All faculty have been informed that the decision to release applications implies no guarantee as to the number of sabbatical leaves that will be awarded for 2005-2006. The applications submitted this spring will, however, replace those collected last year. For additional information, contact Victoria Duckworth, chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee, ext. 4347.

Pulitzer Playwright Amy Freed Feb. 25

Amy Freed, playwright, Pulitzer Prize nominee and author of *Freedland* and *The Psychic Life of Savages*, will speak and answer questions about being a writer and the New York theatre scene on Wednesday, February 25, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus. New York Theatre Workshop's premiere of Freed's *The Beard of Avon* received rave reviews and will be performed at SRJC April 23 - May 2. SRJC's Theatre Arts Department is the only venue in the country outside of New York to be granted the rights to this show.

Call the Theatre Arts Box Office at 527-4342 for ticket information about this and other SRJC Theatre Arts productions.

Italian Film Series:

ITALIAN FILM SERIES BEGINS FEBRUARY 20

Three classic Italian films will be featured as a part of a series titled, "Cinema from the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's," scheduled on three consecutive Fridays, February 20, 27 and March 5, 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 San Francisco.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 778-3974.

AMARCORD FEBRUARY 20, 7:30PM

Amarcord (1973), directed by Federico Fellini, won the 1974 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. Set in Rimini, Italy, in the late 1930's, the film is a coming of age story filled with semi-autobiographical childhood memories as well as social and political commentaries about the time period. The film's unique narrative style exemplifies the creative genius of Fellini.

MI MANDA PICONE FEBRUARY 27, 7:30PM

Mi manda picone (1984), directed by Nanni Loy, is a suspenseful comedy starring Giancarlo Giannini. After Pasquale Picone has mysteriously vanished in an ambulance on the way to the hospital, Salvatore (played by Giannini) and Lucella Picone (played by Lina Sastri) set out to discover the mysterious double life that Picone has led in the Neapolitan underworld.

STANNO TUTTI BENE

MARCH 5, 7:30PM

Stanno tutti bene (1990), directed by Giuseppe Tornatore, takes us to several parts of Italy as Matteo Scuro, a retired Sicilian railroad worker and widower (played by Marcello Mastroianni), visits his five grown children. As Matteo surprises his children with his visits, he discovers that his children's lives are incongruent with his expectations.

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