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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, February 11, 2005

Host Families Needed For Swedish Students!

With our Swedish students arriving in about a week, more host families are needed to house five Swedish students who need a place to live from February 16 through March 25.

The two boys and three girls are bright, engaging, and responsible 18 and 19 year olds with good English skills. If you can only host a student for part of the time they will visit SRJC, arrangements can be made to accommodate your unique conditions.

If you are interested in hosting or would like to recommend someone who might be, please contact Corinne Kriegel at 527-4999, ext. 4971 or ckriegel@santarosa.edu.

Alternative Degree Program March 3

If you are seeking an option to earn a bachelor's degree utilizing nontraditional instructional options like seminars, telecourses, classes online, weekend classes, credit for life experiences, an information evening is scheduled to explore an innovative and exciting degree program on Thursday, March 3 from 6 to 8 PM in the Doyle Student Center on the Santa Rosa Campus.

At the Alternative Degree Programs for Working Adults Seminar, representatives from a dozen colleges will be available to discuss the alternative degree programs offered locally or online. An overview of the variety of ways to obtain a bachelor's degree will be presented, followed by a second hour of one-on-one discussion with the school representatives.

For additional information or directions to the seminar location, please call Adult Reentry Services, Santa Rosa Junior College, at 527-4375.

Exhibits Scheduled on Petaluma Campus

The following exhibits will be on display in the Mahoney Library on the Petaluma Campus. Admission is free. The library is open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 AM to 8 PM; Fridays from 9 AM to 1 PM; and Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM

(The library will be closed February 16, 17, 18, 21, and March 26 and 27. From March 28 through 31 for spring break, the library will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM.)

Through Feb 25

ANDREW HAYNES: CRYSTAL PHOTOMICROGRAPHS,
AN EXPLORATION OF SMALL WORLDS

March 1-31

DISEMBODIED ROBES: PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS BY SUZANNE LACKE

April 4 - 22

AT WORKS - CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY IN HONOR OF CLASSIFIED RECOGNITION

Sabbatical Leave Apps Due Feb 18

All regular faculty members who are applying for a sabbatical leave for the 2006-2007 academic year must submit their applications directly to the Office of the Dean of Instruction, Business, Computer & Information Sciences, and Off-Campus & Weekend Programs by 5 PM, Friday, February 18.

If you need a sabbatical application, call Alicia Jourdain at ext.1792, or pick up an application in Room 2715 in Maggini Hall.

Bookstore Schedules Book Signing Feb 22

In celebration of Black History Month in February, SRJC's Bookstore will host a book signing and discussion on Tuesday, February 22 at 2:00 PM focusing on the book *Undefeated, Untied, and Uninvited* by author Kristine Setting Clark. Clark and Pro Football Hall Of Fame member Bob St. Clair and National Football League Official Burl Toler will lead the discussion.

Undefeated, Untied, and Uninvited is a documentary about the 1951 University of San Francisco Dons Football Team that went undefeated and untied. However, despite being one of the finest college football teams of all time, the squad was not invited to play in a post-season bowl game because two players were African American. The team was offered the chance to compete without the African American players, but they unanimously refused on principle.

The starting team players that no one had ever heard of later became known as the Magnificent 11. The team exhibited a roster of players and personnel that read like a who's-who of gridiron heroes. The '51 team produced nine future NFL players; five made it to the Pro Bowl and three of those five were inducted into the Hall of Fame; the most ever from a single college team. Team members included Bob St. Clair, Burl Toler, Gino Marchetti (Hall of Fame), Ollie Matson (Hall of Fame), Pete Rozelle (NFL Commissioner), Ed Brown (Chicago Bears), Joe Scudero (Washington Redskins), Mike Mergen (Chicago Cardinals), Merrill Peacock (Chicago Cardinals), Lou Stephens (Washington Redskins), and Ralph Thomas (Washington Redskins).



Maurice Lapp Exhibit Feb 25-April 21

Former SRJC Art Instructor Maurice Lapp will exhibit his paintings at the Cultural Arts Council Gallery in downtown Santa Rosa February 25 through April 21. Titled "Evolution of a Painter," the exhibition may be viewed Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5:00 PM.

An opening exhibit reception is scheduled on Saturday, February 26 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Gallery Talks will be held on Wednesday, March 2 at noon and on Saturday, April 9 at 2 PM.

Employee of the Month February 2005 Nancy Luke

Congratulations to Nancy Luke, Program Analyst Senior in Computing Services, for being selected SRJC's Employee of the Month for February 2005. Nancy was introduced at the February 8 Board of Trustees meeting by her supervisor Jim Royce, Manager, Systems & Programs, Computing Services, at the Board of Trustees meeting, and was presented with an EOM plaque, vouchers from the Culinary Café, season tickets to SRT performances, and other gifts from co-workers. "Nancy Luke is a superstar in all respects," notes Ken Fiori, Director of Computing Services. "She is a techie extraordinaire."

Ken emphasizes that Nancy possesses strong skills and positive attributes that make her such an exceptional employee. "She possesses intelligence without arrogance. She is extremely dedicated and productive, not obsessive. She is kind and approachable, but not gullible. She excels in a team environment, but always thinks for herself. She is creative and innovative, but not undisciplined. She has a great sense of humor, but never makes fun of anyone. She does more than is expected, and never boasts about her accomplishments."

Nancy first joined the SRJC staff in 1982 as an STNC in Computing Services, and assumed a Program Analyst position in 1985. Her primary responsibilities include developing and maintaining software for curriculum, scheduling, assessment, counseling, and state reporting. Nancy attributes her success at SRJC to her "solid work ethic, strong analytical skills, a penchant for detail, and an insistence on accuracy. I enjoy solving problems and satisfying my customers needs."

According to Ken and Jim, Nancy's contributions to students and fellow employees are significant. "Nancy is the primary architect of the curriculum module, which is one of the key components of our student records package. If you are a student, you can register for classes because of the software programs painstakingly crafted by Nancy and the other programmers in Computing Services," notes Ken. In fact, when computer users access student data, it's likely that Nancy had a hand in providing the information. She has written many programs that are used by SRJC staff when they use the 'lookup program,' such as Course Information, Course Outlines, Enrollment Report, Demand for Closed Classes, Class Rosters, Instructor Schedules, Instructor Loads, Room Use Information, Grad Distribution, Enrollment Efficiency, and Full-time Part-time Report. Nancy has also had a major role in developing the College's online data mining tool and hundreds of custom reports for staff.

Nancy's description of her greatest accomplishment at SRJC is as multifaceted as her programming work. "I have designed and programmed many of the systems used by the College, including matriculation screens counselors use, those used for course development, instructor information screens that track instructor assignments and load, and the Work Experience screens. These systems have worked well, despite the age of the user-interface. They must be pretty darned good to have lasted so long," she says.

The three things Nancy likes most about her role at SRJC are: first, problem solving, learning a new process and understanding it, and coming up with a solution that works well; second, becoming proficient in a program language environment so I have the necessary tools to meet the project requirements, and; third, the feeling that she has helped customers. To her the greatest challenge is the project underway. For example, her department currently faces "developing a new student system using SQL and net technology."

Ken emphasizes that Nancy has effectively served the District for over 20 years as a 'go to' member of the Computing Services staff. "If you want something done correctly and on time, Nancy is the person to go to. A recent example of her can-do commitment is her volunteering to be part of the team that is rewriting our Student Records Software Package," Ken notes. He adds that he receives many positive comments from college customers who Nancy has assisted about her outstanding work and positive attitude: "Nancy is outstanding in all respects. She's extremely knowledgeable, very creative and innovative, and is a pleasure to work with-her work is excellent in all respects." Another remarked, "She is bright, interesting, and interested in her projects. It's a pleasure doing business with her." Another adds, "Nancy is great to work with. She really knows how to speak in non-computer language, so you can understand what she's talking about."

Born in New Britain, Connecticut, Nancy graduated from Oxford School in West Hartford and earned a bachelor's degree at Smith College in Massachusetts. She and her husband, George, moved to Santa Rosa in 1975 when he opened a law practice. They have two children, son Scott, an engineer in Mountain View, and daughter Amanda, who's completing a master's program at Columbia University. Nancy enjoys

golf, tennis, hiking, gardening, and reading.

When Nancy was notified that she is the recipient of the Employee of the Month Award, she "felt so honored to join the ranks of other co-workers who have received this award."

"Nancy is one of the rare individuals who makes people feel comfortable in the uncomfortable world of technology. She is intelligent, motivated, productive, kind, modest, and dependable. She is a doer who puts the needs of others above her own. It is my pleasure and honor to have nominated her as Employee of the Month," emphasizes Ken.

Congratulations, Nancy, as SRJC's February Employee of the Month and a job well done!



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