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Student Information Days + Welcome Days = Dynamite Days!

This year Student Information Days will join forces with the Associated Students Welcome Days to create Dynamite Days, a take-off on the movie "Napoleon Dynamite." This year's event, "Make It A Dynamite Year: Great Skills & Sweet Success," not only provides students with student services information, but will also offer information and opportunities for student involvement both on and off both campuses. Dynamite Days will be held:

Wednesday, August 31, 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM Doyle Center Patio, Santa Rosa Campus

Thursday, September 1, 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM Quad, Petaluma Campus

The goals of combining both events are to enhance student success and retention, and to bring the SRJC community together in celebration of the new academic year. Student services and programs, instructional support programs, live music, food, and other surprises are all part of these fun-filled and informative days!

September Is Transfer Awareness Month!

SRJC's Board of Trustees has declared September Transfer Awareness Month at SRJC, and many activities throughout the week are scheduled:

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| September 13 | Transfer Day - A college fair brings together 50 university representatives on the Santa Rosa Campus |
| September 14 | How to Choose a Major - A seminar presented jointly by the Career and Transfer Centers |
| September 21 | Transfer Q & A - A workshop on transfer requirements |
| September and October | Visits to developmental English and math courses to provide information about the transfer process and transfer services |
| September and October | Promotion of Transfer Admission Agreements, which are accepted by a number of universities during early fall semester. |

When Transfer Center Counselor and Director Roberta Delgado submitted a proposal to establish Transfer Awareness Month,, she stated "A critical element in the transfer process is the submission of a university admissions application, most commonly during the fall semester. Over the years, the Transfer Center has developed activities and services during the month of September that are specifically designed to inform students about the transfer process and to highlight the approach of this application period, especially the priority application periods of the California State University and the University of California in October and November."

During September, faculty and staff are especially urged to help raise awareness among students of the activities and services offered in the transfer process by posting announcements, referring students to counselors for transfer planning, or telling students about the Transfer Center. College Skills, English, and Math instructors who are teaching developmental courses will receive a request to allow a brief visit to their class. Give Roberta a call at ext. 4874 with any questions.



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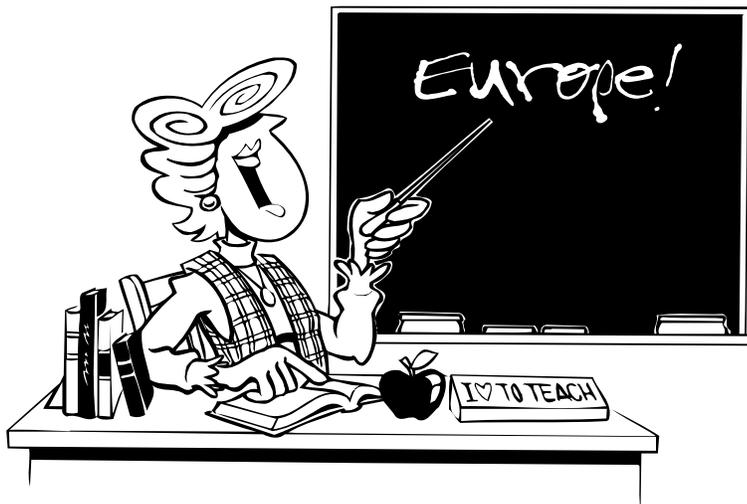
SRJC Transfer Center, 1434 Bussman Hall, 527-4874, www.santarosa.edu/transfer

Teach In London Or Florence! Apply Before Sept 2

The deadline to apply to teach in London or Florence is rapidly approaching, so if you plan to apply, submit your application before the deadline, Friday, September 2. Faculty who are interested in teaching in Fall 2006 London and Spring 2007 Florence study abroad programs may still submit applications. Faculty members from all disciplines are encouraged to apply, and participating faculty will serve as advisors to students during the program.

Any proposed curriculum to teach abroad must have wide appeal to students. Since the key aim of a semester abroad is for faculty to teach, a considerable amount of time must be spent before leaving for Europe assisting with promoting the program, as well as student orientation.

SRJC's study abroad program is offered in cooperation with other community colleges and with the American Institute for Foreign Study. Call the office of the Dean of Instruction, Educational Programs and Services for applications at 527-4441.



United Way "Day of Caring" Sept 14

Join SRJC's UW Co-chairs Diane Traversi and Deborah Wooten on September 14 for a "Day of Caring" that begins 8:00 AM at a huge rally at Santa Rosa's Finley Park led by United Way that will include employee groups from all over Sonoma County. This event offers a wonderful and unique way to give back to the community. For many years SRJC staff has been contributing via payroll deduction to United Way or to an agency of choice. But this year, there's a way to give on a more personal level.

When you attend the "Day of Caring," each participating employee group will volunteer to assist a community agency with a special project. Like Diane and Deborah, if you join the team, you can either use a vacation day or PTO hours with your supervisor's approval.

This year SRJC will volunteer at The Kid's Street Theatre in Santa Rosa from approximately 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. SRJC's team will work with staff to plan a special event. Ten people are needed for the SRJC team. If you want to add your creativity, a little muscle, and a proactive attitude to this effort, contact Diane in A&R at ext. 4508, so she can fully commit to United Way's "Day of Caring 2005!"

WOW! Fair Scheduled Sept 15

Members of the college community are invited to attend the 4th Annual WOW! (Work-on-Wellness) Fair on Thursday, September 15 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the outdoor stage on the Santa Rosa Campus. An array of interesting exhibits and short presentations about health, fitness, and wellness will make an exciting, fun, and interesting day, with topics to explore that range from alcohol abuse, electrical home safety, earthquake tips, and integrative medicine to massage therapy, mental health options, blood pressure and body fat screening, and organically grown food from the Shone Farm.

Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, food will not be served as at past events, but you may enter the free WOW! Fair Raffle Drawing to win one of many terrific gifts donated local vendors, plus you don't have to be present to win. Among raffle items:

first aid kits, personal emergency preparedness kits, one-month family membership to Airport Health Club, free massage, houseplants, motorist safety kits, lunch bags, tote bags, fire extinguishers, and more!

Write mceser@santarosa.edu for more information. We look forward to seeing you at WOW! Thursday, September 15.

Clo Classic Scheduled Sept 10

The 2005 Clo football game, now called the Clo Classic, will be held September 10 on the Santa Rosa Campus, Bailey Field. This year's opponent is Shasta College. Game time is scheduled at 7:00 PM. Look for more details in upcoming *Insider* issues about added activities during the Clo Classic!

2005-06 SRJC Theatre Arts Season

SRJC's 2005-06 Theatre Arts Season includes a number of excellent performances!

Les Liaisons Dangereuses

By Christopher Hampton. Directed by Leslie McCauley, Theatre Arts Faculty

You will find yourself a voyeur in the cruel, scintillating tale of seduction and betrayal social games played by the Marquise de Merteuil and her ex-lover. While retaining the opulent 18th-century French setting, this adaptation brings a fresh, contemporary quality to the dialogue and characterizations inspired by Choderlos de Laclos' famous 1782 novel. (Recommended for high school ages and up. Contains adult subject matter.)

Burbank Auditorium Performance Dates: Friday, September 30, 8:00 PM, Saturday, October 1, 8:00 PM, Wednesday, October 5, 8:00 PM, Thursday, October 6, 8:00 PM, Friday, October 7, 8:00 PM, Saturday, October 8, 2:00 PM, Saturday, October 8, 8:00 PM, Sunday, October 9, 2:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$15.00 General, \$12.00 Seniors (62 and over), \$10.00 Students, \$8.00 Youth (6-12 years)

Anything Goes

Music & Lyrics by Cole Porter • Directed by Leira Satlof, Theatre Arts Adjunct Faculty • Book by Guy Bolton, P. G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay, and Russel Crouse

All aboard for this madcap musical on the high seas! Take one 1930s luxury liner heading from New York to England, sign on a cast of wacky passengers, load up a captivating musical score, and set sail for adventure. Packed with belly laughs and Cole Porter gems like "I Get A Kick Out of You," "You're The Top," and "It's De-lovely," this theatrical treat will have you chuckling and humming all the way home. (Recommended for family and adult audiences, ages 7 and up.)

Burbank Auditorium Performance Dates: Friday, November 18, 8:00 PM, Saturday, November 19, 8:00 PM, Wednesday, November 23, 8:00 PM, Friday, November 25, 2:00 PM, Friday, November 25, 8:00 PM, Saturday, November 26, 2:00 PM, Saturday, November 26, 8:00 PM, Sunday, November 27, 2:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$18.00 General, \$14.00 Seniors (62 and over). \$10.00 Student, \$ 8.00 Youth (6-12 years) Contact Robert Matteucci at 527-4418 or by e-mail with questions or at rmatteucci@santarosa.edu

Dead Man Walking

By Tim Robbins • Directed by John Shillington, Theatre Arts Adjunct Faculty • Based on the book Dead Man Walking by Sister Helen Prejean

The riveting and moving true story that inspired an Academy Award-winning film has been skillfully transformed into a new stage play by actor/director/activist Tim Robbins and explores the relationship between a death row inmate and the Catholic nun who becomes his spiritual advisor. Passionately, but fairly negotiating the ideological minefield surrounding one of the most complex moral issues of our time, the play encourages open and dynamic debate about capital punishment. (An Official Participant in the Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project. Recommended for middle school and up. Contains adult subject matter and some strong language.)

Burbank Auditorium Performance Dates: Jan. 27, 28, Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4 (mat), 4, 5 (mat)

A Doll's House

Burbank Auditorium, SR Campus, March

By Henrik Ibsen and translated by Frank McGuinness • Directed by Laura Downing-Lee, Theatre Arts Faculty

When this powerful Norwegian drama premiered in 1879, it shook Western theatre to its core and the aftershocks are still being felt today. Tackling volatile subjects such as gender and marital roles, nationalism, and personal responsibility, it continues to ignite heated discussions in classrooms and theatres around the world. Acknowledging its significance to the modern feminist movement, the play will be staged during Women's History Month, and will be the spring 2006 Work of Literary Merit (WOLM) for the SRJC English Department. (Recommended for middle school ages and up. Contains adult subject matter.)

The Skin of Our Teeth

Burbank Auditorium, SR Campus, April

By Thornton Wilder • Directed by Wendy Wisely, Theatre Arts Adjunct Faculty

Written in 1942 by the brilliant author of *Our Town*, this Pulitzer Prize-winning play has been variously labeled an anti-war satire, an allegory, a tragic-comedy, and even a farce. The Antrobus family is having a tough time! Another Ice Age is coming, Noah's flood is on the rise, World War III has broken out, their pet dinosaur is sick, and a crowd of famous philosophers has taken refuge in their living room. No matter what you call it, this sparkling creation provides both a hilarious romp through human experience and food for thought when the lights come up. (Recommended for middle school and up.)

Exhibition Reception Fuller & Hipkiss Exhibition Sept 1

As part of Sculpture Sonoma 2005, a reception will be held on Thursday, September 1 at 6:00 PM in the Mahoney Library on the Petaluma Campus for sculptors Mary Fuller and Cynthia Hipkiss. SRJC Instructor Joel Rudinow will provide music during the reception.

The works of Fuller and Hipkiss will be displayed from August 15 to September 30. The exhibition is sponsored in part by the James P. Irvine Foundation. More information may be found at www.SculptureSonoma.org.

SCULPTURE SONOMA 2005

Sculptor Cynthia Hipkiss has created some Petaluma icons for the exhibit taken from Petaluma's agricultural past, which will be displayed with other pieces. Her works combine sophistication with childlike primitivism that evoke humor, whimsy, and fanciful pieces. A graduate

from Sonoma State, Cynthia's ceramic pieces have won numerous awards.

Mary Fuller's works have been exhibited worldwide for over 50 years, including totems and goddesses that embody Native American, Pre-Columbian, African, ancient matriarchal cultures. Married to painter Robert McChesney, the couple lives on Sonoma Mountain.

Art Gallery Exhibits "Concepts & Process"

SRJC's Art Gallery is currently exhibiting "Concepts & Process," which brings together 22 artists in a fun way to serve the educational needs of our students through the unique presentation of models, drawings, plans, proposals, work in progress, finished examples, process photos, video presentations, and artists' studio vignettes.

The exhibit may be viewed at the Art Gallery during regular hours from noon to 4:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday. Note that the gallery is opened much earlier in the semester than in previous falls. It will be closed Sunday, Monday, and school holidays.

SRJC classes can make special arrangements to visit the Art Gallery on off-hours by calling the gallery at 527-4298. Call Michael McGinnis, curator of the exhibits and Exhibits Specialist, with questions at ext. 4298. For more on SCULPTURE SONOMA, access <http://www.sculpturesonoma.org/>.



We Tip Our Hats

In June, Italian Adjunct Instructor **Cathy Balestrieri Burton** was honored by Italy's President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi with the title of Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella della Solidarietà Italiana (Knight of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity). The award is conferred to Italians abroad and foreigners for their special contributions to the prestige and honor of the Italian republic. Cathy's involvement in numerous

activities that promote the Italian language and culture include making presentations to instructors in the foreign language field. She is co-leading with her husband Spence F. Burton an exchange program between Tomales High School and Italian schools. Cathy's paternal grandparents were Italian immigrants from Sicily. Congratulations, Cathy!

Culinary Adjunct Faculty member **Jill**

Nussinow, also a Registered Dietitian, recently wrote and published a cookbook titled *The Veggie Queen: Vegetables Get the Royal Treatment*. The volume offers a lighthearted look at vegetables with more than 100 seasonal recipes sure to elevate their status on your plate. The book is available at the SRJC Bookstore, and a review of the book appears in the September/October issue of *VegNews*. Jill is available to speak to classes about cooking, writing, publishing, and the book business. You can contact her at jill@theveggiequeen.com.

BEYOND THE DA VINCI CODE PRESENTED BY SCOTT FULLER

This exciting lecture will explore the origins of Leonardo da Vinci's creative genius. After a brief examination of *The Da Vinci Code*, by Dan Brown, Scott Fuller will present a far more intriguing mystery in search of the origins of Leonardo's creative genius. Starting with Freud's failed analysis of da Vinci, he will examine the life and work of Leonardo through Sternberg's, Gardner's and Csikszentmihalyi's contemporary theories of creativity and genius. Fuller will also explore the historical context of the Renaissance and its effect on understanding da Vinci.



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NEWMAN AUDITORIUM, SANTA ROSA CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2005, 7 PM
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