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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, January 27, 2006

Enrollment Enhancement Forum Scheduled Feb 3

Sponsored by Academic Affairs, The All Faculty Association, and The Academic Senate, an Enrollment Enhancement Forum is scheduled:

Friday, February 3, 1:00PM - 3:00PM, Emeritus Hall, Rm 1588

(Approval is pending for two (2) hours of Flex Credit.)

The College needs your helping in identifying ways to better serve our student population, while at the same time increasing enrollment and enhancing retention. We invite you all to come and share your ideas and strategies as we plan for our future.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Increase enrollments now.
- ✓ Increase enrollment over several years.
- ✓ Attract new students.
- ✓ Keep existing student longer.
- ✓ Serve existing students better.
- ✓ Improving course offerings.
- ✓ Use physical resources better.
- ✓ Use human resources better.
- ✓ Remove access barriers/impediments.
- ✓ Provide better student support.
- ✓ Improve efficiency.

CATEGORIES FOR DISCUSSION

- ✓ Maximizing summer offerings.
- ✓ Capturing winter Intersession students.
- ✓ Weekend college.
- ✓ Accelerated degree programs.
- ✓ Late start classes and "recovery" classes.
- ✓ Online courses-potential for growth.
- ✓ Course compressibility-
Appropriate guidelines.
Course segmentation.
- ✓ Information access for students.
- ✓ Finding and serving new student populations.
- ✓ How are we losing students?
- ✓ Can we better welcome students?

We have much to talk about.

Health Benefits Update

SRJC's Fringe Benefits Committee continues to work on the college's medical benefits issue. The challenges the College has been experiencing extreme growth in the cost of health insurance. For example, last year the cost increase for health insurance was equal approximately to a two percent salary COLA for the entire College. This year, unless a better alternative can be found, the increase will be nearly 35 percent, almost the cost of a three percent salary COLA for all employees, a rate of increase that is not sustainable.

Bad experience statistics are an additional problem. As a whole, SRJC employees are older. As we age our health-care costs increase because we experience more sickness. Over the past several years we have seen a significant increase in the number of individuals with serious illnesses. This development, in addition to general cost escalation, is what has pushed up our premiums.

With the advice of the Fringe Benefits Committee and the two collective bargaining groups, SRJC's administration is negotiating a consulting contract with health benefits consultant Rael & Letson to identify cost-effective alternatives.

Decision Point Coming In March

While any change in coverage would not take effect until July 1, SRJC employees will have an opportunity to express their opinions at the time new collective bargaining agreements are decided. During the next couple of months, the Fringe Benefits Committee will provide informational updates to the college community about the progress of identifying the most feasible, cost-effective medical coverage options.

You may also direct comments to committee members: Courtenay Anderson, Michael Beebe, Virginia Boswell, Becky Brown, Louise Burke, Craig Butcher, Linda Close, John Daly, Shirley Davis, Karen Furukawa, Doug Kuula, Janet McCulloch, Sabrina Meyer,

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Dead Many Walking Performances Jan-Feb

Based on the novel by Sister Helen Prejean, the riveting true story by Tim Robbins, *Dead Man Walking*, will be performed in Newman Hall, on the Santa Rosa Campus:

January 27, 28 & February 1, 2, 3, 4, 4*, 5*

A topical "death penalty play," this profoundly moving piece explores the relationship between a death row inmate and a Catholic nun who becomes his spiritual advisor. Jennifer Mann, Disability Resources Department, is cast in the role of Lucille Poncelet, mother of accused murderer Matthew Poncelet, in *Dead Man Walking* by Tim Robbins. Performed January 27 - February 5 in Newman Auditorium. Mollie Boice, Theatre Arts Promotion Specialist, is cast as Marybeth, the mother of the murdered boy, Walter. The director of this outstanding production is John Shillington, Adjunct Faculty, Theatre Arts

Tickets may be purchased at the Box Office. All evening performances start at 8 PM. Curtain time for matinee* performances are at 2 PM. Contains strong language, adult subject matter. Call 527-4343. FREE for faculty, staff, and students with voucher from ASB. Bring the voucher to the box office for a ticket. General \$15, Senior (62+) \$12, Student (13+) \$10.

Please note the special events that are scheduled in coordination with Theatre Arts' participation in the National *Dead Man Walking* School Theater Project

- Talk Back after the show on opening night Jan 27 with the director and cast.
- Panel Discussion Sat Jan 28, 6:15-7:30 PM (show following at 8 PM). Newman Auditorium.
- Talk Back after the show Thursday, Feb 2 with Maureen Fenlon, OP, National Coordinator of the DMW Play Project.
- Library Display on *Dead Man Walking* Plover Library, Jan 16-Feb 6.

For information, contact Leslie McCauley at lmccauley@santarosa.edu or ext. 4248.

Tour Urbania Info Sessions Scheduled Jan 19 & 25

Two informational sessions on the fourth language and culture tour to Urbania, Italy scheduled July 1-22, 2006, will be held for interested students, faculty, and staff!

Thursday, January 19, Emeritus 1596 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Wednesday January 25, Room 181, Petaluma Campus 5:30- 7:00 PM

Tour participants, whose ages range from 13-83, will live like the Italians in the small hill town of Le Marche in Italy east of Florence in the Apennine Mountains less than an hour from the Adriatic Sea. Participants will:

- Attend small classes -12 students maximum - taught by experienced Italian instructors.
- Stay with families or in apartments in this historic Italian town.
- Visit the nearby towns of Urbino, Gubbio, San Marino on bi-weekly fieldtrips.
- Have the opportunity to take art, ceramics, or cooking classes from local instructors.
- Attend classical music and opera concerts in various local theaters.
- Enjoy the great works of the Renaissance period, including local artists Raffaello and Piero del la Francesca.
- Participate in a four-day trip that includes visiting an Adriatic seaside resort, a Renaissance jousting festival, the Umbrian Jazz Festival, Assisi, and much more.

For more information about this fabulous opportunity, access <http://www.santarosa.edu/sa/urbania> and click on "Urbania." A lifetime opportunity!

For more information, contact Gino at gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu, 527-4886, or Community Education at 527-4372.

Former SRJC Coach Mitchell Opens Human Race Feb 2

Former SRJC coach Tom Mitchell will be the featured speaker at the 25th Anniversary Kick-off Celebration of the 2006 Human Race. The Breakfast of Champions will be held on Thursday, February 2 at 7:30 AM at the Flamingo Resort Hotel. Tickets are \$18 per person (pre-paid tickets only). Tom is co-author of the book *The Winning Spirit* with football legend Joe Montana.

For further information about the Breakfast of Champions, call 573-3399 or access <http://www.volunteernow.org/events.html>.

Online Courseware Training Available Through CATE

Training for CATE's complete online courseware package is available to all SRJC faculty and staff. No prior knowledge of HTML or Web design necessary. Start at the beginning and take only as many of the nine sessions as needed to cover the material you're interested in. To learn just the basics, attend the first two sessions. To add Web-enhanced learning to your face-to-face classes, attend the first five sessions. To teach an entire online class, attend all nine.

Here are the dates and topics

February 3 - Build your personal home page on the Web

February 10 - Construct basic class homepages and get your "details" link

February 24 - Add images and navigation and put your syllabus on the Web

March 3 - Create a complete week-by-week schedule of topics and assignments

March 10 - Put auto-grading tests and exercises on the Web

March 17 - Design entire class web sites with lectures, animations, audio, video, etc.

March 24 - Manage password protection, student rosters and activity logs, online collaborative work groups, etc.

March 31 - Utilize Web-based Message Boards and e-mail Lists

April 7 - Configure automated online grade books for password-protected access by students

These workshops are aimed at anyone interested in utilizing Web-based resources for face-to-face classes, as well as those who plan to teach online classes. For more details about workshops, visit our training page at <http://online.santarosa.edu/presentation/page/75789>

To reserve your seat, contact Bill Stone at wstone@santarosa.edu or at 522-2664. All CATE workshops qualify for PDA Faculty Flex Time.

SRJC Presents Black History Month Documentaries

During Black History Month in February, SRJC will present various events, including the following documentaries:

James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket

Friday, February 10 • 12:30 to 3:00 PM • Plover Library, Room 1

A documentary that captures the passionate intellect and courageous writing of a man who was born black, impoverished, gay, and gifted. The archival footage evokes the atmosphere of Baldwin's formative years, the Harlem of the 1930's, his father's fundamentalist church, and the emigre demi-monde of post-war Paris. Includes newsreel clips from the 1960's record Baldwin's running commentary on the drama of the Civil Rights Movement.

The Road to Brown: The Life of Charles Houston

Explore the life of the man whose work led to overturning segregation in public education (Brown vs. Board of Education). Houston, the first black editor of the Harvard Law Review and Dean of Howard University Law School, trained Thurgood Marshall and launched a number of precedent-setting cases that overturned Jim Crow.

Marlon Riggs' Ethnic Notions

Monday, February 13 • Noon to 1:30 PM • Plover Library, Room 1

Marlon Riggs traces the history of black caricatures in popular art and entertainment from the Civil War to the 1960's Civil Rights period. The documentary examines many potent images that have influenced the representation of black people in popular culture and mass media. Contact English Instructor Abby Bogomolny, Emeritus 1644, at 522-2779 for more information.

Evolution Of The Blues Concert

Grammy award-winning Charlie Musselwhite will headline this year's 13th Annual "Evolution of the Blues Concert."

Friday, February 10 • 8:00 PM in Burbank Auditorium on SRJC's Santa Rosa Campus.

Musselwhite will take the audience on a musical journey to the "Birthplace of the Blues," Clarksdale, Mississippi. Joining Charlie will be Delta Blues sensation, and current Clarksdale resident, Big Jack Johnson.

Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 on the day of the show. Advance tickets are available at the Community Education Office, 1990 Armory Drive, Santa Rosa; Backdoor Disc and Tape, 7665 Old Redwood Highway, Cotati; Incredible Records in downtown Sebastopol; Tall Toad Music in downtown Petaluma; and the Last Record Store in downtown Santa Rosa. For ticket information or to order tickets by phone (with Mastercard or Visa), call (707) 527-4372).

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Evolution of the Blues XIII

Friday February 10, 2006 • 8:00pm

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and
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Sabbatical Leave Filing Periods Opens Jan 30

Full-time regular SRJC faculty who are interested in applying for a sabbatical leave for the 2007-2008 academic year may pick up an application between January 30 and February 24 from Alicia Jourdain in the Office of the Dean, Business, Computer & Information Sciences, and Off-Campus & Weekend Programs in Room 2715, Maggini Hall, Santa Rosa Campus.

Applications are only available during this filing period, and must be submitted no later than Friday, February 24 by 5:00 PM. Information about sabbatical leaves can be found in the current AFA contract. For additional information, contact Micca Gray, Chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee, at ext. 4552.

Applications Due Jan 26 Asilomar Women's Leadership Skills Seminar

Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 Asilomar Women's Leadership Skills Seminar to be held March 21-24 in Pacific Grove. The deadline to submit completed applications is Thursday, January 26 to SRJC's Staff Development Resource Center or applications can be downloaded at www.ccleague.org/05asil-regflyr.pdf.

Presented by the Community College League of California, The Asilomar Leadership Skills Seminar is an intensive four-day experience that focuses on the issues facing women who have made a commitment to community college administration, either in their current position or as a future goal. Its purpose is to provide information, strategies, contacts, and opportunities for personal and professional growth. The expected outcome is that participants will be able to acquire and successfully accept expanded leadership responsibilities. Over the past 20 years, approximately 1150 competitively selected women have attended this seminar.

For more information, contact the Staff Development Resource Center at 527-4852 or at www.santarosa.edu/src/conference.html.

Carlson Award Nominees Sought By Feb 3

Nominations are now being sought for "Outstanding Contributions" by SRJC female employees who are available to receive Elizabeth Carlson Memorial Award at the Women's History Month Luncheon ceremony on Friday, March 3. The deadline to submit nominees is Friday, February 3 via e-mail to jmann@santarosa.edu.

Submit only two paragraphs of information per nominee that reflect how nominees meet the award criteria, which includes: passion for creative expression; service to the college and leadership abilities that may extend to the community; dedication to students; role model for women students, faculty, and staff; overall positive energy within sphere of influence; and must be available on March 3 to receive the award.

Elizabeth Carlson was an employee at SRJC from 1974-1997 who passed away in January 2000. During her employment at SRJC, she co-founded and coordinated the Disability Resources Department, served as the Staff Development Coordinator, as well as Assistant Dean of Arts, Culture and Communication. She was a published author and poet and touched the lives of all who were fortunate to know her.

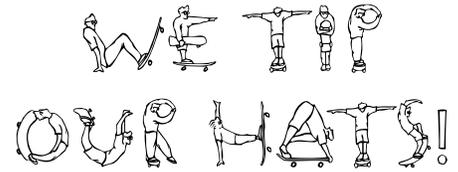
Study Abroad Meetings February 1 & 2

Representatives from the American Institute for Foreign Studies will visit SRJC from London to conduct informational meetings for the college's Study Abroad faculty members. If you wish to experience other cultures, learn a foreign language, expand your resume, or wish to travel abroad, you're invited to attend one of the following information meetings:

Wednesday, February 1 – Lark Hall, Room 2009, Santa Rosa Campus
Noon - 1:00 PM – London, England
5:00 - 6:00 PM – Granada & Madrid, Spain

Thursday, February 2 – Lark Hall, Room 2009, Santa Rosa Campus
Noon - 1:00 PM – Cuernavaca, Mexico
5:00 - 6:00 PM – Beijing & Shanghai, China

Contact the Study Abroad Program at 527-4441 for more information.



Administration of Justice Instructor Ray Hill was recognized as the 2005 Firefighter of the Year by the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District. Ray is a SRJC Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician, and was credited with 202 fire, medical, accident, rescue, and public assist call responses over the year.



BearCubs vs Alums Baseball!

Scott Ware, SRJC football star and alum, recently played in the Rose Bowl and was selected to participate in the 60th Anniversary Hula Bowl scheduled on January 21. Bear Cub alum **Jason Lane**, now of the Houston Astros, will play at SRJC's Cook Sypher Field on January 28. He will play with other SRJC alumni who also play professional baseball, including **Johnny Gomes** (Tampa Bay Devil Rays), **Ole Sheldon** (Houston Astros farm team, Lexington Legends), **Kasey Olenberger** (Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim), **Josh Buhagier** (former Arizona Diamondback), and 2006 Hall of Fame Inductee **Derrick White**, who has played for the Montreal Expos, Detroit Tigers, Chicago Cubs, and Colorado Rockies. Be sure to come out on January 28 to cheer our Bear Cubs on!

**Game 1 • Saturday January 28
11:00 AM - SRJC Team vs. SRJC Alumni**

**Game 2 • Saturday January 28
2:15 PM - Alumni vs. Alumni**

For additional information, contact Coach Damon Neidlinger at 527-4389.



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