



# insider

Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, August 25, 2006

## Library Opens For Fall Semester!



While some construction remains on the new Frank P. Doyle Library on the Santa Rosa Campus, the facility opened to students on the first day of the fall semester, August 21.

"The completion and occupancy of this project is the culmination of several years of conceptual research and planning, focused program development and architectural and engineering design," says Vice President Administrative Services Curt Groninga, who has been responsible for directing the library construction project. "It also represents a college community effort aimed at the production of a very beautiful building containing functional library, media services, academic computing, tutorial center, and art gallery programs. Most importantly it has been designed to serve our students and faculty, as well as our extended districtwide community."

There are so many individuals to thank for their unique contributions that helped make the dream of such a remarkable facility become a reality. Congratulations and deep gratitude to those across the District and the college community who worked so hard for so long to "get it done, and to have it done right," as Curt emphasizes.

## First Oaks A Success!

Over 350 students attended the inaugural First Oaks event on August 17, which was a great success according to students and staff alike. Geared to supporting students' success while enrolled, as well as the retention of students, Student Affairs, Counseling, New Student Programs, the Associated Students, Bookstore, Highfeather, and many other departments and programs collaborated to make this event well-organized, fun, and informative to our students. "I want to personally thank all who supported this event, both in spirit and resources. Whether wearing the polo shirts, showing up, speaking at the event, donating prizes, and talking about it at PDA event, we all made this happen," emphasized Robert Ethington, Director of Student Affairs & New Student Programs.



*Vice President Student Services Ricardo Navarrette, left, enjoys discussion with students at First Oaks.*

## Free Smoking Cessation Program Sept 25 & 26

Environmental Health & Safety is sponsoring the American Lung Association's "Freedom From Smoking" program that is free to staff and students. The program runs for 8 weeks and meets weekly from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. The start dates are September 25 in Petaluma and September 26 in Santa Rosa. Call 527-4803 for more information and to register.



*More First Oaks Students enjoy delicious taco feast.*

## Clo's Classic Set For Sept 30

SRJC and Clover Stornetta Farms present the Clo's Classic football game on September 30 at 7:00 PM. Join in on this exciting competition to kick off the season, with the Bear Cubs playing against Diablo Valley College.

Formerly the Clo Bowl, the competition has become one of the most sought after bowl games in California community college athletics because it is such a quality event. Look forward to Miss Sonoma County opening the game by singing the National Anthem, as well as other fun activities at the event. SRJC's football team has selected charities that will be the beneficiaries of the proceeds of the game, including Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation and the Petaluma People Services. Plan to support our excellent team of athletes at Clo's Classic!

## Fall Farm Stand Open!

Fresh vegetables, herbs, and flowers grown and harvested by SRJC students at the Shone Farm are on sale each Wednesday starting August 23 from noon to 3:00 PM near the Bookstore on the Santa Rosa Campus. Proceeds raised will benefit the Sustainable Agriculture Program. Contact Wendy Krupnick with questions at 887-0740 or [wkrupnick@santarosa.edu](mailto:wkrupnick@santarosa.edu).

## 5th Annual WOW! Fair Set Wed, Sept 20

Plan to attend the WOW! (Work-on-Wellness) Fair on Wednesday, September 20 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the outdoor stage area "Under the Oaks" (graduation area) on the Santa Rosa Campus. An array of interesting exhibits and short presentations about health, fitness, and wellness will make for an exciting day!

You may enter the free WOW! Fair Raffle Drawing to win one of many terrific gifts donated by vendors, plus you don't have to be present to win.

We look forward to seeing you at WOW! 2006, Wednesday, September 20!



## United Way "Day of Caring Volunteers" Sought

A team of a couple dozen volunteers is needed to participate in the "Day of Caring" on Wednesday, September 13, an effort that offers a unique way of giving back to the community.

For many years SRJC staff members have contributed to United Way or a community service agency of their choice through payroll deduction. But the "Day of Caring" offers an opportunity again this year to participants by contributing in a more personal way by volunteering for a day. Last year when SRJC's team volunteered at The Kid's Street Learning Center and Charter School, volunteers helped by painting classrooms, landscaping, gardening, developing posters and cards for the classrooms, among other tasks. "The day was extremely rewarding and an excellent way to directly give back to our community," said Diane Traversi, Co-Chair of the SRJC's United Way Employee Campaign and SRJC's Director, Admissions & Enrollment Services.

*Last year's SRJC Volunteer Team.*

If you would enjoy being part of a team that works hard together to support a wonderful cause, give Diane a call on ext. 4508 or e-mail her to volunteer on September 13. You may use a vacation or PTO day with your supervisor's approval to volunteer. She would love to welcome you to the team!

## September Is Transfer Awareness Month!

Last year, September was officially declared Transfer Awareness Month by SRJC's Board of Trustees. A proposal submitted by Transfer Center Counselor/ Director Roberta Delgado captures the importance of Transfer Awareness Month. Roberta 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 a concentration of activities and services during the month of September that are 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."

This year the following events will take place at SRJC during Transfer Awareness Month:

- Transfer Day - A college fair that brings 55 university representatives to the Santa Rosa Campus on Tuesday, September 12 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Transfer Q & A - A workshop about transfer requirements will be held on Wednesday, September 20 on both Santa Rosa and Petaluma campuses.
- How to Choose a Major - A seminar presented jointly by the Career and Transfer Centers is scheduled on Wednesday, September 13 on the Petaluma Campus and on Wednesday, September 27 on the Santa Rosa Campus.
- Promotion of Transfer Admission Agreements, which are accepted by a number of universities during the early fall semester in September and October.

Faculty and staff are asked to support the efforts that are organized to raise awareness and assist students in the transfer process by posting announcements, referring students to counselors for transfer planning, or telling students about the Transfer Center.

## Harvey Hansen Memorial Bar-B-Q Sept 8

Make your reservations now for the 22nd annual Harvey Hansen Bar-B-Q on Friday, September 8, at the Shone Farm. The fun-filled event is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new staff members to the college and also to check in with friends and colleagues as the fall semester begins.



5:00 PM Hospitality, Wine Tasting & Tours  
6:30 PM Dinner & Visiting  
7:30-9:00 PM Music & Dancing  
Steve Morris & Mike Ferrell Band

**ROCKIN' OUT!** Steve Morris, Kris Shear, Terri Frongia, Diane Traversi, and Freyja Pereira.

The cost per person is \$12.50, which covers delicious food and a \$1-2 donation to the Harvey Hansen Scholarship. No outside alcohol is permitted. Sorry, no children please.

Submit your reservation and payment no later than August 29 to Anne McLain in Human Resources, and make your checks out to "SRJC." Indicate the names of any guests you plan to bring with you.

Give Anne a call at 527-4787 any with questions. This Bar-B-Q promises to be a barrel full of laughs and fun!

### *In Sympathy*

We extend deep sympathy on behalf of the college community to Melanie Heisler, Bookstore Specialist, whose husband, Tom, recently passed away from lung cancer. Melanie has been a member of the Petaluma Campus Bookstore for ten years. Our thoughts are with her and her family during this time, and we look forward to her returning to work in the near future.



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