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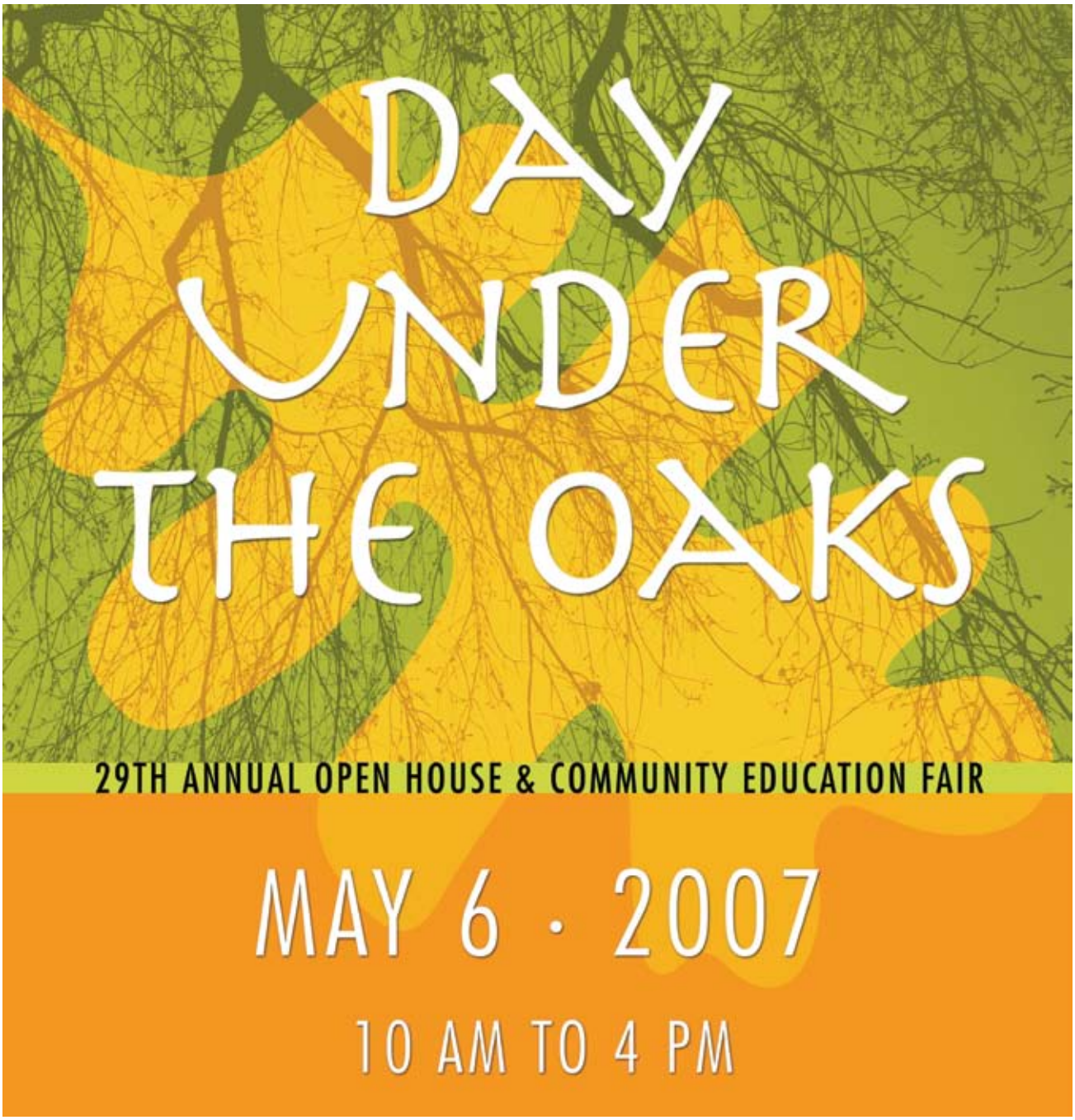
SRJC'S SPRING MUSICAL PERFORMANCES! INSIDE!

Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, May 4, 2007

Day Under the Oaks This Sunday May 6

Day Under the Oaks has finally arrived! Plan to attend SRJC's wonderful annual open house and community education event, Day Under the Oaks. With growing participation from college groups and a larger attendance anticipated by members of the community, May 6 promises to be another excellent and fun-filled occasion with many added activities, including the Doyle Library, free parking in our new parking facility, and 110 booths or exhibits! Day Under the Oaks is scheduled from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and there's something for everyone to enjoy, come rain or shine!



SRJC Commencement Set May 26

SRJC's 88th commencement is scheduled on Saturday, May 26 at the outdoor stage just north of Burbank Auditorium. If it rains, the ceremony will be held in Haehl Pavilion.

Graduating students will arrive at 9:30 AM, and the commencement ceremony will take place from 10:00 AM to noon. A reception will immediately follow in the Doyle Student Center with music and refreshments for graduates and their families.

This year's student commencement speakers include James Agapoff IV and Deborah Morgan. SRJC's Concert Choir will perform, with SRJC Music Instructor Jody Benecke conducting with Dr. Leslie Dukes, pianist. SRJC's Interim Dean of Arts, Culture and Communication Kimberlee Messina and Vice President of Student Services Ricardo Navarrette will read the names of SRJC's graduates. Interim Academic Senate President Greg Granderson will present the Class of 2007, and Board of Trustee President B. Robert Burdo and SRJC President Robert F. Agrella will present diplomas. Signers are Sherry Jo Hays and Jennifer Jacobs.

The following figures summarize this year's SRJC graduates, at this time:

TOTAL GRADUATES: 944

TOTAL ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREES: 785

TOTAL ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREES: 200

SUMMER 2006 GRADUATES

60 will receive associate in arts degrees, 15 will receive associate in science degrees (total 75).

FALL 2006 GRADUATES

254 will receive associate in arts degrees, 31 will receive associate in science degrees 285).

SPRING 2007 GRADUATES

483 will receive A.A. degrees, 156 will receive A.S. degrees (total 639). (This number will increase as grades are finalized.)

15th Annual "President's Address to the Community" May 31, 2007

On Thursday, May 31 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Walter Haehl Pavilion on the Santa Rosa Campus, SRJC's Superintendent/President Robert F. Agrella will deliver the 15th annual "President's Address to the Community."

Hosted by the SRJC Foundation Board of Directors and President Agrella, the "State of the College" address will be delivered during a catered luncheon. Dr. Agrella will also present "The President's Medallion" to Mrs. Constance Mahoney in recognition of her outstanding service and support that profoundly enhances Santa Rosa Junior College.

Individual tickets are $40. Sponsorship tables starting at $500 may also be reserved and provide preferential seating for eight, special acknowledgement at the luncheon and a listing in the event program.

To make reservations, contact the Foundation to make reservations at 527-4348 or e-mail cmeydenbauer@santarosa.edu.

Welcome Centers Grand Opening June 4 & 11

Please join Student Services for the grand opening of the New Student Welcome Centers on Monday, June 4 on the Santa Rosa Campus and Monday June 11 on the Petaluma Campus. The Welcome Centers are the convenient first-stop for all new students planning to attend Santa Rosa Junior College that provide immediate help to complete their applications, understand the assessment process, choose assessment times, register the orientation class Counseling 370, and register for fall classes. Computers will be available for students to use and general information about college programs will be provided at the centers. Student ambassadors will be on hand to help orient students to campus, plus our counselors will be available for counseling and supporting new students as they make a smooth transition to SRJC.

The Welcome Centers will be open Monday through Thursday during the summer. On the Santa Rosa Campus the Welcome Center will be located under a colorful tent adjacent to a classroom on the west side of Tauzer Gymnasium behind Bailey Hall. On the Petaluma Campus the Welcome Center will be located inside the Atrium behind the Bookstore. Look for the new Welcome Center signs as you walk around both campuses and come take a look!

May 3 Faculty Recognition Awards

Faculty members from across the campus will be honored at the Academic Senate's Annual Faculty Recognition Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 3 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Doyle Student Lounge on the Santa Rosa Campus. Faculty members that have attained tenure this year will also be recognized and the 2008 Tauzer Lecturer will be announced. The college community is invited to attend. Award recipients include:

Unsung Heroes -Benjamin Benson, Abby Bogomolny, Jack Wegman

Professional Achievement - Raymond Hill

Staff Development - Nancy Persons

Curriculum Development - Sherry Hicks

Sabbatical Project - Luz Navarrette

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty - Ianthe Brautigan-Swensen & Ellen Licht

Fine Arts - SRJC's Art Department for the Faculty Show, "New Space New Work
Innovative Use of Technology in Education" - Jeffrey Diamond

Academic Senate President's Award - Gary Allen

Alumni and Friends Outstanding Faculty Award - Benjamin Benson

Additional awards will be presented:

Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in Education Award - Byron Craighead & Roberta Delgado

2007 NISOD Excellence Award - Cathy Burgett

Newly Tenured Spotlighted

At the May 3 Faculty Recognition Awards Ceremony starting at 3:00 PM in the Staff Lounge on the Santa Rosa Campus, the following Newly Tenured Faculty 2006-07 will be presented with a Certificate of Achievement:

Susana Ackerman – Modern & Classical Languages

Karen Frindell – Chemistry

Michael Grabowski – Administration of Justice

Richard Kavinoky – Mathematics

Laura Larque – Social Sciences

Sean Martin – Philosophy

Kay Murphy – Health Sciences (Dental Program)

Sandra Nieto-Navarro – Mathematics

Craig Price – College Skills

Danielle Purdy – Life Sciences

Stephanie Sanchez – Art

Laura Vallejo – Child Development

EOPS Student Honors Reception May 4

The college community is invited to attend the annual EOPS Student Honors Reception hosted by the EOPS/CARE Advisory Committee and Program Staff) on Friday, May 4 from noon to 1:30 PM in the Staff Lounge on the Santa Rosa Campus. The event acknowledges the achievements of 25 EOPS Honor Roll students from 2006 who will receive scholarships and awards. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at ext. 4383 or by e-mailing Pam Gonsalves pgonsalves@santarosa.edu.

Spring Dance Performance "Inside Out" May 11, 12 & 13

"Inside Out," SRJC's annual dance performance, will be presented in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus at 8:00 PM on May 11 and 12, with matinee performances on May 12 at 2:00 PM. and on May 13 at 2:00 PM.

"Inside Out" will focus on the inspiration of choreographers and the outward manifestation of their inner visions through choreography, and will include a range of styles from jazz dance and hip hop to modern and classical ballet. SRJC advanced students and faculty will perform various pieces.

Guest artist Gabriel Francisco will present his unique fusion style that blends hip hop and modern dance genres. A theatre piece by faculty members Susan Matthies and Carrie Stillman will explore three distinct groups of people whose worlds collide. The show will showcase some of the most talented dancers in Sonoma County, including members of the SRJC-sponsored community dance company, De-Em Dance Collective.

Tickets are $15 General, $12 Students and Seniors, and are available at the SRJC Box Office in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus Wednesday through Friday, from 12:30 to 4:30 PM. Tickets at the door are $17 General, $14 Students and Seniors. SRJC Associated students (ASB members) may attend free by obtaining a voucher from the Student Activities Office and redeeming it for a ticket at the box office. To order tickets by phone call (707) 527-4342.

Guitarist Vianna To Perform May 11

Aliéksey Vianna, one of the finest guitarists of his generation, will perform on the Santa Rosa Campus on Friday, May 11 at 8:15 PM in Newman Hall on the Santa Rosa Campus. Tickets are $15. His repertoire ranges from classical guitar solos, chamber works and concerti, to Jazz and Brazilian music, and Vianna will present pieces by Bach, Assad Jose Kampela, Towner, Arthur, and Sergio.

Vianna's superb musicianship and artistry have been praised by critics and public in more then fifteen countries throughout Europe, North and South America, and Africa. He has achieved international recognition, winning top prizes in many of the world's most important music competitions. He has performed in some of the world's most prestigious concert halls, such as New York's Carnegie Hall, San Francisco's Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Mexico's Nezahualcóyotl, Rio de Janeiro's Sala Cecília Meireles and São Paulo's Sala Ester Mesquita. For more information call 829-6719

Disability Awareness Award Honors Petaluma Technical Services Staff

Petaluma Campus staff members Jerry Xu, Marshall McGowan, and Debra Miller will be recognized at the May Board of Trustees meeting for "their exemplary service to both DRD students and staff working in the Petaluma Computer Labs." In their effort to help create an atmosphere of inclusion and equal access, the three awardees have converted computer workstations to accommodate universally accessible equipment and installed and maintained assistive software that supports the multiple needs of students with disabilities. The Disability Awareness Award was initiated by DRD students and staff to spotlight SRJC employees who demonstrate support for the needs of and promote a positive learning environment for students with disabilities.

Saluting Jerry, Marshall, and Debra for their contributions, a student says, "They respond instantaneously to technical difficulties with exceptional professionalism and commitment." According to Petaluma Dean Robert Chudnofsky, "They are 'can-do' personalities who enjoy creating innovative means of guaranteeing access. We salute and thank Jerry, Marshall, and Debra for their sensitive, professional work with students and staff alike."

Petaluma Campus Schedules May 12 Día de la Familia

On Saturday, May 12, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the Petaluma Campus will hold a free open house, Día de la Familia/Day of the Family, in the Mahoney Library. Parents whose children are English Language Learners in local public schools are invited to campus to participate in informational sessions about attending college. Informational workshops in Spanish will be provided about SRJC's vocational and health-care programs, career options in technology, financial aid and scholarships, credit and noncredit ESL programs, university transfer programs, student success programs, college entrance requirements, among other topics. Two general sessions will also be presented, "Parental Involvement in Schools" and "AB 540 and Successful College Enrollment." The event offers an excellent opportunity for parents and students to speak one-on-one with instructors, counselors, and SRJC students in a welcoming and fun activity that will also include a Children's Theatre, Latin music, and lunch. Call 778-3925 for more information.

Spring Musical Performances!

Piano Ensemble

Class Recital May 4, 7PM

SRJC's Music Department will present a free piano recital performed by the Piano Ensemble Class on Friday, May 4 at 7:00 PM in Forsyth Hall, Room 105 on the Santa Rosa Campus.

The program will include compositions for duet, two piano four hands, and two piano eight hands. Composers represented include J.C. Bach, W.A. Mozart, Anton Rubinstein, Robert Schumann, Clara Schumann, Alexander Bretchaninoff, and Franz Liszt. Directed by SRJC Music Instructor Anna Hariette Foshee. Student performers and their respective communities include: Sebastopol, Ann Boatright, Mary Glasner, and Barbara Shepard; Glen Ellen, Nathan Miron; Santa Rosa, Loria Rolander, Deborah Kakalik, Hiroshi Yamanaka, Nancy Guevara, and Charlotte Ellis.

SRJC Jazz Combos

Concert May 7, 8PM

On Monday, May 7, the SRJC Music Department will present three Jazz Combos in concert at 8:00 PM in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus. The combos are directed by Bennett Friedman, and the guest artist will be trombonist Adam Theis. Admission to the concert is $5.

Adam is a Sonoma County native who formed and led The Savoy Swingers and Cannonball. After graduating from SSU with a degree in jazz composition and performance, Adam moved to San Francisco where he formed The Realistic Orchestra and The Shotgun Wedding Quintet among other bands. Adam is also known for his work with the Skatelites and the Contemporary Jazz Orchestra. For information, call 527-4249.

Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band

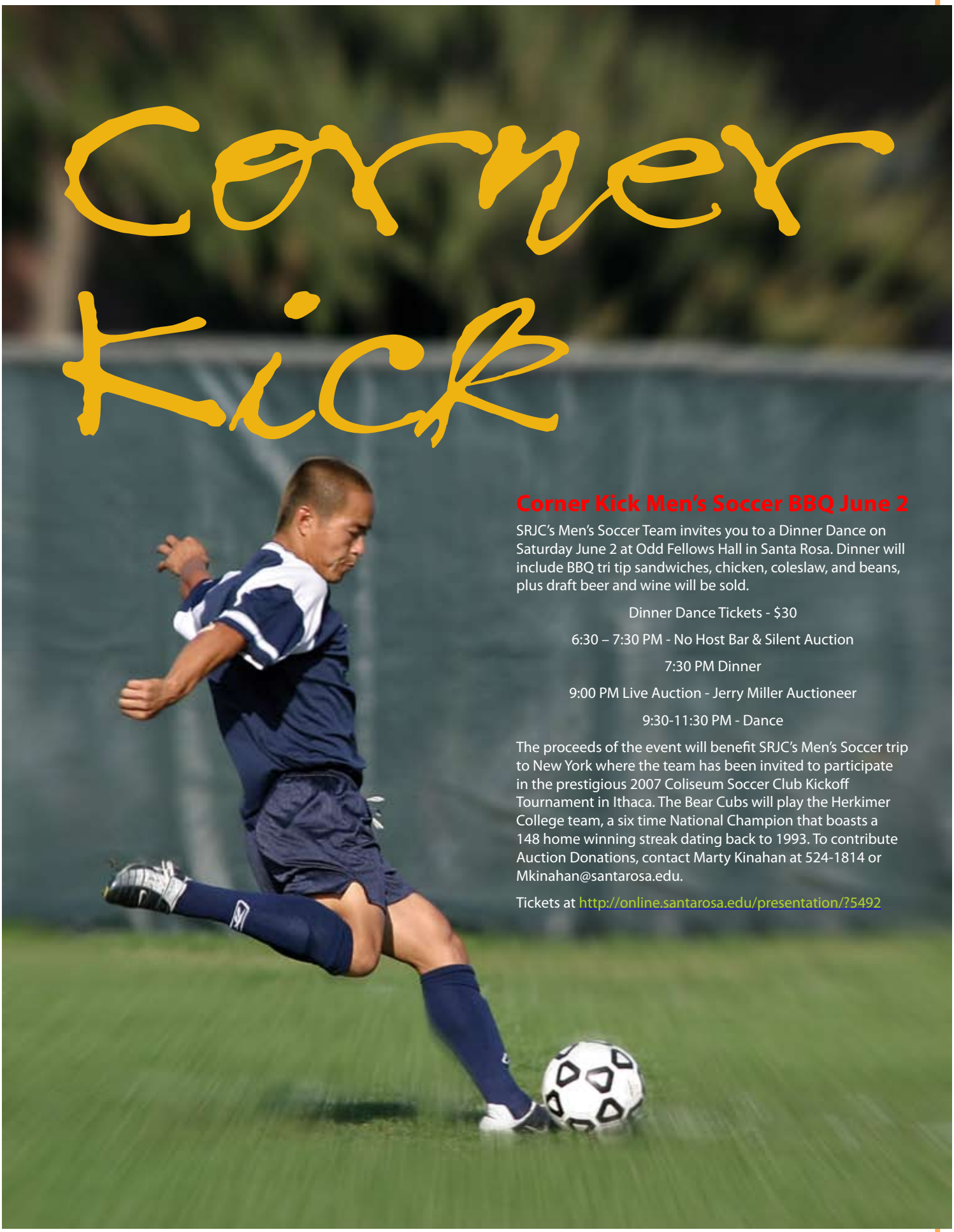
Concert May 15, 7:30PM

The Redwood Empire wind ensemble and the SRJC Symphonic Band will present a Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus. Nicholas Xenelis is the new conductor of the Symphonic Band. The Wind Ensemble is directed by Bennett Friedman.

The concert will feature a performance of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" narrated by SRJC Communications Instructor Ed LaFrance. Special guests for this performance include the Kenilworth Junior High Band directed by Kevin Klemenok. Other featured compositions include "Fiesta del Pacifico" by Roger Nixon, "Bach's Fugue a la Gigue," and "Fantasy on a Japanese Folk Song" by Samuel Hazo. General admission is $5.00.

Call 527-4249 or Bennett Friedman at ext. 4255 for more information about this performance.

Corner Kick



Corner Kick Men's Soccer BBQ June 2

SRJC's Men's Soccer Team invites you to a Dinner Dance on Saturday June 2 at Odd Fellows Hall in Santa Rosa. Dinner will include BBQ tri tip sandwiches, chicken, coleslaw, and beans, plus draft beer and wine will be sold.

Dinner Dance Tickets - $30

6:30 – 7:30 PM - No Host Bar & Silent Auction

7:30 PM Dinner

9:00 PM Live Auction - Jerry Miller Auctioneer

9:30-11:30 PM - Dance

The proceeds of the event will benefit SRJC's Men's Soccer trip to New York where the team has been invited to participate in the prestigious 2007 Coliseum Soccer Club Kickoff Tournament in Ithaca. The Bear Cubs will play the Herkimer College team, a six time National Champion that boasts a 148 home winning streak dating back to 1993. To contribute Auction Donations, contact Marty Kinahan at 524-1814 or Mkinahan@santarosa.edu.

Tickets at http://online.santarosa.edu/presentation/?5492

SRT 36th Summer Season!
Seeking Summer Student Housing!

SRT offers SJRC faculty and staff two free tickets for each SRT production. To accommodate the huge demand for the complimentary tickets, SRT is choosing specific performances in the first week or so of each show's schedule. You can claim these tickets in person at the Burbank Box Office. SRT Director James Newman will soon send an e-mail with the specific dates and times when the complimentary deal will be offered.

Summer Performances – As SRT prepares feverishly for its 36th season, six productions are scheduled this summer:

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD

Solve-it-yourself, interactive musical comedy based on Dickens' unfinished novel.

THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY

Drama adapted from Highsmith's acclaimed novel, now a major Hollywood movie.

STUDS TERKEL'S WORKING

The musical based on Terkel's modern American masterpiece, music by James Taylor.

MOLIERE'S THE LEARNED LADIES

Hilarious comedy from one of the greatest comic masters of Western literature.

TICK…TICK…BOOM!

The rock and roll musical by Jonathan Larson, creator of Rent

DISNEY'S ALADDIN JR

A Special treat for families, the stage adaptation of Disney's hit movie with all the characters and award-winning songs that you have come to love.

HELP SRT WITH STUDENT SUMMER HOUSING!

SRT needs temporary housing for approximately 40 students for 10 nights. For the second year, SRT students will be housed in student apartments at Sonoma State University. However, due to SSU's graduation occurring at the same as SRJC's, our SRT students cannot move in until June 4. SRT students arrive May 25 and will move to SSU on June 4. They will work on campus from 9 AM to 10:30 PM every day when they stay with you, so you will hardly notice them. Please help SRT out, the benefits are many:

- Housing a student is a great way to be a part of the SRT experience
- Faculty and staff have loved having students for this brief time because they get to know the people they later see on stage
- Students will be quiet (hardly there, and they will be exhausted)
- Students will be well-behaved (because it's early in the summer)

If you have or know someone with a spare room or a spare bed, help SRT out. In return, SRT will give you one SRT FLEX Pass (worth 5 tickets!) and eternal appreciation. Contact SRT Housing Coordinator Claudia Santiago-Burke at 328-5301 (cell) or e-mail claudiak2000@earthlink.net.

SRT
summer repertory theatre

Annual GALEAF Potluck May 26

GALEAF (Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends) will hold their annual end-of-year potluck party on Saturday, May 26 at 5:30. Call Rhonda at ext. 4586 for more details.

Graduation "Success Stories" Sought

With graduation quickly approaching on May 26, President Agrella is looking for noteworthy stories that spotlight the success of graduating students to include in his commencement address by May 11. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to submit information about students that have overcome obstacles to attend college or who may have unusual talents, achieved special accomplishments and academic achievement, or who demonstrate exceptional promise. If you submit information, be sure that you have notified these students that they may be publicly recognized during the commencement ceremony; be sure to get their permission to have their stories told before forwarding the information.

President Agrella also would like to also acknowledge any family members of SRJC faculty and staff who are graduating this 2006-07 year. If your relatives are among the graduates this year, submit their names and their relationship to you by May 11 as well.

Forward all information to Carolyn Pansini-Evans in A&R either by e-mail at cpansini-evans@santarosa.edu or by calling 527-4510. Don't forget, May 11 is the deadline! t cpansini-evans@santarosa.edu or by calling 527-4510. **Don't forget, May 11 is the deadline!**

51st Bob Mastin Golf Tournament May 18

SRJC staff members are invited to participate in the 51st Annual Bob Mastin Golf Tournament on Friday, May 18 at 10:30 AM at the Bennett valley Golf Course. The cost is $22 resident and $28 nonresident payable the morning of the tournament before tee off, plus $20 for the dinner and award ceremony. Carts are also available for $12 per person.

Contact Izzy Derkos on ext. 4368 or Jeff Holzworth on ext. 1821 to make reservations by Friday, May 11. Be sure to give your name and department and indicate if you plan to play or not and will attend the dinner and ceremony, plus leave a call back number to follow up.

"East of the Sun & West of the Moon"

Theatre Arts will perform "East of the Sun and West of the Moon" adapted by playwright Tina Howe. Directed by Wendy Wisely, the magical Norwegian fair tale is brought to life through the fusion of eastern and western theatrical styles. Full of surprises the journey of a girl named Tove across the globe is a great family adventure. Performances are:

April 27, 28, May 2, 3, 4, 5*, 5, 6, 6**, Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus. 8:00 PM, *2:00 PM, and ** Special Performances: Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 PM,Tickets are $8 to $15 each. Call 527-4343 to order tickets or online at www.santarosa.edu/theatrearts

Summer Work Hours May 28 – July 27 2007

Starting the week of May 28, 2007, the Sonoma County Junior College District will implement the 4/10 work week, which includes four days per week, Monday through Thursday, with the work day hours from either 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM (with a half hour lunch) or from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM (with an hour lunch). Public hours for the College will remain unchanged, and offices should plan to be open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The College will be closed between Friday and Sunday. The full text of the Summer Hours Agreement may be found in Appendix G1 of the SEIU/District contract. Requests for exceptions to the summer schedule should be directed to each employee's supervisor or component administrators.

Faculty & Staff

You're Invited to Drop-in

Munchies & Money

April 30, May 1, 2, 3
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Thurs.
Staff Lounge
5:00–7:00

–and–

Munchies & Money

BYO Brown Bag

Friday, May 4
Room 154, Mahoney Library
11:30–1:30

HEAR the latest on the Campus expansion

LEARN how the Friends, fundraising plan will enrich Campus programs

MEET Lyndi Brown, Development Officer SRJC Petaluma Campus

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