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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, February 8, 2008

Accreditation Self Study Update

For a semester and a half, more than 100 SRJC volunteers from classified, faculty, and management teams have worked hard to examine specific evidence that will inform a response to SRJC's accreditation standards. An accreditation team made up of community college leadership and identified by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will visit SRJC in spring 2009 for an accreditation review.

The accreditation standards that the college community is focusing on four key areas: Institutional Mission and Effectiveness; Student Learning Programs and Services; Resources; Leadership and Governance.

Each area includes best practices statements that are designed to help us assess how the college measures up to those standards. In this way, the Self Study not only gives the college community an opportunity to recognize what we do well, it also offers recommendations for improvement. The following actions will take place through the spring 2009 accreditation visit:

March 1, 2008 - First Draft of Self Study due

Late-March - Draft will be posted on the SRJC Accreditation Web site at www.santarosa.edu/accred for viewing and comments; public forums will be held

May 1- Second Draft due

Mid-May-summer 2008 - Draft again available for viewing and comments by college community

October 2008 - Final Draft due

Spring 2009 - Accrediting team visits the college

All SRJC employees are encouraged to review the Self Study drafts and make comments. The procedure for commenting will be publicized through college e-mail and on the Web site and will include both electronic and face-to-face forums. We greatly appreciate the dedication of all SRJC volunteers and many others who give their time and creative energy to this important self assessment.

Gary Allen, Accreditation Steering Committee Chair, Faculty, ESL
Mary Kay Rudolph, Accreditation Liaison Officer, Assistant Superintendent/VP Academic Affairs

Faculty Award Nominations Sought By Feb 29

The SRJC Alumni & Friends Association seeks nominations to honor an outstanding SRJC faculty member. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni are invited to nominate candidates for the award, which will be presented at the Faculty Recognition Awards Celebration in spring.

The award recipient will be selected based on the following criteria: teaching excellence, sensitivity to student needs, the development of innovative teaching materials or techniques, and service to the college and/or broad community.
A one-time student scholarship will be made in the Outstanding Faculty member's name. The student scholarship recipient will be selected by the faculty member and must be studying or pursuing educational goals in the faculty member's department or area of study. All nominations must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, February 29 to the SRJC Alumni and Friends Association.

Volunteers Needed! Expanding Your Horizons Conference

The Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) science and math conference organized for 7th and 8th girls will be held this year on April 12 at Sonoma State University. In its 16th year, EYH is co-sponsored by SRJC, Sonoma State University, and Agilent Technologies.

One key aim of the conference is to encourage young women to seriously consider pursuing careers in science and math. SRJC's women employees are urged to volunteer to lead hands-on workshops that encourage young women's interest in science, math, technology, or business. SRJC faculty members have been very involved in past EYH conferences, and both seasoned and new leaders are sought to present workshops.

If you are interested in participating in the conference, send an e-mail message to Donna Spilman, donna_spilman@agilent.com at Agilent Technologies or contact Kelly Mackura kmackura@santarosa.edu or 527-4400. You can also find a brochure and online registration at www.eyh-soco.ort/CallForWorkshops.htm. The sign up deadline has been extended. Please contact Donna for further information.

Sabbatical Leave Filing Period Open – Applications Due Feb 22

Full-time regular faculty who are interested in applying for a sabbatical leaves for the 2009-2010 academic year may pick up an application from Alicia Jourdain in the Office of the Dean, Business and Computer & Information Sciences, Room 2715 in Maggini Hall). Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, February 22 by 5:00 PM.

Contact Chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee Gary Pasqualetti at 527-4871 for additional information about sabbatical leaves, which can also be found in the current AFA contract. Sabbatical leaves are a part of the District/AFA Contract, and, as such, are subject to modifications via the regular negotiations process. Any modifications to the Contract are subject to approval by the AFA membership.

Sabbatical Leaves Academic Year 2009-2010

The following timelines offer key dates for sabbatical leaves for the spring and fall semesters:

Spring Semester
Sabbatical Leave Filing Period - Opened January 31, 2008
Last Day to File Application Form - February 22
Final Leave Reports due for Fall Leaves - March 1
Initial Ranking Distributed to Applicants - March 14
Challenges to Ranking by Applicants - March 21
Final Ranking Distributed to Applicants - April 4
Committee Sends Final Reports to VP, Academic Affairs - 2nd week in April
Committee Holds Orientation Meeting - May 7
All Final Reports to Board - May 13
Fall Semester
Preparation of Formal Proposals by Applicants - end of 2nd week of semester
Formal Proposals Reviewed & Signed by Dept. Chair - end of 3rd week of semester
Dept. Approved Proposals Submitted to Committee - beginning 4th week of semester
Committee Review Proposals - Weeks 4-7
Final Leave Reports due for Spring Leaves after Committee Reviews Proposals - November 1
Committee Recommendations to VP of Academic Affairs - November 15
Last Date to Withdraw Approved Leave - November 30
Committee Recommendations to President/Board - December 9

Art Gallery Presents "Bringing Back the Fire" Feb-March

The Art Gallery in the Doyle Library on the Santa Rosa Campus will present "Bringing Back the Fire: Art & Community at Burning Man & Beyond" February 22 through March 22. The college community is invited to attend the opening of "Burning Man" exhibit in the Art Gallery in the Doyle Library on Thursday, February 21 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and also to attend a gathering of artists, community members, and individuals from "Burning Man" on Friday evening, February 22 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

For a brief week each August, the Burning Man Festival turns Nevada's Black Rock Desert into the world's largest outdoor art gallery. While some of the art created at Burning Man is intended to be burned, other works are meant to be exhibited. "Bringing Back the Fire" displays some of these unique works and some of the participants at Burning man who created the works. In addition to the show's video and photographic work that allows visitors to experience the scope of the Nevada Burning Man event, artwork will be displayed ranging from huge installations to more ephemeral images of the night, people, and fire at Burning Man.

SRJC's Art Gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, but is closed on Sunday and Monday, and is located in the Doyle Library on the Santa Rosa Campus.

Parent Information Nights - Students with Disabilities

Parents of high school students with disabilities who plan to attend SRJC are invited to attend one of the following Parent Information meetings:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - PETALUMA CAMPUS, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, 650 CALL HALL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – SANTA ROSA CAMPUS, 6:30 TO 8:00 PM, ROOM 1564, NEWMAN AUDITORIUM, EMERITUS HALL

Parents will learn about the skills needed for college success, accessing accommodations and services, educational opportunities at SRJC, and accommodation differences in high school and college. Contact Disability Resources at 527-4278 for more information.

Officer Bill Stinson Assigned New Role

With the recent departure of Detective Sally Miller from the District Police Department to start a new position at Sonoma State University, District Police Officer Bill Stinson will now assume a number of Sally's duties and assignments. "Chief Stewart and I are diligently working to create a seamless transition of services that have been provided to our college community by the District Police Department. The well-being of all members of the college community will continue to be a top priority," says Bill.

In addition to patrol assignment, Bill will serve as a key member of the Crisis Intervention Resource Team, provide training to District personnel, and register sex offenders and conduct follow up in criminal investigations. Bill also plans to meet with as many individuals, departments, and groups of college personnel as possible: "One of my first goals is to ensure that my door is always open for staff members and students who may need guidance or clarification regarding law enforcement issues," Bill emphasizes.

Bill is strongly committed to serving as a valuable resource to staff or students. He offers training on many topics ranging from crime prevention and personal safety to handling disruptive students and reporting emergencies on campus. "I encourage any interested personnel to book a presentation as early as possible to ensure that you receive a reserved presentation during the desired semester," Bill says.

To schedule a training or to talk with Bill for any other reason, staff and students may call him at 527-7839. The college community welcomes Bill as he makes this important transition!

Spring 2008 Concert Schedule

MARCH

Baroque Sinfonia
Directed by Nick Xenelis
Guest Artists: Daniel Celidore/Evan Craves
Friday, March 7, 8:00 PM
Glaser Center, Sonoma State University
Donations Requested

SRJC Faculty Jazz Concert
Directed by Bennett Friedman
Friday, March 7, 8:00 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
$10 General, $5 Students/seniors

Vocal Jazz Evening
Directed by Jody Benecke
Friday, March 14, 7:30 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
$10 General, $5 Students/seniors

SRJC Jazz Bands
Directed by John Mattern/Mark Wardlaw
Wednesday, March 19, 8:00 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
$5 General

MAY

Jazz Combos
Directed by Bennett Friedman
Guest Artist: Terrence Brewer, Guitar
Monday, May 5, 7:30 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
$5 General

Piano Ensembles performing
Two-piano Repertoire
Directed by Florence Aquilina
Thursday, May 8, 7:00 PM
Forsyth Hall, Room 105, Santa Rosa Campus
Free

Vocal Recital
Intermediate Voice
Directed by Jody Benecke
Sunday, May 11 at 2:00 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
Free

Symphonic Band
Santa Rosa Wind Symphony
Directed by Nick Xenelis/Bennett Friedman
Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 PM
Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
$5 General

An Evening of Chamber Music
Directed by Gary McLaughlin
Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 – 8:30 PM
Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
Free

SRJC Jazz Bands
Directed by John Mattern/Mark Wardlaw
Wednesday, May 14, 8:00 PM
Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
$10 General, $5 Students/seniors

Santa Rosa Junior College Orchestra
Directed by Cynthia Weichel
Guest Artist: Jordan Wardlaw, Saxophone
Guest Artist: SRJC Dance Department
Thursday, May 15, 7:30 PM
Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
Free

Choral Concert Featuring
Varsity Choir, Concert Choir
Chamber Singers, & Harmony
Corporation
Directed by Jody Benecke/William Neely
Saturday, May 17, 8:00 PM
Burbank Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus
$10 General, $5 Students/seniors

Season Finale
Baroque Sinfonia &
Symphonic Chorus
Directed by Nick Xenelis/Dan Earl
Saturday, May 31, 8:00 PM
TBA - For info call 527-4999 ext. 9228
$15 General, $10 Students/seniors

JUNE

Season Finale
Baroque Sinfonia &
Symphonic Chorus
Directed by Nick Xenelis/Dan Earl
Sunday, June 1, 8:00 PM
Jackson Theater, Sonoma Country Day School
$15 General, $10 Students/seniors

Women's History Month March 2008

The following events are a partial list of the activities scheduled during Women's History Month in March at SRJC. More details are available on SRJC's home page under "What's New" under "Women's History Month – March 2008" at www.santarosa.edu.

Women of the Harlem Renaissance

April Harris, Humanities Department

Friday, February 29: 7:00 PM

Room 191, Petaluma Village, Petaluma Campus

Women of the Harlem Renaissance, their influence on U.S. Civil Rights Movement.

The Triumphs and Struggles in Women's Sports

Panel: Penny Hastings, Diane Campagna, Karen Stanley, Marie Sugiyama, Kelly Wood

Monday, March 3: 12:15 – 1:20 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Hastings, author of Sports for Her, moderates panel of women athletes, coaches, and teachers.

Women's History Month Kickoff Event

Tuesday, March 4: Noon – 1:30 PM

In front of Doyle Library, Santa Rosa Campus

Women's drumming circle, jazz, hip-hop, modern dance performances, theatrical and musical performances kick off a month of events!

Women at Ground Zero

Susan Hagen and Mary Carouba

Wednesday, March 5: Noon – 1:00 PM

Authors Susan Hagen and Mary Carouba deliver a retrospective of their experiences interviewing women rescue workers in New York City following 9/11.

Indigenous Women of Oaxaca, Mexico

Laura Larque, Social Sciences Department

Friday, March 7: 7:00 PM

Room 191, Petaluma Village, Petaluma Campus

Film, lecture about women in Oaxaca, including issues of tenured land and indigenous rights & work place discrimination. Film Blossoms of Fire: Ramo de Fuego follows lecture

La Pasion de Espana

Dance Performance by Sol Flamenco

Saturday, March 8: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Santa Rosa-based dance/music troupe of flamenco artistry to celebrate International Women's Day.

Art as a Mirror and a Reflection

Virginia R. Harris

Monday, March 10: 12:15 – 1:20 PM

Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Acclaimed, chemist, quilter, activist, Harris discusses colors, shapes, fabrics that transform a traditional craft into art.

Women and Mental Health

Wednesday, March 12: 12:15 – 1:30 PM

Doyle Library, Room 4245, Santa Rosa Campus

Panel of women working in psychology examine their personal path to healing others.

Iron Jawed Angels

Thursday, March 13: 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Doyle Library, Room 4246, Santa Rosa Campus

A film about the suffrage movement followed by discussion with SRJC historians Anne Donegan, Alice Roberti, Danielle Bruns.

Celebrating Japanese Women's Artistry

Jean Horton, Art Department

Friday March 14: 7:00 PM

Room 191, Petaluma Village, Petaluma Campus

An overview by Art instructor Jean Horton about the art works of Japanese women. Student work that focuses on Japanese themes will be displayed in Mahoney Library.

Maquiladora: A Destruction of the Mexican Family

Laura Larque, Social Sciences Department

Monday, March 17: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Doyle Library, Room 4245, Santa Rosa Campus

Wednesday, March 19: 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Room 698, Petaluma Campus

A film about the Maquiladora industry in Mexican border towns; followed by lecture about the devastating effects the Maquiladora hiring/firing processes on families.

The Impact of Eleanor Roosevelt

Tuesday, March 18: 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Doyle Library, Room 4246, Santa Rosa Campus

SRJC historians Marty Bennett, Anne Donegan, Anne Exton discuss the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt before, during, and after her time in the White House.

Native American Women throughout History

Brenda Flyswithhawks, Behavioral Sciences Department

Friday, March 19: 7:00 PM

Room T-1, Capri Creek Temporaries, Petaluma Campus

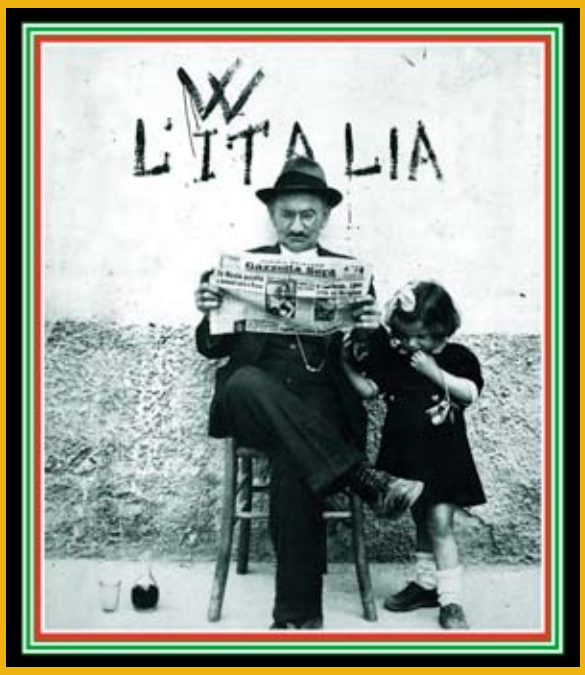
SRJC Psychology instructor & member of the Eastern Band of the Tsalagi (Cherokee) Nation presents overview of Native American women who have influenced U.S. history.

ITALIAN FILM SERIES

PETALUMA CAMPUS

ROOM 191, PETALUMA VILLAGE

Enjoy the Italian Film Series on the Petaluma Campus that includes films from 1950 to the present.
This year's films look at some aspects of Italian history, literature, and culture. SRJC Italian Instructor Caterina Labriola will present the films, including an informative overview of each production.



LA GRANDE STRADA AZZURRA

(THE WIDE BLUE ROAD) -1957

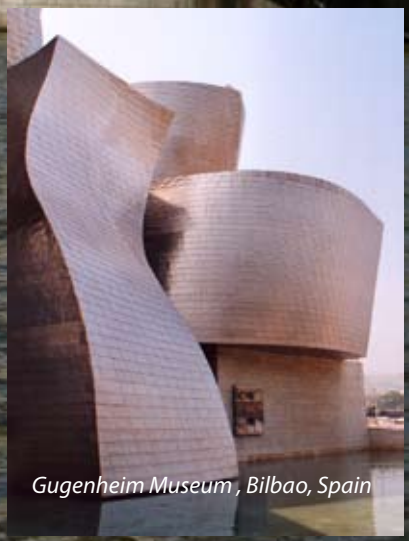
THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7:00 PM

A film by Gillo Pontecorvo with Yves Montand and Alida Valli and based on the novel "Squacio`" by Franco Solinas. A touching movie that marks the debut of the great movie director Gillo Pontecorvo.

Study Abroad Meetings Scheduled

In 2008 and 2009, SRJC's Study Abroad Program will again offer students exciting opportunities to enroll in transferable college courses that are taught abroad. One-hour information meetings are scheduled through April to answer questions and discuss the specifics of each program: China, summer 2008; London, fall 2008; Spain, fall 2008; and Florence, spring 2009. Students in search of an unforgettable educational experience should attend one of the information meetings that are scheduled: www.santarosa.edu/sa/info_mtg_sch.html.

Contact Chuck Robbins at crobbins@santarosa.edu or ext. 4498 with questions.



Gugenheim Museum , Bilbao, Spain

Florence, Italy

Maury Lapp's *Poetic Imagery* Feb 7 – Mar 15

Plan to attend a preview reception at the George Krevsky Gallery for artist Maury Lapp, former SRJC Art Instructor, on Thursday, February 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at 77 Geary Street in San Francisco. Maury's works invite viewers to enjoy the warmth of color and subjects. His paintings of cafes, poets, portraits bathe in a soulful glow through shadows and sunlight to record urban landscapes. Remarking on Maury's talent, Herbert Gold notes "He is a musician whose instrument is the brush and paint pot. I think it's a clear matter of a good heart, a pervasive sympathy, and a rare skill in bringing technique to bear on experience." More information at www.georgekrevskygallery.com/dynamic/exhibit_detail_ss.asp?ExhibitID=8

Save the Date! President's Community Address May 29

The "2008 President's Address to the Community" is scheduled on Thursday, May 29 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Walter Haehl Pavilion on the Santa Rosa Campus. The luncheon typically draws nearly 350 guests from the college and community. Save this important date! More information to come in future Insiders.

Safety Tips! Avoiding Slips, Trips & Falls

Falls are the leading cause of injuries in North American workplaces. Most workplace falls that cause injury or death are falls on the same level, not from heights. To avoid slips, trips, and falls, protect yourself by being alert to the following tips:

- Wear appropriate clothing - Don't wear shoes with loose soles. When working on slippery surfaces or in icy weather, wear non-slip soles. Be aware that overly long, loose pant cuffs are a tripping hazard.
- Adequate lighting - Report burned out lights. Turn on lights before entering an area.
- Clear paths - If you see something in an aisle, such as litter or extension cords, move or report them. Also, watch for loose or torn carpeting, mats, or runners. Don't store things on or near stairways. Watch out for unexpected hazards, such as unguarded floor openings and report them so they can be correctly covered and guarded.
- Respect slickness - Obey signs, such as "Caution: Wet Floor." Clean up spills immediately. When you come indoors from rainy conditions, your wet footwear slide more easily. Newly waxed and high gloss floors are also hazards. On slippery or rough surfaces, take small steps and walk slowly.
- Walk safely - Keep your head up. Don't run down a hallway. Use stairways' handrails. When carrying a load, make sure you can see over or around it.
- Office smarts - Don't tip back in a chair. Chairs should have five legs to prevent tipping. Keep drawers of desks, cupboards and filing cabinets closed.
- Elevate wisely - Don't stand on makeshift platforms such as a chair or on top of a desk. Instead, correctly use a stepstool or ladder.
- Working at heights - Be sure to use the required fall protection equipment and all safe procedures when working at heights. Many falls from heights are actually caused by tripping or slipping.

Contact Environmental Health and Safety at 527-4803 to report any condition that might cause a hazard and to report a need for repairs. For more safety information, see www.SafetyTalks.com, the April 2007 issue.

Retirement Reception Set March 13

The college community is invited to attend a Retirement Reception honoring SRJC's retiring employees from 2006/07 and 2007/08 on Thursday, March 13 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. The event will be held in the Art Gallery on the first floor of the Doyle Library. Details about the Retirement Reception and recognition event will be included in upcoming issues of the *Insider,* but be sure to mark your calendar now for this wonderful occasion that honors your friends and colleagues on March 13!

Retirees! Events Scheduled

SRJC alumni, mark your calendars for some upcoming events!

Friday, February 8, 3:00 PM

Volunteer Options in Retirement

Guest Speakers
Board Room, Pedroncelli Center, Santa Rosa Campus

Friday, March 14, 3:00 PM

SRJC Facility Changes

Guest Speaker, Dr. Curt Groninga, VP, Administrative Services/Assistant Superintendent
Doyle Library

Friday, April 18, 3:00 PM

Slide Presentation on Japan

Guest Speaker, Reta Kyle, former SRJC Employee
Pedroncelli Center, Santa Rosa Campus

Friday, May 16

Lunch at Josef's La Rose Restaurant

Cost: $22
Contact Curt Askim with any questions at 545-7435.

Faculty Jazz Concert March 7

SRJC's Music Department presents its first Faculty Jazz Concert on Friday, March 7 at 8:00 PM in Newman Auditorium on the Santa Rosa Campus that spotlights seven faculty members and special guest artists Scott Nygard on trumpet and David Prescott on trombone. The concert is a benefit for the SRJC Foundation Music Department Fund.

Directed by Bennett Friedman, the ensemble will perform new arrangements of jazz classics. Faculty performers will include: John Mattern and Bennett Friedman on saxophone; Mark Anderman, Paul Christopulos, and Chris Pimentel on guitar: Gary Digman on bass; and Michael Brandeburg on drums. Admission is $10 general and $5 for students and seniors. Contact the Music Department at 527-4249 for more information.

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