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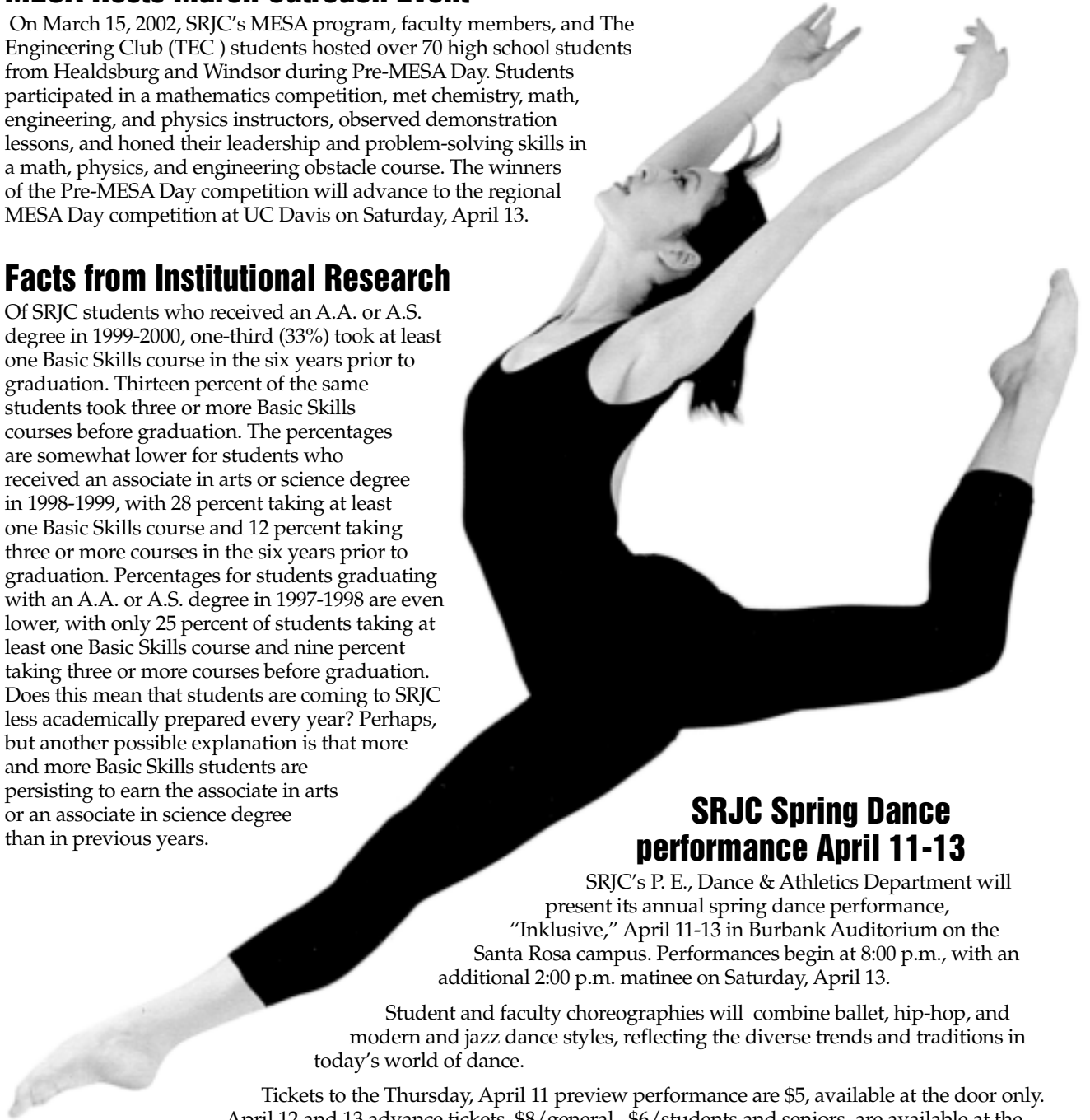
Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, April 5, 2002

## MESA Hosts March Outreach Event

On March 15, 2002, SRJC's MESA program, faculty members, and The Engineering Club (TEC) students hosted over 70 high school students from Healdsburg and Windsor during Pre-MESA Day. Students participated in a mathematics competition, met chemistry, math, engineering, and physics instructors, observed demonstration lessons, and honed their leadership and problem-solving skills in a math, physics, and engineering obstacle course. The winners of the Pre-MESA Day competition will advance to the regional MESA Day competition at UC Davis on Saturday, April 13.

## Facts from Institutional Research

Of SRJC students who received an A.A. or A.S. degree in 1999-2000, one-third (33%) took at least one Basic Skills course in the six years prior to graduation. Thirteen percent of the same students took three or more Basic Skills courses before graduation. The percentages are somewhat lower for students who received an associate in arts or science degree in 1998-1999, with 28 percent taking at least one Basic Skills course and 12 percent taking three or more courses in the six years prior to graduation. Percentages for students graduating with an A.A. or A.S. degree in 1997-1998 are even lower, with only 25 percent of students taking at least one Basic Skills course and nine percent taking three or more courses before graduation. Does this mean that students are coming to SRJC less academically prepared every year? Perhaps, but another possible explanation is that more and more Basic Skills students are persisting to earn the associate in arts or an associate in science degree than in previous years.



## SRJC Spring Dance performance April 11-13

SRJC's P. E., Dance & Athletics Department will present its annual spring dance performance, "Inklusive," April 11-13 in Burbank Auditorium on the Santa Rosa campus. Performances begin at 8:00 p.m., with an additional 2:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday, April 13.

Student and faculty choreographies will combine ballet, hip-hop, and modern and jazz dance styles, reflecting the diverse trends and traditions in today's world of dance.

Tickets to the Thursday, April 11 preview performance are \$5, available at the door only. April 12 and 13 advance tickets, \$8/general, \$6/students and seniors, are available at the SRJC Box Office in Burbank Auditorium or at T&B Sports, 1250 Mendocino Ave. in Santa Rosa. Tickets at the door are \$10 for everybody. Call 522-2621 for further information.

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## Host Families Sought for Chernobyl Project

Adjunct faculty member Jill Lee serves as a board member of the Chernobyl Children's Project (CCP), a group that is seeking families to host children of the radiated zone of Belarus. Since 1990, the CCP has worked to bring children out of Chernobyl for a six-week respite in Northern California to allow their immune systems to strengthen. The Chernobyl children pose no health risk to others. If you're interested in becoming a host family, contact Kristie Padjen at CCP at 766-9895, or at [kris@chernobylkids.com](mailto:kris@chernobylkids.com)

## Petaluma Campus Seeks Blood Drive Donors

On Tuesday, April 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Petaluma Campus Council will sponsor a blood drive in the Mahoney Library in Rooms 154 and 155. The Petaluma campus needs at least 20 donors, and strongly urges SRJC to support this important drive. Additional information and signup sheets from the Blood Bank will be distributed to the college community. Please sign up by contacting Jacky Esmeijer, Vice President of the Petaluma Campus Council, via [savveyj@yahoo.com](mailto:savveyj@yahoo.com) to give the gift of life.

## We Tip Our Hats

Adjunct music faculty voice instructor **William Neely**, sang the roles of all four villains, Lindorf, Coppelius, Dappertutto, and Dr. Miracle, in Jacques Offenbach's opera The Tales of Hoffmann for North Bay Opera Company in Fairfield, March 9-17.

## Baby News

**Tera Gutierrez-Morarity**, Community Services Officer in District Police, and husband Mike



welcomed their second child on March 31. Morgan Payton Morarity was born at 5:45 p.m., on Easter Sunday, weighing in at 8.2 lbs and 22" long. Big brother Mikey was all over Morgan the first time he saw him saying "I love this baby." The entire family is doing great!

## EOPS Reception

Twenty-four EOPS students will be honored with scholarships and awards at the annual EOPS Honors Reception being held Thursday, April 18, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Student Lounge of the Doyle center on the Santa Rosa campus.

Students being honored include **Outstanding Students:** Teresa Furr and Esther Traugot; **Scholarship Recipients for Certificate/AA:** Rosa Foster, Sherry Gann-Kennemer, Shari Meads, Roland Khin, Tori Palmberg, Kevin Peters, Sutthiphong Sananoue and Tiffany Watson; **Scholarship Recipients for Continuing Transfer Students:** Valerie Breining, Sophy Chim, Kimberly Davis, Theresa Doss, Mujda Mojadedi, Eddie Rangel, Nerith Rodriguez, Alma Sanchez, Alejandro Suarez, Jose Vinas, and Jalyne Wakeham; and **Transferring Fall 2002:** Steven Mares, Lauren Ryan and Maria Quintero.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the reception. Please RSVP by April 15 to the EOPS office, 527-4383

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