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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, October 4, 2002

Accreditation Team Scheduled to Visit October 22-24

The accreditation evaluation team led by John Hurd, Superintendent-President of Cabrillo College, will visit SRJC, October 22-24. In the last 18 months the SRJC community has spent considerable time and effort researching and writing a self-study report, and now we should be prepared to welcome our community college peers who will soon arrive to evaluate us. We anticipate that visit will be productive and ultimately helpful to us in future planning.

The evaluation teams' role is to evaluate SRJC's programs and services and ascertain if what we claim to be doing in our self-study report is indeed the case. Team members will also evaluate the progress we have made to carry out the recommendations from the previous accreditation process, and will advise us of any steps we might take to strengthen SRJC.

Members of the visiting team will arrive fully prepared to carry out their duties, having had ample time to read SRJC's self-study report and other institutional documents. The 10-person team will have name tags at all times for easy recognition.

As we prepare for this important visit, it is important that we plan our activities to ensure that we make ourselves available to meet with team members as they request. Our District's multiple sites will challenge the accreditation team with many meetings and visits to facilities and classrooms, in addition to writing their reports. Planned and impromptu interviews, meetings about different accreditation standards, and two open meetings to gain broad college input will be held. Faculty can also expect short, unannounced visits to classrooms. The evaluation process will come to a close on Thursday, October 24, with an exit interview at 2:00 p.m. when the team chair will present a summary of the visit and findings.

The detailed schedule of the accreditation visit is now being finalized and will be shared with the college community. In addition, brief bios about each team member will be made available before they visit.

Please remember that the visiting team is coming to SRJC to assist in our self-assessment. It is up to all of us to make this team feel welcome and appreciated during their short time at SRJC.

Psychological Services: When Students Are Stressed

Do you want to refer a distressed student for help, but don't want them to feel rejected or stigmatized? Here's a possible script: "It seems like you are dealing with a lot of stress right now. We have Student Psychological Services for students who have these sorts of problems, and you aren't alone. There are people on campus available to you to help you sort out your options and give you emotional support during this tough time. They are trained to do that, and this assistance is confidential. Would you like to use my phone to call and make an appointment? (527-4445) Or, I can give you one of their cards?" Campus departments have both yellow referral cards (for crisis referrals) and cream-colored information/referral cards.

It is not helpful to the distressed student or anyone else to allow any student to disrupt classes or the work environment or to take unreasonable amounts of your time, whatever the reason. Please contact a member of CIRT (listed below) if this happens.



Terrry Stewart, District Police	527-4964
Sally Miller, District Police	527-1000
Lake McClenney, Student Psychological Services	524-1780
Susan Quinn, Student Health Services	527-4445
Alan Wintermeyer, Student Health Services	527-4445
Audrey Spall, Counseling	527-4891
Kathleen Kraemer, Counseling/Disability Resources	527-4788
Jennifer Mann, Staff Development	527-4287
Joan Scarborough, Health Sciences	527-4529
Deanna Hatter, Student Services Coordinator, Petaluma	778-3909

The Global Apartment House Lecture: October 7

Rabbi Alan Lew, founding Director of Makor Or, a center for Jewish meditation, and Zoketsu Norman Fischer, former Abbot of the San Francisco Zen Center, will present a free noontime lecture, "The Global Apartment House: Religion and Spirituality in an Open World," on Monday, October 7, on the Santa Rosa campus. The lecture, sponsored by the college's Arts & Lectures and Multicultural Committees, starts at 12:15 p.m. in Newman Auditorium, Emeritus Hall. Admission is free. Contact Community Education, ext. 4372.

Farewell Angelina, The True Life Story of a Bear Woman October 12, 8 pm

This world premiere production based on SARRIS' unpublished book and will be performed at Burbank Auditorium.

Meet Author Greg Sarris

SRJC's Theater Arts, Art Gallery, Culinary Arts and Jesse Peter Museum, host a book signing reception from 6:30-7:30pm in the Jesse Peter Museum.

The Jesse Peter Museum is featuring the bear in Native American Art.

The SRJC Art Gallery will be open featuring "Epson's America in Detail".

Hors d'oeuvres on the theme of California cuisine will be prepared and served by Culinary Arts Students.

All faculty and staff at SRJC are invited to attend.

Tickets for the book signing/reception and performance together are \$25.

Tickets for the performance are \$10/General or \$7/Seniors and Students.

Additional performances are scheduled for October 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20.

Funds from the event will benefit the SRJC Theater Arts Festival Fund and the Native American Scholarship fund.

For tickets, call the Theater Arts Box Office at 527-4342.

SRJC: Health-Care Crisis Forum October 19

On Saturday, October 19, SRJC will host a very relevant dynamic public forum that impacts us all, Health Care Crisis 2002: A Search for Solutions, in Newman Auditorium, Emeritus Hall, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Diverse experts will address critical health-care challenges to identify solutions to the serious local, state, and national issues involving health-care policy, reform, and delivery. Sponsored by SRJC, Children's Health Access Coalition, California Physicians Alliances, and the Sonoma County Nurses Council SEIU Local 707, numerous panels led by speakers will include physicians, educators, nurses, senior advocates, hospital employees, civic leaders, and other health-care providers. The fee to attend this important event is \$10 and includes lunch and materials. Call Mike Smith at 545-7349, ext. 111, or Ezbon Jen, ext. 4271, for information.

David Bacon's Photo Exhibit

"Every Worker is an Organizer: Farm Labor and the Resurgence of the United Farm Workers," a powerful photo exhibit by noted Bay Area photographer and journalist David Bacon, will open Tuesday, October 1, at SRJC's Mahoney Library on the Petaluma campus. The exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. The exhibit, sponsored by SRJC's Arts and Lectures Committee and the Friends of the Petaluma Campus, continues through October 31. Call the Mahoney Library 778-3974 for information.

United Way Agency Fair Set for October 9

SRJC will host the third annual United Way Agency Fair from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, at the Santa Rosa campus on the lawn under the oaks between Analy Hall and the outdoor stage. The fair will kick-off the Fall 2002 United Way Campaign, and representatives from agencies that are supported by United Way will staff informational booths. The first 200 people to attend the United Way Fair will receive a free Clover ice cream cup!

With today's unstable economy, human service agencies are experiencing an even greater demand for their services yet often experience shortfalls in funding. This year human services agencies in our service region especially need strong support from the local community. Please plan to attend on October 9 to meet staff members from numerous organizations to learn about the many services they provide and to explore how you can help through a United Way pledge.

The event is coordinated by SRJC's United Way Committee. For more information, contact Stephanie Thompson, ext. 4956.

Planetarium Launches The Winter Sky October 18

Tour the bright stars and constellations of our winter sky at the Planetarium October 18-November 17 to identify deep sky objects and take an imaginary cruise through space to view "The Winter Sky." Shows are held in Lark Hall, Room 2001, on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Find descriptions of the Planetarium shows at www.santarosa.edu/planetarium or contact Community Education, ext. 4372.

Dorianne Laux Poetry Workshop October 10 & 11

Nationally acclaimed poet and teacher and former Petaluma resident, Dorianne Laux will read from her recent work on Thursday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Mahoney Library on the Petaluma campus. On Friday, October 11, Laux will give a poetry workshop from 10 a.m. to noon on the Santa Rosa campus in Room 1588, Emeritus Hall.

The readings and workshop are free and open to the public, though a \$2 permit is required to park on both campuses. Laux's reading and workshop are sponsored by SRJC's Arts and Lectures Committee and are funded in part by Poets & Writers, Inc., with a grant from the James Irvine Foundation. For information, contact SRJC's Community Education Office, ext. 4372.



Adjunct faculty member **Maury Lapp** will hold a studio sale of his paintings and drawings October 12-13, October 19-20 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 2153 Cummings Drive in Santa Rosa.

College Skills faculty member
Theresa Ryan was appointed to the Board of Sonoma County Library Foundation. The Board's current project, Sonoma County Reads, has held several activities on campus related to the depression in California, and is now promoting reading Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* to raise funds.

Library & English Departments Celebrate John Steinbeck

California celebrates the 100th anniversary of John Steinbeck's birth this fall through a series of lectures, concerts, performances, and a statewide reading of Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*. Promoted by the California Council on the Humanities, SRJC's English Department accordingly selected *The Grapes of Wrath* for its fall semester 2002 Work of Literary Merit (WOLM).

Information about Steinbeck and The Grapes of Wrath is available on the Library's WOLM Web pages, which offer links to numerous articles in the Library's on-line databases, a list of all the books, printed articles, and films that have been placed on reserve in the SRJC libraries for use by students doing WOLM research. There are also links to Web sites on Steinbeck and themes related to The Grapes of Wrath, plus a schedule of the English Department's WOLM lecture series. Additional links will be added to the pages during the semester. To reach the Library's The Grapes of Wrath Web pages, point your Web browser at www.santarosa.edu/ library/Refs/wolm.shtml



District Police News

Community Service Officer and Police Department Records Supervisor Joan Cantrell is now a certified Notary Public. Joan became a Notary Public at the request of the District Police Department, which is now required to obtain notarized copies of documents for background checks on Police Department employee candidates. Joan can now provide Notary Public services to the College for official college business by appointment.

The District Police Department hired two new police officers to fill existing vacancies. Officer Dave Willat is a former San Rafael Police Officer and is also a doctor of chiropractic medicine. He is a graduate of Sacramento State University. Officer Daniel James is a former Santa Rosa police officer and a graduate of Sacramento State University.

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