

## Have You Heard?

- Faculty are reminded to submit information about **international experiences and expertise** to Bob Braddock, Center for International Studies and Services, at 790-4360.
- Faculty and staff may bestow the **Alumni Scroll** to graduating members of their immediate family during Commencement on Friday, Dec. 14. Call Cheri Ayayi at 790-4384 to make arrangements.
- Due to IF4 construction, **Zahnow Library** will be closed Saturday, Dec. 15 through Sunday, Jan. 13.
- The 2001-02 **Holiday Schedule**: Dec. 24 and 25 are SVSU paid holidays; Dec. 26 and 27 are additional paid days; Dec. 28 is a required vacation day; and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 are SVSU paid holidays.
- The **Math Resource Center** (SE 106) will host an open house with refreshments from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 15 and 16.

## Transitions

Please note the following revisions in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*:

### Promoted/Transferred/Title Change

- **Joyce Payne**, Parking and Student Services Coordinator, Public Safety, 790-4140, jep@svsu.edu
- **Hank Pletscher**, Lab Coordinator, Microcomputer Labs, Information Technology Services, W209, 790-5676, hsp@svsu.edu
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### New Staff

- **John Altergott**, Custodian, Physical Plant, 790-4279
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- **James VanWormer**, Groundskeeper, Physical Plant, 790-4148

### Retiring

- **Jean Houghton**

### Left/Leaving

- **Kay Allan**
- **Michael Panhorst**
- **James Wood**

### Directory Corrections

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## Campus Happenings

- **Holiday Luncheon**, noon, Friday, Dec. 14, Banquet Rooms, Curtiss Hall. Reservations required. Call 790-4232 for more information.
- **Wigilia**, 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14, Banquet Rooms, Curtiss Hall. Tickets must be purchased in advance; none will be sold at the door. Call 892-0868 or 793-7903 for reservations.
- **Commencement**, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14, O'Neill Arena.
- **All-University Awards Banquet**, Friday, April 19, Banquet Rooms, Curtiss Hall. Mark your calendar!

## High Five

- **Women's Basketball** (4-3) beat Hillsdale 77-65, Dec. 3, and lost to Ashland 63-49, Dec. 6. The team will travel to Florida to participate in the Disney Tournament Dec. 18 (vs. Wayne State, Neb.) and Dec. 19 (vs. St. Cloud State).
- **Men's Basketball** (1-7) lost to Hillsdale 95-78, Dec. 3, lost to Ashland 88-73, Dec. 6, and defeated Rochester College 82-69, Dec. 8. The Cardinals will host Concordia College Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Indoor Track and Field** competed in the Cardinal Indoor Holiday Open, Dec. 8. Next up is the Laker Early Bird Invitational, Jan. 4.



December 11, 2001

## Technology in Teaching award presented to English lecturer

Lynne R. Graft, English lecturer, has been presented the Faculty Award for Innovative Use of Technology in Teaching. The \$1,000 award was presented during a ceremony Thursday, Nov. 29.

As a member of the TLTR (Teaching and Learning with Technology Roundtable) and the BlackBoard Steering Committee, Graft has contributed to the development of computer-based instruction across campus.

One of four classes Graft taught during fall 2001 semester is an actual online class (English 212, Critical Thinking and Writing).

"I began using BlackBoard in its beta version two years before SVSU purchased it for university-wide use," Graft said. "It was during that untutored and experimental time I began to envision one day teaching a class completely online.

"With that thought in mind, I enrolled in an online course in 'Methods of Teaching Online' in order to prepare for teaching online," she continued. "Forced back into the role of student and made to function virtually with people I did not know was an eye opener that a textbook alone could not provide.

"Planning and problem solving together created the sense of community that is so vital if students are to survive the online experience.

"I learned that to establish community is imperative for success in online teaching and that it is that sense of community that underpins the pedagogy of the virtual classroom and prevents students from dropping out."

The Technology in Teaching Award is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs through the TLTR Taskforce for Faculty/Staff Development and Incentives. Members of this committee include



Lynne R. Graft, English lecturer, teaches an English course that students complete entirely online. Her experience with online teaching helped her earn the 2001 Faculty Award for Innovative Use of Technology in Teaching award.

Beth Roe and Russ Clark, co-chairs; Steve Lawrence, Mark McCartney, Jason Wenglikowski and Jen Wilson.

"The committee was impressed with the quality of nominees for the award this year," said Roe. "It was a challenge to choose only one recipient. There are a number of faculty and staff at SVSU who are using cutting-edge technology in their classrooms."

Graft again will teach the online course during winter 2002 semester.

"I want to do some tweaking to the coursework and syllabus," she commented. "I have found this to be a positive experience ... the second time around should be easier!"

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**Ken Wahl**, interim dean of the College of Education, presents a plaque to Robert Yien, vice president for Academic Affairs, recognizing Yien's exceptional service to the College of Education, in particular his support of clinical experiences. The presentation took place Thursday, Nov. 29 at a reception for student teachers. Approximately 350 were in attendance at the event, including families of the 172 student teachers who were present as special guests of honor.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon**  
Noon  
Monday, Jan. 21  
Banquet Rooms  
Curtiss Hall

Reservations  
Required  
Call 790-4042

### SVSU marches toward Annual Fund goal

SVSU's 2001 Annual Fund campaign goal is \$415,000. Thomas Marx, of Champagne & Marx, is the general chairman of this year's Annual Fund committee, which is composed of community friends of the University from the Tri-Counties and Thumb areas. During the past 24 years, the annual campaign has raised more than \$4 million for the University.

The campaign includes different levels of giving, from "SVSU Spirit" at \$10 to "Advocates" at \$5,000 and above. In addition to benefitting from federal and state tax deductions for giving to non-profit organizations, donors to the Annual Fund will be listed in the *Report of Annual Giving*.

The campaign continues through Dec. 31. For information, contact Norma Zivich, director of Annual Giving and Development Communications, at 790-4075.

### Faculty seminar schedule announced

This summer's international seminars all carry some stipends, usually enough to meet all expenses. For further information, contact Robert Braddock, Center for International Studies and Services, at 790-4360.

**"Incorporating Japanese Studies in the Undergraduate Curriculum"** (AASCU) San Diego State University, June 3-28. Deadline is Dec. 17.

**"Infusing Asian Studies in the Undergraduate Curriculum,"** East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 23- Aug. 9. Deadline is March 20.

**"Modernity, Early Modernity, and Post-Modernity in Japan,"** NEH Summer Institute, University of Southern California, June 16-July 20. Deadline is March 1.

**"Empowering Relationships: Ways of Authority in Japanese Culture,"** NEH Summer Institute, East-West Center, Honolulu, June 16-July 19. Deadline is March 1.

### Science and math fun scheduled for January

Science and math can be fun – as youth in second through eighth grade will find in the SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center's January "Science and Mathematics Extravaganza for Kids." On the campus of SVSU, the Saturday, Jan. 26 event will feature numerous hands-on activities for kids in grades two through four and grades five through eight. The activities will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in SVSU's Curtiss Hall. The \$35 registration fee includes all materials and lunch.

Students may choose from many hands-on math and science sessions, like "Exploring Graphing Calculators," "Using Computers to Create a Movie," "Chromatography," "M&M Math," "Fossils," "Water Wrestling" and much more.

More information about individual offerings and registration forms may be downloaded by visiting the Math/Science Center website at [www.svsu.edu/mathsci-center](http://www.svsu.edu/mathsci-center) or by calling the Math/Science Center Office at 790-4114.

### SOS! presents achievement award to Michigan author

Save Outdoor Sculpture (SOS), a national project to preserve public sculpture, awarded Marcy Heller Fisher, author of *The Outdoor Museum: The Magic of Michigan's Marshall M. Fredericks* (Wayne State University Press, Great Lakes Books, April 2001) an SOS! Achievement Award.

Fisher, of Bloomfield Hills, was awarded the \$500 honorable mention prize. Fisher's book is illustrated by Grand Rapids artist Christine Collins Woomer, whose original watercolor paintings from the book are currently the subject of the exhibition "Marshall Fredericks and the Outdoor Museum: Illustrations by Chris Woomer" at the Meijer Gardens through Jan. 3.

The book is available from the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, Barnes and Noble, or directly from Wayne State University Press, (888) WSU-READ.

### Grants awarded to SVSU faculty, staff

SVSU faculty and staff continue to remain active in grant writing. Local, state and national agencies recently funded the following projects on campus:

- **Jo Brownlie**, director of Continuing Education, was awarded \$10,000 by the Bay Area Community Foundation to support an Institute for Learning in Retirement.

- **Tim Clark**, director of the Center for Manufacturing Improvement, received \$12,350 in funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to implement a 2001 Job Training Program for EMCOR Inc.

- **Jesse Donahue**, assistant professor of political science, received \$2,117 from the Children's Trust Fund and Bay County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (State of Michigan) to conduct a needs assessment.

- **Eldon Graham**, associate professor of mechanical engineering, was awarded \$4,340 in 3-D Mechanical Design software from the Think3 Corporation to support a Computer-Aided Design evaluation project.

- **Jim Hamrick**, assistant director of International Programs, received \$1,000 from the Association of International Educators (NAFSA), Asian Student Assistance Awards Program.

- **Garry Johns**, professor of mathematics, collaboratively submitted two grants recently funded by the Michigan Space Grant Consortium – an award of \$5,000 to fund "Summer Space Camp II" and \$5,000 to support the project "Increasing the Lexicon of Signs used to Teach Science to the Deaf."

- **Walter Rathkamp**, executive director of the Center for Mathematics and Science Education, received \$314,788 from the Michigan Department of Education to support a Mathematics and Science Centers Program and \$75,000 for his project, "Mathematics and Science Center Teams Trained to Disseminate Michigan CliMB Science and Mathematics Benchmark Clarification Materials."

- **David Swenson**, H.H. Dow Chair of chemistry, will spearhead a \$1 million project focusing on nutrition research over the next three years with funding from the Allen Foundation. He also will undertake a research project titled, "Tracer Analysis of Folate Metabolism in Down Syndrome and Control Cells" with the support of a \$24,956 grant awarded by the Zdanowitz Family Foundation.

### Professional Profile

- **Ruth Copp**, English instructor, presented "What's New for Middle Grade Readers in Multicultural Young Adult Literature" at NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English), Nov. 17 in Baltimore.

- **George W. Eastland Jr.**, professor of chemistry, was presented the Award for Outstanding Service to the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society. Eastland currently is in his second tour of duty as chair of the section (1987, 2001), has been a member of the board of directors since 1978, and has served on numerous section committees. He also served as the host for the Midland Section Chemistry Explorer Post at SVSU several times.

- **Jeffrey Koperski**, assistant professor of philosophy, had a paper published in the December 2001 volume of the *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*. "Has Chaos Been Explained?" considers a new problem in the foundations of nonlinear dynamics (chaos theory) that was presented recently by Cambridge philosopher Peter Smith.
- **Paul Munn**, professor of English, presented "John Ashbery and the Counter Culture of Consciousness" to the plenary session of the Turkish American Studies Association annual conference, Nov. 15, Antalya, Turkey.

- **Judy Youngquist**, ESL specialist, and Lawrence Watson, supervisor of G.A.P. and Special Services for the City of Saginaw School District, presented "Service Learning: Building an ELP and Public School Partnership" at the Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Conference, Oct. 20, Ann Arbor.

### Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

- The family of **Alberto Adan Jr.**, an adjunct instructor at SVSU, who died in November.
- **Craig Snook**, assistant director for publications, University Communications, on the death of his mother, Betty Snook.
- **Earl Warrick**, former dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, on the death of his wife, Jean.

Campus facilities  
will close beginning at  
5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21  
through 7 a.m.,  
Wednesday, Jan. 2.  
For further  
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