Across Campus

• The campus community extends condolences to: the family of Phyllis Hastings, professor of English, with producing an anthology of writings from linked campus and community college students, December meeting approved 12 Resource Development Foundation Grants totaling $54,376. Programs receiving funding included:
  • $4,295 to encourage student athletic trainers’ participation at the National Athletic Trainers’ Association
  • $1,500 for a one-day seminar in federal law enforcement job opportunities for criminal justice students.
  • $910 to fund a Minority Student Leadership program to benefit SVSU’s multicultural student groups.
  • $8,537 for professional evaluations of SVSU’s mainstage productions and send one to ACTF/Milwaukee.
  • $646 to assist Phyllis Hastings, professor of English, with producing an anthology of writings from linked campus and community college students.

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NASA recruits SVSU student for research internship

SVSU student Matthew B. Pfennninger has landed a co-op position at the NASA (National Aeronautics Space Administration) Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

Pfennninger expects to study Micro Air Vehicles, which are miniature, radio-controlled aircraft with 10-inch wing spans. Pfennninger said the project involves designing a “flexible wing” to compensate for air turbulence, resulting in a more stable flight.

Along with his electrical engineering major, Pfennninger is minoring in physics and mathematics. Pfennninger will have a designated faculty advisor at SVSU who also will interact with the NASA supervisor. His appointment begins this month. Pfennninger will return to SVSU in fall 2001 and winter 2002 to finish his degree before continuing his co-op job.

International experts to address intercultural communication

Janet M. and Milton J. Bennett, internationally-renowned researchers/publishers/consultants in intercultural communication, will visit the SVSU campus Jan. 25 and 26.

A public presentation on working in and with diverse communities will take place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25 in Founders Hall. Admission is free of charge.

The Bennetts have devoted their careers to developing theory and training methods in intercultural communication. In 1986, the Bennetts founded the Intercultural Communication Institute (ICI), a private, nonprofit foundation designed to foster awareness and appreciation of cultural differences in both the international and domestic arenas.

For further information on the Bennetts’ visit, or the Jan. 25 public lecture, call the Office of International Programs at 790-4473.

SVSU faculty receive tenure

Nine SVSU faculty members were approved for tenure by the Board of Control during its Friday, Dec. 15 meeting.

Faculty tenure was granted to nine faculty, effective July 1: Jon Cisky (criminal justice); Jesse C. Donahue (political science); Clifford Dome (criminal justice); Eric Gardner (English); Deborah Huntley (chemistry); David Pape (mechanical engineering); Marian Shih (physics); Andrew Swihart (psychology); and Paul Teed (history).

In addition, sabbaticals were approved for 10 faculty members: Shiv Arora (marketing), fall 2001; Basil Clark (English), winter 2002; Louis Cohen (psychology), fall 2001; George Eastland (chemistry), winter 2002; Garry Johns (mathematical sciences), fall 2001; Paul Munn (English), fall 2001; Steve Sherlock (sociology), summers 2001, 2002, 2003; Ervin Sparapani (teacher education), winter 2002; James Sullivan (English), summers 2001, 2002, 2003; and Gary Thompson (English), fall/winter, 2001-02.

Theatre Department stages Pinocchio

The Theatre Department’s annual Youth Theatre Production will be Pinocchio, by Arnold Wengrow, Nicky Rey and Jackie Cassada. Actors recreate all the colorful characters of the story of a willful little wooden marionette who runs away from the carpenter, Geppetto, to encounter a host of fantastic adventures. Performances are 2 and 8 p.m., Feb. 17 and 2 p.m. Feb. 18. For additional information, call 249-4261.

SVSU sets winter lunch and dinner performances

The Office of Campus Life has a series of winter lunch and dinner performances planned to warm your days while you fill your stomach in Doan Café.

The Pat Cronly Trio will entertain with jazz music from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The Cardinal men’s and women’s basketball teams will be introduced during a special Lunch Break Concert Series event, Wednesday, Feb. 7. The introduction is part of SVSU’s Coming Home Week celebration.

Los Tres Amigos, a Mariachi group, will perform at 5 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6.

Tommy Tropic, “Amazing Juggler,” will put on a show from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 21.

All events are free of charge. Contact the Campus Life Center at 790-4170 for more information.

Have You Heard?

• The Instructional Technology Center will host an Open House Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 3 to 7 p.m. The ITC will showcase new data projectors, software, the TV studio, etc.

• The 11th annual Equity Conference will be March 22 and 23 at Ferris State University. The conference theme is “Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Classroom: Make America Be America.” Conference registration fees will be waived for the first 15 representatives from SVSU. For more information, call 790-4397.

Transitions

Please note the following Human Resource changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory:

SVSU Welcomes

• Manzoor Ahmed, Program Facilitator, CONCERN, W202, 790-5608

• Virgil Allen, Executive Director Designate, SVSU Foundation, W307, 790-4052

• Donna Gaar enmin, Administrative Secretary, Foundation, W307, 790-4196

• James Lening, Carl A. Gerstacker Chair in Education, E115, 790-7391, lening@svsu.edu

• Alana Rabedious, Administrative Secretary, Foundation, W307, 790-4423, arabadib@svsu.edu

• Ronald Schneider, Director of School & University Partnerships, EI12, 249-4623, schnede@svsu.edu

New Phone Number

• Jill Wetmore, assistant dean, 790-4064

Same Face, New Place

• Cheri Stokes, Administrative Assistant, Academic Affairs, W372, 249-4669, stokes@svsu.edu

• John LaPrad, manager, Network Services, Information Technology Services, W265, 790-5677, jrl@svsu.edu

Moving On

• Mary Cornford

• Larry Engel

• Mary Walk

Campus Happenings

• Blood Drive — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17 in Alumni Lounge. For more information, or to make an appointment in Health Services, call 790-4278.

• Valley Film Society — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24 in Pioneer Hall.

• Science and Math Extravaganza for Kids (SMEK) — 9 a.m. to 2:05 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 27 in Pioneer Hall and Science Building. For students in grades 2 through 8. Registration required. Call 790-4114 or see www.svsu.edu/mathsci-center.

• Auditions for An Evening of One Act Plays — 4 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Thursday, Feb. 1 in the studio theatre. Performances are March 29 to April 1, and April 6 to 8. For information, call 790-4261.