



Friday, Feb. 23
4:30 p.m.
President's
Reception Area
Refreshments
Served

Professional Profile

- **Hasan Al-Halees**, lecturer of mathematical sciences, had two of his research papers presented at the joint AMS-MAA meeting in New Orleans, Jan. 10 through 13. His research is in the area of Functional Analysis. Al-Halees also spoke about this research in a colloquium at CMU, Dec. 7.
- **Reza Akbari**, assistant professor of mathematical sciences, attended the joint mathematics meetings, Jan. 10 through 13 in New Orleans.

Across Campus

- The campus community extends condolences to: **Sandra Mixer**, instructor of nursing, on the death of her father, who died Jan. 10; to the family of **Clifton Orange**, retired maintenance foreman, who died Jan. 17; and **Jason Wenglikowski**, webmaster, on the death of his brother-in-law.
- Congratulations go out to **Mark White**, network analyst, and his wife, Jill, on the birth of a son, Jerod Edward (8 lbs. 13 oz. 20-1/2 in.), Jan. 12.

Have You Heard?

- A limited number of **Midland County phone books** are available and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Mailroom at 790-4466 for a copy.

Campus Happenings

- **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.

- **Valentine Sale** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 to 6 p.m., Feb. 1 through 14 in the Campus Life Center. Proceeds benefit Cardinal CHOICES.
- **Valley Film Society** — 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2 in the Performing Arts Theatre. *Little Voice* will be screened.
- **Human Services Employment Fair** — noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13 in Curtiss Hall. The fair is for juniors and seniors with majors in art, communication, criminal justice, applied and creative writing, English, French, history, international studies, music, political science, psychology, public administration, social work, Spanish, theatre, and youth services. For more information, contact the Career Planning and Placement Office at 497-4954.
- **Health Yourself-2001** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Alumni Lounge. For more information, contact SVSU's Health Services at 790-4278.
- **Lunch Break Series** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Doan Cafe. A caricature artist will be on hand to draw your likeness.
- **Pinocchio** — performances on Feb. 17 show will be at 2 and 8 p.m. and at 2 p.m., Feb. 18 in Performing Arts Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$5 for students and seniors, and \$2 for those children 12 or younger. For more information, contact the SVSU Box Office at 790-4261.

High Five

- **Men's Basketball** (9-9, 2-8 GLIAC) — lost to Grand Valley State University, 91-75, Saturday in O'Neil Arena.
- **Women's Basketball** (3-15, 1-9 GLIAC) — dropped a 52-44 decision to GVSU Saturday.

Milton J. Bennett, an internationally-renowned researcher in intercultural communication, emphasizes a point during a workshop with student leaders in Curtiss Hall. Milton Bennett and his wife, Janet Bennett, have devoted their careers to developing theory and training methods in intercultural communication. During their Jan. 25 and 26 stay at SVSU, the Bennetts shared their expertise in diversity and multicultural communication with SVSU faculty, staff and students.



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Dow Symposium features experts in peaceful causes

Along with sponsoring individual scholars for its Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists program, SVSU will broaden the program to include one symposium each year.

The theme of the inaugural symposium is "Peace," and four noted experts will visit campus between March 7 and 21.

Leading off the series March 7 will be George Mitchell. He will be followed by William Schulz, March 14; Morris Dees, March 19; and Jonathan Schell, March 21. All four programs will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre.

Mitchell, who will discuss "Making Peace," served 14 years in the United States Senate, six years as Majority Leader. After leaving the Senate, Mitchell served as chair of the Peace Negotiations team in Northern Ireland, which led to the "Good Friday Accord," the basis for the current truce and peace negotiations. His success in bringing both sides together led to his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. Mitchell is the author of several books, including *Making Peace*, his account of his experience in Northern Ireland.

Schulz is executive director of Amnesty International, a worldwide organization that works to promote human rights. In particular, Amnesty is devoted to freeing all prisoners of conscience, and abolishing the death penalty and torture. Schulz is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister and was president of that church's Association of Congregations before going to Amnesty International. His topic is "Torture, Terror and Tyranny: Peacemaking Around the World."

"Responding to Hate: Peacemaking in America" will be presented by Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center in 1971, a group dedicated to defending victims

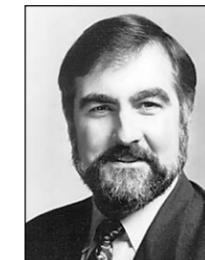
of civil rights violations and racially-motivated crimes. The Center has become internationally respected for its success in developing legal strategies to shut down extremist activity. The Center has won landmark decisions against the Ku Klux Klan, including the largest civil award for damages ever won. Last year, Dees and his colleagues won a similar lawsuit against the Aryan Nation. Dees is the author of books on the civil rights movement and the radical militia movement.

The final presentation, "Peacemaking: The Folly of Arms Control" will feature Schell, author of more than a dozen books. Schell began writing for *The New Yorker* magazine during the era of the Vietnam War, and his first two books are graphic illustrations of the tragedies of that war. Next he wrote *The Time of Illusion*, which covers the presidency of Richard Nixon and the Watergate scandal. In *Fate of the Earth*, Schell wrote of the threat of war in the nuclear age, a theme he pursued in *The Gift of Time*, and in his latest book, *The Unfinished Twentieth Century*. Schell's writings also appear in *The Nation*, where he currently is Peace and Disarmament Editor. He also teaches at Wesleyan University and the New York School for Social Research.

The Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists program at SVSU was endowed through a generous donation to the University by the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland. Since its inception in 1996, 25 distinguished Dow Fellows have conducted master classes, taught advanced seminars, given readings from their fiction and poetry, and lectured on topics as varied as the DNA of prehistoric animals to the problems of designing automobiles for an international market.



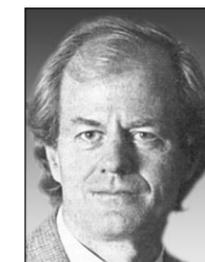
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Morris Dees



Jonathan Schell

Coming Home Week set for Feb. 4-11

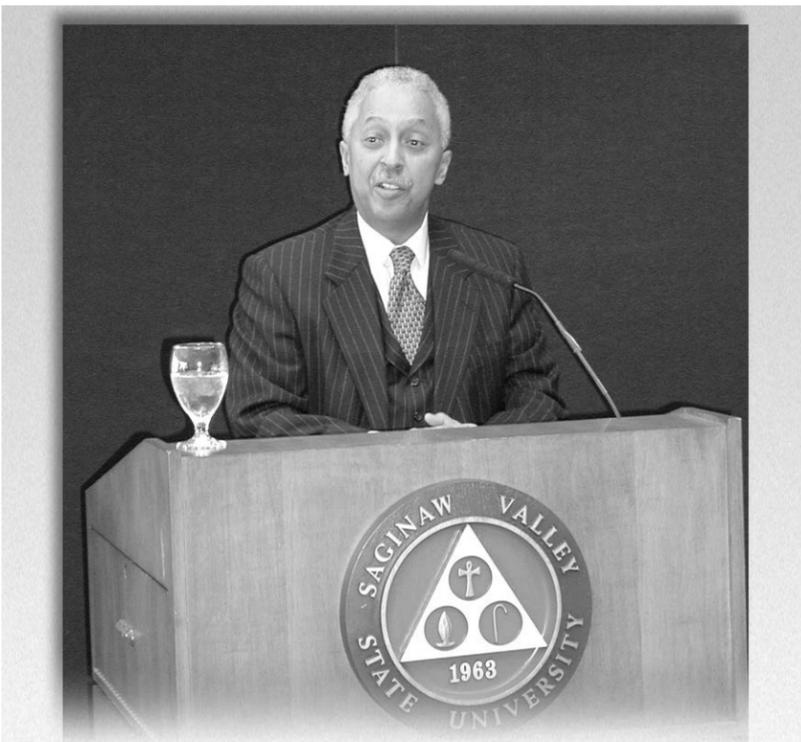
"Bursting with Red Pride" will be the theme for 2001 Coming Home Week, Feb. 4 through 11 at SVSU. Activities are open to all faculty, staff and students.

Leading off the week will be "Smud" Football, sponsored by Campus Recreation. The games begin at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4 on the intramural fields.

Those who entered the Spirit Banner Competition will unveil their work at noon, Monday, Feb. 5 in Campus Life. Prize money will be presented for the winning banner. For more information on the contest, contact Campus Life at 790-4170.

Monday evening our Cardinal basketball teams will take on Michigan Tech University. The women play at 5:30 p.m., with the men tipping off at 7:30 p.m. in O'Neill Arena.

Judging for the "Office Front" decoration contest will take place at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6. The winning office will receive three large pizzas from the pizza place of its choice. Call Campus Life at 790-4170 to register your office into the competition.



SVSU's annual Martin Luther King Jr. program, Tuesday, Jan. 16, included an address by Burnett S. Kelly, vice president and chief human resources officer at Dow Corning Corp. and chair of SVSU's Board of Control. SVSU students, faculty and staff also were entertained by the Martin Luther King Jr. Choir of Midland. Also included in the program was Shirlene Zarín-Taj Brown, an SVSU student from Saginaw majoring in music. She was accompanied on piano by Jiro Lin, a senior music student. Brown, who has performed professionally abroad, presented a selection of classical spirituals. The program was sponsored by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Special Programs.

The SVSU women's and men's basketball teams and coaching staffs will be the featured guests at a Lunch Break Concert, Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Doan Café.

Show your Red Pride at a Dual Pep Rally at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9 in O'Neill Arena. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to win \$1,000 in cash and prizes. Sponsored by the SVSU Student Association.

Hardcourt action returns Saturday, Feb. 10 as SVSU hosts Northern Michigan University for a 1 p.m. women's game, followed by the men at 3 p.m. in O'Neill Arena.

"Kids Weekend" runs Friday through Sunday, with many fun and exciting activities. Contact the SVSU Housing Office at 790-4255 for more details.

SVSU hosts activities for Black History Month

A trio of special events highlight SVSU's Black History Month celebration in February. All events are free of charge.

Inetta L. Harris, director of the "Echoes from Heaven" gospel choir from Michigan Tech University, will lead the choir through a one-hour concert at 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

John V. Jezierski, professor of history, will present excerpts from his biography of the Goodridge Brothers, who were local African-American photographers. Jezierski's talk will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7 in Curtiss Hall Seminar Rooms D and E.

Lesra Martin will appear at SVSU Wednesday, Feb. 14. Best known for his efforts to help bring the release of Rubin "Hurricane"



Lesra Martin

Carter from prison, Martin will lecture from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Following his talk, Martin will be present at a book signing at 6:30 p.m. Martin, currently a Crown Attorney in British Columbia, continues to champion the rights of the innocent who are wrongly accused and imprisoned. More information on Martin can be found at his website: www.lesra.com.

For further information on Black History Month activities at SVSU, contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Special Programs at 790-4397.

Winter enrollment up 3 percent

Record enrollment growth continues at Saginaw Valley State University, with winter 2001 figures indicating a 3 percent increase above last year's total of 8,128. The winter 2001 total of 8,372 includes 5,903 undergraduates and 1,584 graduate students.

Undergraduate enrollment increased by 2.6 percent (150 students). The abundance of career opportunities available in the teaching profession is apparent with the 26.8 percent increase (137 students) in those pursuing teacher certification.

"All categories of returning students (undergraduate, graduate, teacher certification and non-degree) show a strong increase for winter semester," said Robert L. Maurovich, SVSU vice president of student services and enrollment management.

Undergraduates returned at the rate of 3.3 percent, or 176 more students over winter 1999. The returning graduate student rate was up by 2.7 percent (36 students), while 57 more students (15.5 percent) returned in the teacher certification program over a year ago.

University Art Gallery exhibits ceramic sculptures by Sara Brooks Clark

Sara Brooks Clark will display her whimsical ceramic sculptures in the University Art Gallery Thursday, Feb. 8 through 23. Clark's work contains brightly colored abstract forms; she views her work as "a playful look at the perception and presentation of form and fantasy in a trend-conscious society."

Many of Clark's works have been exhibited in national juried shows in Louisiana, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Missouri and Ohio.

Clark is a member of the Michigan Potters Association and her work was included in Michigan Ceramics 2000. She works as an art studio technician and ceramics instructor at SVSU. She earned an MFA in ceramics from Ohio University.

The University Art Gallery is open on Monday and Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Festival encourages students to have safe Spring Break

The Office of Personal Counseling Services is offering a "Safe Spring Break" program to emphasize responsible behavior.

A "festival" from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20 in Groening Commons will



New Agreement links SVSU with Canadian school — SVSU and Mohawk College in Ontario, Canada, recently celebrated three articulation agreements that formalize the transfer of credits from Mohawk to SVSU. Mohawk students can pursue the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (B.S.E.E.) degree at SVSU. Mohawk College is the first institution in Canada to offer cooperative education (it currently has 16 programs with co-op options). Fennel is Mohawk's largest of three campuses, with some 7,000 students attending the 66-acre site in Hamilton's west end. On hand Jan. 16 to tour the campus and discuss the details of the articulations were (r-l): Robert Yien, SVSU vice president for Academic Affairs; Robert Lemuel, SVSU associate director of admissions; Thomas Kullgren, SVSU dean of the College of Science, Engineering & Technology; Shelagh Gill, Mohawk vice president-academic; Ghulam Raz, SVSU professor of electrical & computer engineering; Cheryl Jensen, Mohawk dean of faculty of engineering technology; Keith Nixon, Mohawk dean of international education; and David Pape, SVSU associate professor of mechanical engineering.

highlight various messages related to having a safe time on Spring Break. Booths will provide information on different topics, including date rape drugs, alcohol poisoning, sexual responsibility and more. Vendors will distribute products such as tanning oil, beach towels and swimwear.

An evening program will consist of a guest lecture and fashion show.

At 7 p.m., Bobby Petrocelli, from "10 Seconds Inc.," will detail how his life dramatically changed when a drunk driver drove through his home, killing his wife and severely injuring Petrocelli.

A swimwear fashion show will follow Petrocelli's presentation at 8 p.m. Participants in the show will represent different on-campus clubs, organizations and athletic teams. During this 45-minute show, a PowerPoint presentation will highlight educational messages and health-related statistics.

For further information on the "Safe Spring Break" program, call 790-4228.

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"Guide to the History of Music"

with special guest
Judith Kerman, Narrator

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Sunday, Feb. 11
2:30 p.m.

Rhea Miller Recital Hall

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Complimentary tickets
available to faculty and
staff. Call 790-4261 to
make reservations.