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 Mixner, 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 Wenglickowski, 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 Curtis 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’Neill Arena.
- Women’s Basketball (3-15, 1-9 GLIAC) — dropped a 52-44 decision to GVSU Saturday.

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Dow Symposium features experts in peaceful causes

A long with sponsoring individual scholars for its Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists program, SVSU will broaden the program to include four 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.

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Milton J. Bennett, an internationally-renowned researcher in intercultural communication, emphasizes a point during a workshop with student leaders in Curtis Hall. Milton Bennett and his wife, Janet Bennett, have devoted their careers to helping students develop the skills they need to succeed in the global workplace.

Schell’s writings also appear in The Nation, where he currently serves as 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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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 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.