



Robert Yien, vice president for Academic Affairs, presents the first James Scholarship to Audette M. Crain, a sociology major who was selected from a group of outstanding students recommended by faculty members of the Department of Sociology. "Mrs. Crain's mid-career decision to pursue a degree in sociology personifies the true spirit of the James Scholarship Program," Yien said. Dr. Walter T. James was the founding member of the Department of Sociology in 1968. He served in many different capacities during an eight-year period (1968-76) at SVSU, including acting-president in 1974. The scholarship is made available by members of the James family for outstanding students majoring in sociology and social work.

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Janet Rubin named Rush Lecturer

Janet Rubin, professor of theatre, was named the fourth Rush Lecturer by the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors. Rubin this fall will discuss "Bearing Witness: Drama, Theatre and Holocaust Education." She joined SVSU in 1983 as an associate professor.

Rubin co-wrote with Joanna H. Kraus *Women of Courage: Five Plays by Joanna H. Krause*. She also wrote *Voices: Plays for Studying the Holocaust* and *Teaching About the Holocaust Through Drama* (in press).

Rubin received the Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research (1998), the Faculty Association Award for Scholarship (1998) and the Professorial Continuing Achievement Award (1995). She was a visiting fellow at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, U.S. Holocaust Museum (1997-2000).

Rubin received the Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research (1998), the Faculty Association Award for Scholarship (1998) and the Professorial Continuing Achievement Award (1995). She was a visiting fellow at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, U.S. Holocaust Museum (1997-2000). A resident of Saginaw, Rubin has received numerous grants for her research of issues in Holocaust drama and youth theatre. In addition to her three most recent books, Rubin has written or co-written a number of theatre textbooks and numerous articles for communication and theatre journals. She often takes students to national conferences for presentations and educational workshops.

Rubin is president-elect for the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, a national professional organization for artists and educators serving young people. She has been a member of the organization for more than 20 years and this summer will present a workshop with seven students and one part-time instructor on students' perspectives of mentoring.

Rubin also is a member of the International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People, the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, the National Communication

Association, the Michigan Alliance for Arts Education and the Theatre Association of Michigan.

She has a Ph.D. in humanities education from The Ohio State University, Columbus; a Master of Arts degree in dramatic arts from the University of Connecticut, Storrs; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts from Pennsylvania State University, University Park. Prior to joining SVSU, Rubin taught at the University of Northern Iowa, Glenville State College and was a graduate assistant at OSU.

Thomas and Hilda Rush of Midland created the Rush Endowment as part of the Campaign for Distinction. The 2000 Rush Lecturer was Rosalie Riegle, professor of English. The Rush Lectureship recognizes and rewards SVSU faculty and staff who, by their creation or development of significant scholarly or artistic work, have distinguished themselves and brought recognition to the University. The Rush Endowment provides resources for an annual presentation by a faculty or staff member in an academic convocation.

For additional information on Rubin's lecture, or the Rush Lecture, call 790-4042.



Janet Rubin

Transitions

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Institute for Learning in Retirement starting at SVSU

Tri-County residents over 50 years of age have new learning opportunities beginning this fall at SVSU. The Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) is designed for those who have retired, or are nearing retirement.

"ILRs have grown up on more than 250 campuses throughout the country," said Jo Brownlie, director of continuing education. "There are 16 ILRs in Michigan, and SVSU's will serve the Tri-County area and beyond."

ILR programs begin Sept. 22 with an "Over 50 Fall Symposium," followed by courses and seminars that start in October. Courses will meet during the daytime, usually one day per week.

An ILR kick off is planned for Saturday, Sept. 22 at SVSU. Participants can sample one of six 90-minute sessions. More information will be available later this summer.

For further information, contact Brownlie at 790-4475.

Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

- **Gene Hamilton**, vice president for Public Affairs, on the loss of his mother-in-law, Lucille Ernst, who died Sunday, July 8.
- **Lynn Herkstroetter**, professor of modern foreign languages (French & German), on the loss of her mother, Margaret Herkstroetter, who died June 24 in Rochester, N.Y.

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Five SVSU education grads earn recognition

Congratulations to five SVSU graduates who recently were among 10 named Crystal Apple Award winners by *The Saginaw News*. One other was recommended for teaching certificates by faculty in the College of Education and three have attended SVSU for additional course work.

Tim Cichowski teaches math/computer science at Swan Valley High School. Cichowski earned a Master of Arts in Teaching in Elementary Classroom Teaching in 1980. He returned to SVSU in 1995 to complete a Computer Science Endorsement.

Celeste Conflitti-Millar is a science teacher at Arthur Hill High School. Conflitti-Millar earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1992 and was recommended by SVSU for a Secondary Teaching Certificate. She returned to SVSU to complete a Master of Arts in Teaching in Learning & Behavioral Disorders in 1996. Conflitti-Millar currently is enrolled in a professional development course for Spring 2001.

Sonya Dudley teaches physical education/health/public speaking at Arthur Hill High School. Dudley earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Theatre in 1996 and also was recommended by SVSU for a Secondary Teaching Certificate at that time. She has taken courses at SVSU periodically as a non-degree student.

Alexis Ervin is a fourth grade teacher at Claytor Elementary School, Beuna Vista Public. Ervin earned a Master of Arts in Teaching in Elementary Classroom Teaching in 2000 at SVSU.

Ruth Ann Winkler is a fifth grade teacher at North Saginaw Charter Academy. Winkler completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at SVSU in 1974.

Tina Ancel is a geometry/computer technology instructor at Carrollton High School. Ancel completed course requirements for a Secondary Endorsement and SVSU issued a recommendation to add a that endorsement to her Elementary Teaching Certificate in 1993.

Jodi Koppenhofer LeFevre teaches a special resource class, kindergarten through fifth grade, at Merrill Elementary School. LeFevre has attended SVSU as a guest student.

Cyndi Major teaches English and is a media specialist for Valley Lutheran High School. Major has taken classes at SVSU.

Maize Brewer Wilmer is a seventh grade teacher at Central Middle School, Saginaw Public. Wilmer has taken courses in professional development at SVSU.

To be eligible for the honor, teachers had to be nominated by a student. More than 200 teachers were nominated for the Crystal Apple Awards.

Professional Profile

• **Al Bracciano**, professor of occupational therapy, has a revision to his 2000 book, *Physical Agent Modalities: Theory and Application for the Occupational Therapist*, due later this year.

• **Debra Combs**, assistant professor of English, presented in a roundtable on "The New First Lady: Her Emergence, Campaign, and First Hundred Days in Office" at the Eastern Communication Association Conference, April 26 through 29 in Portland, Maine. Combs also presented "Using Distance Education to Augment the F2F Networked Classroom" at the Computers and Writing Conference 2001, May 17 through 20 at Ball State University:

Judy Kerman and **Eric Gardner** of the Humanities Department also were on the panel. And Combs presented "It's Not Just About Honor: The Ethics of Power in David Weber" at the Science Fiction Research Association Conference, May 24 through 27 in Schenectady, New York.

• **Jane Girdham**, professor of music, presented a paper, "The Ultimate Amateur Instrument, the Flageolet," at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the American Society for 18th Century Studies in April, where Girdham also chaired a session titled "Musical Culture in London."

• **Drew Hinderer**, professor of philosophy, had an article titled "Starting an Asian Studies Program" published in the Asian Studies in America spring 2001 newsletter from the East West Center and the University of Hawaii. Hinderer participated in an intensive summer institute on Indian philosophy and religion at the East West Center during summer 2000.

• **Elizabeth Rich**, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled "'sit sister silence': Contemporary White Women Poets Read an American Colonial Past," at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, held on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Minn. from June 13 through 17.

• **Janet Rubin**, professor of theatre, was named president-elect for the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, a national professional organization for artists and educators serving young people. The position is a six-year commitment. In addition, Rubin will present with six undergraduate students, one graduate student and an adjunct instructor during the AATE's national conference in August in San Diego. The group will lead a session on students' perspective on mentoring.

• **The Valley Wind Quintet**, with Gregory

Largent, organist, premiered *Le Porte Del Paradiso*, an original work for quintet and organ by Catherine McMichael, at a May 11 concert at First Presbyterian Church in Saginaw. The inspiration for the work is a pair of bronze doors on the east side of the Baptistry in Florence, sculpted by Ghiberti. The work is in three movements, "Sarah at the Tent," "King Solomon Welcomes the Queen of Sheba at Court," and "The Conquest of Jericho."

Across Campus

• **Gayle Koehler**, assistant director of University Communications, received "Best of Show" for "Dog Bites," a 4x5-foot acrylic painting on wood panel, in the SAWA juried exhibition now on display at the Saginaw Township Hall. Juror was Armin Mersmann, named by *Artist Magazine* as one of the top 100 portrait artists in the United States. He has taught in many art institutions, including the American Academy of Art in Chicago. The show continues through July and can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Have You Heard?

• A third **Commencement Ceremony** will be added to the line-up next year; this one to take place in August 2002. The primary group of students that will be affected are those who complete their degree requirements in August 2002. The tentative date is Friday, Aug. 16, predicated on finalization of the Spring/Summer 2002 academic calendar.

• Commencement ceremonies for **international students** graduating with either an MBA or MA (Communication and Multimedia) will take place Thursday, Aug. 16 at 4 p.m. in Founders Hall. Dr. S.K. Chen, director of the Cultural Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Canada, will deliver the Commencement address.

• Don't wait to have your printed materials reflect the new **989 area code**. You should review all of your printed materials – including stationery and business cards – to determine what needs updating and could be printed now, before the fall rush. The 517 area code will still work until Oct. 6. Starting then, the 989 area code must be used to complete calls to the northern portion of central Michigan. For information on printing schedules, contact Graphics Center at 790-4278; for information on preparing materials for printing or making changes to printed pieces, contact University Communications at 790-4039.

Health Services will be closed through Aug. 20. In case of an emergency, call Public Safety at 790-4141 or Emergency Dispatch at 911.



Eleven SVSU employees participated in the "Christmas in June" project, June 15. Those who were on hand included: Jennifer Bartels, Jim Dwyer, John Flores, Eric Gilbertson, Steve Hocquard, Jodi Hutchinson, Robert Maurovich, Vince McMillon, Kathy Nowaczyk, Richard Payne and Ron Portwine.