Professor John R. Baker, associate professor of educational leadership, will make a presentation at the 63rd Annual Conference of the American Association of School Personnel Administrators (AASPA). Oct. 3 through 7 in Dallas. Baker’s presentation, “Training School Administrators in Human Resource Management Using In-Basket Exercises,” will focus on the development and field testing of Human Resource Management: In-Basket Exercises for School Administrators, an instructional book he co-authored with Dr. Madeleine Doran of Barry University, Miami, Fla. Baker will donate proceeds from the book during fall 2001 semester to the “Creating the Future” Campaign, and specifically to the Regional Education Center.

Gladyss van Hoff, director of the Bilingual Education Center, served on the U.S. Department of Education’s review panel to evaluate proposals for Comprehensive School Program grants. Grants are awarded under Comprehensive School Program to implement school-wide bilingual education or English as a Second Language (ESL) programs that are designed to reform and update all the programs and operations that serve all limited English proficient (LEP) students.

Paul Feeli, associate professor of history, recently presented “Americans Debate The Raj: Katherine Mayo, Jabez Sunderland and Indian Independence” at the Mid-America Conference on History at Oklahoma State University.

The “real life” Patch Adams, MD, is part of SVSU’s Homecoming festivities. The theme for the 2001 event is “Now Showing: SVSU Homecoming.”

Adams will visit campus and lecture on his life and experiences at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3. Adams’ work was portrayed in the 1998 movie Patch Adams with Robin Williams. Adams also has written several books, including House Calls: How We Can All Heal the World, One Visit at a Time and Gesundheit!: Bringing Good Health to You, The Medical System, and Society Through Physician Service, Complementary Therapies, Human, and Patch.

Michael Skupin, a member of the Survivor cast in Australia, is the celebrity emcee for SVSU’s annual Student Variety Show Competition, Thursday, Oct. 4. During the 7 p.m. event, the Homecoming Court also will be announced. The show will take place in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

A Luncheon Concert, featuring the “One Hit Wonder” CD recording booth, will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3 in Doan Café. Homecoming festivities wrap up Saturday, Oct. 6 with a parade through campus at 11 a.m., followed by football at noon. The King and Queen will be crowned during halftime of the game against Mercyhurst.

Edwards Lecture to focus on painting and literature

The Department of Philosophy is sponsoring the 2001 Edwards Lecture in Philosophy and Religion. Dr. Arindam Chakrabarti, professor of philosophy from the University of Hawaii, will present “Aesthetic of the Ugly and the Hideous,” at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 8 in Founders Hall.

In this lecture, Chakrabarti will consider the question, “Can disgustingly ugly things become the subject of good art?” He will address the issue using an ancient Indian theoretical framework, and assess the representation of the repulsive in modern European and South Asian painting and literature.

AFTER being named as a philosopher of language at Oxford, Chakrabarti spent several years receiving traditional training in Indian logic (Navya Nyaya) and metaphysics, which made him fluent in Sanskrit. Before going to Hawaii in 1997, he was a professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Delhi, India.

Chakrabarti has edited or authored four books, and has published numerous articles and reviews. He currently is working on a book on moral psychology. Thanks to the generosity of the Edwards, the lecture is free and open to the public. For further information, call Jeffrey Koperski, assistant professor of philosophy, at 791-7751 or E-mail at koperski@svsu.edu.

SVSU Homecoming features guest celebrities

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Dr. Arindam Chakrabarti

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Saginaw County routinely tests its severe weather warning system at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. When the siren sounds on the morning of Oct. 3, there is no need to respond.

The Cardinal Express Fan Bus will head to the University of Findlay, Saturday, Oct. 27. Departure is at 10 a.m. The cost of $25 per person covers transportation, game admission and prizes. Call 791-7060 to sign up.

Beuthin to direct “Creating the Future” Campaign

Lucille Beuthin, director of community relations, has taken on the new responsibility of director of community relations as part of the “Creating the Future” Campaign. Beuthin’s immediate task is to launch the capstone phase in the community to complete the funding needed to building the Regional Education Center, the new student center, and the new High School auditorium. The commitments received to date total nearly $6 million.

“We are very proud of our own SVSU family for contributing to this Campaign,” Beuthin said. “They have most generously committed gifts and pledges totaling $280,000. This support from faculty and staff indicates their belief in this University and the importance of their part in making a better future for students at SVSU.”

All those who have given $1,000 or more will be honored with a listing on a permanent plaque in the new student center.

Administration & Business Affairs Division announces reorganization

The following changes in the Administration and Business Affairs Division are effective immediately:

• The Office of the Vice President for Administrative and Business Affairs announces reorganization

• The crystal M. Lange College of Nursing announces reorganization

• The German Studies Seminar explores themes of Germany’s current society and government. The topic for 2002 is “International Migration and National Identities.” This three-week seminar is open to U.S. colleges and community colleges in Germany and other fields related to the topic. See http://www.iec.org/ies/2002/disc/level4/ful/2257.html for details.

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program brings faculty and professionals from abroad to lecture at U.S. colleges and universities for one semester or one academic year. Please consult http://www.cies.org/cies/gjk.htm for details.

SVSU receives nursing grants

The Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Heath Sciences received three grants this fall.

The first is a $523,000 Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant titled “Project OPEN” that will support the recruitment and retention of students from educationally and financially disadvantaged backgrounds, and culturally diverse students in professional nursing education, 2001-2004.

The college also received a $100,000 state grant to support the development of a parish nurse program for the Bay County region. A third grant for $200,000 ($50,000 each year for four years) with the Saginaw County Health Department was received to evaluate a federal Healthy Start grant, “New Beginnings,” which has as its goal the reduction of African-American infant mortality by 50 percent.

Campus Happenings

• Auditions for Tartuffe will take place from 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the Performing Arts Theatre. Public performances are Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. High School Drama Day is Dec. 7 through 9. Call the box office at 790-4261 for more information.

• Rebecca Zeiss-Randall: Images in Motion, will be on display Oct. 11 to Nov. 12 in the University Art Gallery. A fine art photographer, Zeiss-Randall creates black and white prints that show how the camera records motion using multiple images and darkroom manipulation. A reception will take place from 3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the gallery. Call the University Art Gallery at 790-4391 for more information.

• The Marriage of Bette and Boo, Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m., Performing Arts Theatre, $7 general admission and $5 for students and seniors. The play, directed by Christopher Durang’s finest works. Call the box office at 790-4261 for tickets, or more information.

• The Rhea Miller Concert Series presents Javier Calderon, guitarist, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. No admission charge. Call the box office at 790-4261 for tickets, or more information.

• The Office of Sponsored and Academic Programs Support and Evaluation is hosting two grant writing workshops, “Grant Proposal Writing” is set for 10:30 to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17 in C101. “Assessment, Budgeting and Report Writing” is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19 in B112. Registration is limited to the first 25 participants. To enroll, call Sue Jeram at 497-4941 or E-mail sjeram@svsu.edu.

• Auditions for the Wickson-Nickless Lecture Series bring to campus Dr. Eberhard H. Zuckschwerdt, a world-renowned photographer for the 2002-2003 season. Zuckschwerdt will lecture at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2 in the Arts Center. Call the box office at 790-4046 or E-mail rcbad@svsu.edu.

• “And don’t forget, as the ads say: ‘Supplies are limited, so please respond today,’” said Braddock. “I can offer a free umbrella to the first three who sign up!”