SVSU launches five ‘Programs of Qualitative Distinctiveness’

SVSU has created five new unique programs for its students to acquire more intensive hands-on experiences and greater intellectual opportunities. Friday, Jan. 11, SVSU kicked off its “Programs of Qualitative Distinctiveness” with a news conference highlighting the programs and introducing them to media and U.S. and Michigan legislators.

The programs came as a result of Next Steps: 2001-05. The five programs were designed to develop qualitatively distinctive programs to promote the mission and enhance the value of an SVSU degree, to establish connections with the wider community and to attract and retain committed, motivated students. Each program has some cross-cultural components, as well.

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The five programs were co-chaired by Susie Emond and Sally Edgerton Netke, professors of teacher education/elementary, early childhood & special education, is designed to promote education in a diverse society. Netke said the center will prepare students (See Five New Programs, Page 2)
You are invited to attend the State of the University Address by President Gilbertson at 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31 in the Performing Arts Theatre. A reception will take place afterward outside the Theatre where light refreshments will be served.

Five New Programs (Continued from Page 1) through “Action Research.” This approach, she added, supports faculty & teacher research in early childhood education at the graduate level; provides research experience for students; and encourages collaboration with preschool-12 institutions, thus fostering outreach between university faculty and the educational community.

The Health Education/Athletic Training Major, chaired by Paul Ballard, associate professor of physical & health education, is a program unique to Michigan.

The HEAT major combines two professional programs (secondary education and athletic training) into a single program. Students are prepared for certification in two teaching areas and one service area, completing their training in four- and one-half to five years. The program will teach biology and health to meet shortages of secondary life science teachers and train students in sports medicine to meet the demand for secondary athletic trainers.

The Social Studies Institute, chaired by Mary Hedberg, associate professor and chair of the History Department, will link Social Studies curriculum with the Michigan Standards and Benchmarks. Hedberg added that teaching/learning centers in History, Geography and Social Science Research will support curriculum.

Each center will create instructional materials in partnership with K-12 teacher specialists and develop new courses and/or programs, especially in Geographic Information Systems.

The fifth program, a Global Studies Center, chaired by George M. Puia, Dow Chemical Company Centennial Chair in Global Business, is designed to prepare students for the global environment. Puia said it is the goal of the Global Studies Center to integrate program activities across traditional academic boundaries and to create shared learning opportunities for students in all international programs at SVSU.


Two other lectures are scheduled as part of SVSU’s “Knowing Our World: A Symposium on China,” sponsored by the University’s division of Academic Affairs. Richard Madsen of the University of California will present a public lecture Feb. 18: “China and the American Dream.” Sherry Wu Dunn of The New York Times will conclude the symposium March 11 with a public lecture at 4:30 p.m. in SVSU’s Performing Arts Theatre. Dunn will discuss “China Wakes.”

For more information on the symposium, contact Robert Braddock, professor of history and coordinator of the symposium, at 790-4360.

Peace activist, author at SVSU

Tom Cornell, peace activist, author and draft counselor, will be on the SVSU campus Thursday, Feb. 7. A graduate of Fairfield University, which gave him an honorary Doctorate of Laws in 1990, Cornell is a 48-year veteran of the Catholic Worker movement. As such, he was active in the cause of peace and civil rights during the Vietnam War and as a consultant to the Catholic Church on issues of peace in subsequent years.

Cornell helped to organize the first anti-Vietnam war demonstration in New York on July 16, 1943 and the first burning of draft cards on Nov. 6, 1965. He served as Program Director for the Fellowship of Reconciliation from 1968 to 1979 and is now an associate editor of The Catholic Worker and a member of the Catholic Worker Community at Peter Maurin Farm in Marlboro.

Cornell is a lively speaker, experienced in speaking to college students and adept at addressing challenging issues of peace in these troubled times. He will speak three times – first at an informal luncheon in the Large Private Dining Room of Doan Center, then at 2:30 p.m. in 224 Curtiss Hall where Cornell will address “Precedents for Peace: Vietnam and Beyond,” and then at 7 p.m. in Founders Hall, where his topic will be “The Catholic Worker and the Peace Movement: 1933-2002.”

His visit is sponsored by the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences. For more information, call Rosalie Riegle at 790-4380 or 755-4741 or email riegle@svsu.edu.

University switches to 964 exchange

Saginaw Valley State University has been provided an opportunity by Ameritech to consolidate our five phone number prefixes (249, 497, 790, 791, 797) to one exchange – 964.

The University will convert to the 964 exchange effective Saturday, May 11.

Also, more than 80 percent of the phone numbers on campus will retain their current last four extension numbers. The remaining individuals who will receive new numbers will be contacted by Business Services before Feb. 15 and will be provided with the new number. Those phone numbers affected end in 5000 or 7500 and above.

For a short time following implementation on May 11, a recording will notify callers to the other exchanges that the number has been changed to a 964 prefix. The number change also will be reflected in the 2002-03 Ameritech telephone books, which come out in June in Bay and Saginaw counties, and September in Midland County.

Private lines, such as faxes and modems, will remain the same. The Midland line also remains unchanged.

When ordering printed materials, please keep this May 11 date in mind. Departments should consider using any existing supplies of University letterhead after May 11 – the new phone number can be indicated in the body of the letter.

Ski Night Voucher

Saginaw Valley State University Faculty and Staff Ski Night Friday, Feb. 8 • 5 TO 10 P.M.

Please present this voucher at the ticket counter located in the clubhouse at Apple Mountain to receive a special rate of $21 (includes lift ticket, ski rental pass and complimentary ski lesson) Lift Ticket and Ski Lesson — $15

Beginner ski lessons available from 5 to 7 p.m. Register at the Ski School Desk located in the lower level of the clubhouse

SVSU observed Martin Luther King Jr.s birthday with its annual luncheon, Monday, Jan. 21 in Curtis Hall. Manin C. Pryor, bishop at the Victorious Believers Ministries Church of God in Christ, delivered the keynote address: “In Times Like These, We Still Have A Dream.”