Professional Profile


Michael R. Mosher, professor of art/communication and multimedia, has an interactive artwork included in “Conceptually Bound 2: An Exhibition of Artists’ Books” at the Coyote Gallery, Butte College, Oroville, Calif. His hypertext, “DevilsFood Daniel” www asym.org/artists/mosher/danl.html, consists of three interlinked illustrated narratives, exhibited on a computer with a painted facade that depicts the head of Daniel Webster.


Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

• Dori Becker, custodial specialist, on the death of her mother, Theresa Dennis, who died Sept. 8.
• The family of Ralph Moore, an SVSU student who died Sept. 16.
• The family of Joseph Pagano, a retired member of the Physical Plant Department, who died Sept. 12.

Have You Heard?

• Air Force Recruiting Technical Staff will be on campus from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26, in 158 Pioneer Hall.
• The American Heart Walk will take place at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, at Delta College. For more information, or to sign up or make donations, contact Ava Lewis, W236, ext. 7146.
• The Saginaw Spirit Hockey Team is sponsoring an Employee/Family Night Saturday, Oct. 12. Tickets are available in the Employment & Compensation Services office, and at the Benefits Fair that will be held in the Alumni Lounge Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 2 and 3. Tickets are discounted at a rate of $7.50/person. For more information, contact EICS at ext. 4108 or eics@svsu.edu.
• The Office of Sponsored and Academic Programs Support and Evaluation is hosting a National Science Foundation Fastlane video conference from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Sept. 26 in 140 Curtiss Hall. Register online at www.svsu.edu/workshops, or contact Barb Beck at ext. 4295. The video conference will be taped, and will be available for viewing at an alternate time.
• The Office of Sponsored and Academic Programs Support and Evaluation is facilitating a brown bag lunch forum titled “Successful Grant Projects” from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27 in 130 Curtiss Hall. Register online at www.svsu.edu/workshops, or contact Barb Beck at ext. 4295.

Across Campus

• Congratulations go out to Jodi Hutchinson, coordinator of employment, and her husband, Drew, who welcomed a baby girl, Parker Nicole (7 lbs., 8 oz., 20.5 in.) Sept. 9.

High Five

• Men’s Soccer — named Dean Pappas coach. Pappas formerly was an assistant with the program before assuming the job as head coach. He had directed the boys and girls soccer teams at Flushing High School before coming to SVSU. The Cardinals are off to a 4-2 start under Pappas.
• Women’s Tennis — defeated Ashland University, 8-1, Saturday.
• Volleyball — lost a 3-1 match Saturday against Hillsdale College, dropping the Cards to 4-11 on the season.
• Football — pounded Mercyhurst College, 51-7, Saturday to improve to 3-0 this season.

Transitions

New Faculty
• Richard LaPeer, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education Elementary Early Childhood and Secondary Ed., ext. 4668, E168, rlapeer@svsu.edu

Promoted/Transferred/New Title
• Joseph Burns, Maintenance I, Campus Facilities, ext. 4274
• James Chasnis, Maintenance I, Campus Facilities, ext. 4274
• Scott Jarvis, Custodian, Campus Facilities, ext. 4279
• Jacqueline Osborn, Interim Director, English Language Program, ext. 4265, W141, osbornj@svsu.edu

New Staff
• Craig Aimer, Assistant Director of Admissions, Undergraduate Admissions, ext. 4265, W179, ctaimr@svsu.edu
• Danielle Freeman, Coordinator, Student Technology Center, Markey J. Zahnow Library, ext. 2068, SW261
• Jeanine Loranger, Specialist, English Language Program, ext. 4209, Z150A
• Jacqueline Maluszak, Assistant Athletic Trainer, Athletics, ext. 7308, jmalus@svsu.edu
• Charlene Rathbun, Director, Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum, ext. 7154, crathbu@svsu.edu
• Sharon Reff, Circulation/Media Services Assistant, Melvin J. Zahnow Library, ext. 4240, 2117, srreff@svsu.edu
• Stephanie Sarapaski, Financial Aid Advisor, Scholarships and Financial Aid, ext. 7087, W161
• Suzette Zimmerman, Administrative Secretary, ext. 4384, W207, szimmen@svsu.edu

Left/Leaving
• Charles Bailey, Robert Cole, Deanna Wegner

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Roberta ‘Bobbe’ Allen is pictured in front of a view of the fourth floor of the Zahnow Library, which will be home to the Roberta R. Allen Reading Room.

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SVSU announced Friday, Sept. 6, the naming of the Roberta R. Allen Reading Room in honor of Allen’s contributions to the University.

Allen is chairman of the board of the Allen Foundation of Midland. SVSU, in 1973, bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Allen.

Allen was instrumental in the contribution of $1 million to SVSU to create the “Allen Foundation Research Fund.” The resources provide a base of financial support and serve to help recruit the best academic and research talent to the University in order to address unmet research needs. Initial distributions from the endowment will be used to support ongoing research in genetics and nutrition.

David H. Swenson, H.H. Dow Professor of Chemistry, and his colleagues already have made significant strides with their research on the impact of nutritional intervention on the genetics of human disease. They now are positioned to undertake long-term research programs.

Among the major efforts currently under way at SVSU, also funded by the Allen Foundation, is evaluation of the role of specific gene mutations involved in nutrition metabolism that may impact the onset of sporadic Alzheimer’s Disease. A smaller, but related project, evaluates the impact of genetic mutations in nutrient metabolism genes in Down Syndrome.

The Roberta R. Allen Reading Room is part of the Melvin J. Zahnow Library, under expansion to add a fourth floor — which will house the Allen Reading Room. The Library is scheduled for completion in 2003.

Allen and her late husband, William, have been long-time supporters of SVSU. Established in 1975, the Allen Foundation supports programs with emphasis on health and nutrition.

Craig Baldwin: King of Found Footage

SVSU will feature a San Francisco college artist and filmmaker in early October as part of the Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists Series. Craig Baldwin will reveal his “collaged obsession” as he presents “Film Essays Scavenged. Collaged & Obscure,” Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and “Baldwin Curates Media Inventions/Critical Interventions,” Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Both lectures will take place in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

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Baldwin, an Oakland, Calif., native, attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and University of California at Davis. He completed a master’s degree from San Francisco State University, which is where he became interested in college art film form. His interest in the recontextualization of “found” imagery led him to the theories of the Situationist International and to various practices of mail art, altered billboards, and other creative initiatives beyond the fringe of traditional fine-arts curriculum. Baldwin is a hunter/gatherer of images, sounds, and ideas.

His college/essay films convey the sheer joy involved in their construction.

His recently-completed Specters of a Spectrum is a sci-fi spoof that utilizes early educational kinescopes to criticize the militarization of electronic technologies. As a champion of film and video activism, Baldwin has helped transform San Francisco’s Mission District into a dynamic cultural hub for the genre. He teaches avant-garde film at San Francisco State University and has received the Alpert Award in the Arts for his body of work.

The Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists program is funded by an endowment from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland. Since its inception in 1996, more than 25 distinguished Dow Fellows have conducted master classes, taught advanced seminars, given readings from fiction and poetry, and presented lectures.

Charles Taliaferro, professor of philosophy at St. Olaf College, Minn., presented “The Soul and the Body:” to a standing-room audience in Founders Hall, Sept. 18. Taliaferro considered one of the longstanding questions in the history of philosophy and theology: “What is it to be a human being?” Are humans merely high-functioning biological machines, or is there an immortal something more? Taliaferro’s appearance was sponsored by the Edwards Lectorship in Philosophy program.

SVSU Foundation Board elects new officers

The Saginaw Valley State University Foundation Board elected new officers and named new members to its board during its September meeting.

Chairman of the Board through 2004 is Judge Thomas Ludington. SVSU President Eric R. Gilbertson will serve as first vice chair. Burnett Kelly was elected second vice chair, Lucy Horak was elected treasurer, and James G. Muladore, vice president for Administration and Business Affairs, was elected treasurer.

Representing the SVSU Board of Control on the Foundation Board are Ruth Braun and Sally Steinman DeCarlo. Braun and DeCarlo’s appointments are through 2006.

Reappointed to the Board were Thomas Marx, Grant Schaefer and Morrison Stevens. Their terms are through 2006. Elected to the Board were Susan Piesko and John Decker, whose terms end in 2006. Alan Ott and James Wolfolan were named Honorary Directors at the meeting. Outgoing member Harold (Tim) Blanchet was recognized for his contributions to the Foundation.

Rathburn named MFSM director

Charlene Rathburn, a curator and art consultant from Abilene, Texas, recently was selected to serve as the director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum. Rathburn most recently was curator of exhibitions and collections for the Grace Museum in Abilene, Texas.

In addition to her experience with the Grace Museum, Rathburn was art consultant for Art Advisory Services in San Antonio, Texas and director of the Martin-Rathburn Gallery Inc. in San Antonio, Texas.

In addition to her museum and gallery experience, Rathburn has been an art instructor, a vocal quintet, will be in concert as part of the Rhea Miller Concert Series, Saturday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. There is no admission charge.

University Art Gallery Exhibit, “Figurative Sculptures by Kirk Roda,” through Wednesday, Sept. 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from noon to 5 p.m., and by special appointment. For additional information, contact the Gallery at ext. 4391.

Student Association Fall Picnic, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Alumni Lounge. For more information, call ext. 4473.

Technology Seminar Series, sponsored by the Edwards Lectureship in Philosophy program.

College of Science, Engineering & Technology Seminar Series, Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 4:30 p.m. in 108 Science West. Jody Pollock, executive director of the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, will present “Future Prospects for Corn-Based Ethanol Production.”

Refreshments will be served.

• Fall Theatre Production, The Diary of Anne Frank, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in the Performing Arts Theatre on the SVSU campus. Tickets are $7 for general admission and $5 for students and seniors. For more information or tickets, contact the SVSU box office at ext 4261.
For more information contact Campus Life, 964-4170

- **Powderpuff Football and Male Cheer Competition**
  3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29, IM fields
- **Rally 'Round the Valley**
  5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30, Gazelle Fountain, with special guest Johnnie Tuitel
- **Funny Fotos – Lunchbreak Concert**
  11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1, Doan Center
- **SVSU Football Team – Lunchbreak Concert**
  Noon, Wednesday, Oct. 2, Doan Center
- **Office Decorating Contest**
  To enter, call Campus Life at ext. 4170; judging takes place Wednesday, Oct. 2
- **Fireside Chat with Mike and Coral from MTV’s “Real World”**
  7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, Alumni Lounge
- **Homecoming Variety Showcase with Mike and Coral**
  8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, Rhea Miller Recital Hall
- **Worldwide Mystery Games**
  3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4, Gazelle Fountain
- **Homecoming Parade**
  11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5
- **Football: Cardinals vs. University of Indianapolis**
  Kick off at noon, Saturday, Oct. 5 in Wickes Memorial Stadium
- **Homecoming Coronation Ceremony**
  Halftime of the game, Saturday, Oct. 5 in Wickes Memorial Stadium
- **Alumni Afterglow**
  3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, Ryder Center
  RSVPs required, call ext. 4071
Ron Farrell, vice president, Academic, and Altaf-Ur Rahman, professor and chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at SVSU, participate in an Articulation Ceremony, Sept. 20 in Alumni Lounge. The agreement between SVSU and the RCC College of Technology, in Toronto, covers the following programs: Electronics Engineering Technologist (Canadian Technology Accreditation Board/CTAB accredited Diploma) at RCC College of Technology to B.S.E.E. – Electrical Engineering (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology/ABET accredited 4-year Bachelor’s Degree) at SVSU. Students from Canada will be able to transfer 62 credits to SVSU as a result of the agreement, which was formalized in August. A delegation from RCC College of Technology toured SVSU’s campus and met faculty in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology.

Fall sports are in full swing at SVSU! Cardinal fans who were in attendance may have watched as (left) wide receiver Ruvell Martin II hauls in a touchdown catch against Mercyhurst College; (top right) Mike Thomson scores despite the efforts of a Salem International player on Sept. 15; and (bottom right) Ashley Dutton skies for a winning point vs Hillsdale on Sept. 21. Other teams in action include men’s and women’s cross country, women’s soccer, women’s tennis and men’s golf.