



• Those who ordered **regalia** online or via E-mail need to verify its receipt in the SVSU Bookstore at ext. 4277. Due to technical difficulties, orders may not have been received.

• A **UPS next day drop box** has been placed near the entrance to the Service Building. UPS will pick up from this box Monday through Friday at 5:30 pm. Forms and envelopes will be stored at the drop box, or call the mailroom at ext. 4466.

• As part of **International Education Week**, a panel of returned Fulbright Program Exchange faculty will discuss "The Worldwide Perspective of the USA and Americans" from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20 in Seminar Room D. The faculty panelists and the countries they visited are: Janice Wolff, Sweden; Judy Kerman, Dominican Republic; Paul Munn, Turkey; Scott Youngstedt, Morocco; Karen Lange Krause, Mexico; and Thomas McManus, Finland.

• The next **Faculty/Staff Luncheon** will be Thursday, Nov. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Room. The cost is \$4 per person, payable at the door.

• The **Saginaw Spirit** OHL Hockey Team is hosting its first College Night Thursday, Nov. 21. The Spirit take on the Plymouth Whalers at 7:30 p.m. at the Saginaw County Event Center. Admission for SVSU students, faculty, and staff (with I.D.) is \$5. For more information, contact the Saginaw Spirit at 497-7747.

• **Doan Café** will close Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 11 p.m., and will reopen Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4:30 p.m. Doan Café also will close Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. and will reopen Sunday, Jan. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

• Deadline for recipe submissions for the **Red Pride Cookbook** is Monday, Dec. 2. Send contributions to dbriolat@svsu.edu or mail to Dawn Iseler, Office of Housing and Residential Life, 113 Curtiss Hall.



SVSU's Department of Theatre will stage *Letice and Lovage*, an enchanting play that celebrates imagination and the art of the theatre. Performances will take place Friday through Sunday, Nov. 22 through 24. Friday and Saturday show times are at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in the Studio Theatre, 180 Performing Arts Center. General Admission is \$7; \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the SVSU Box Office. For more information, call ext. 4261.

• SVSU's Alpha Psi Omega and The Lonestar Theater Co. of Michigan will present *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, by Jane Wagner, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 and 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre, 180 Performing Arts Center. Admission for the play is \$5. All proceeds go to help defray costs for Irene Ryan Scholarship Award recipients to attend the American College Theater Festival auditions in Indiana. For more information and tickets, call ext. 4147.

• SVSU will host its fall **Mechanical Engineering Design Day** Friday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. Following an informational poster session from 1 to 2 p.m. on the first floor of Pioneer Hall, formal oral presentations will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 158 Pioneer Hall. For more information, contact Brooks Byam, assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering, at ext. 4489.

• The SVSU Polish Students Club will present *Wigilia*, a traditional Polish Christmas Eve, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms. Following dinner will be a musical performance by a family of musicians and composers associated with the

Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra. The deadline for reservations is Nov. 24. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children ages 4 to 8; children under 3 years will be admitted free. Tickets are available only through the SVSU Polish Students Club; they will not be available at the door. To obtain tickets, call Karen Dekoski at 892-0868 or Dina Wehner at 793-7903.

• Several SVSU musical groups will join for a chorus of holiday sounds in "**Bells, Brass & Beyond**" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall at SVSU. The Holiday Concert by the SVSU Choirs and Collegium, the Immanuel Lutheran Church Bell Choir, and the SVSU Brass will feature Christmas spirituals, a carol medley, and popular songs of the season. Admission is \$6 general and \$4 students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door; however, reservations are recommended. For tickets, contact the SVSU Box Office at ext. 4261.

• Make reservations now for the **Annual Holiday Luncheon**, Friday, Dec. 13 at noon in Banquet Room A. Cost is \$6.95. RSVP by Dec. 6 to ext. 4218.



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Saginaw Valley State University

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Celebrating 40 years of distinctive education in 2003



Ranjana Dutta, associate professor of psychology, uses the Smart Podium in 115 Wickes Hall for her Psych 210, Applications in Human Development, course.

SVSU campus becoming increasingly high tech

Faster than a fiber optic cable, SVSU is becoming high tech.

Nearly 60 classrooms (62 percent) are wired with technology packages of some type, and as of January 2003, 25 will have "Smart Podiums." These podiums enable an instructor to utilize DVD, CD, VHS and document camera technology, as well as access the Internet. Instructors bring laptops into the classroom, plug them in and begin their lectures. (The Information Technology Services website tells in detail what is available in each of the classrooms on campus: www.svsu.edu/itc/classEquipFrame.htm).

Senior technology officer on campus Ken Schindler, executive director of ITS, said another 17 classrooms will be technology enabled by Fall 2003. This includes the new Regional Education Center. Pioneer Hall is a focus of ITS staff, as it is among the last of classroom buildings to widely use computer technology. Schindler said his group is making progress, however. Even the Ryder Center will have a Smart Podium by January.

The Smart Podiums aren't the only technological advances on campus. The University now is linked with Saginaw Public Schools in a venture that gives the K-12 organization greater access to technology and benefits SVSU education students. The link allows the two educational groups to video conference. SPS can participate in meetings at SVSU via video, and education students can observe master teachers in the classroom. This fiber link was purchased with funds from the Title III technology grant.

Schindler said the "connection" was made because SPS wanted Merit access, but could not find an Internet 2 connection at a reasonable price. Through the fiber link, SPS gets to Merit via SVSU. This resulted in SPS getting what it wanted from the Internet, with a costs savings, Schindler said.

A second partnership ITS developed was with Sprint. Through this arrangement, the University ran fiber to a Sprint "point of presence" (POP) in (See **High Tech Campus**, Page 3)



• The SVSU football team will face off against Indiana (Pa.) in the first round of the Division II football playoffs. The Cardinals will travel to take on the Indians at Miller Stadium Saturday, Nov. 23. Kickoff is set for noon. The Cardinals earned their third consecutive trip to the playoffs after going 9-2. The winner of the SVSU-IUP match-up will face the winner of the Northeast region's other semi-final between Grand Valley State and C.W. Post.

BFA works on display

The University Art Gallery will host its semiannual Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibition through Wednesday, Dec. 4. This group show of the works of SVSU senior art majors serves as a completion of their undergraduate program. Two candidates for graduation, John Hale and Brian VanDeVoort, will display their works during this event. The Art Gallery is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 5 p.m.

Reception for Technology Award set for 4 p.m., Nov. 21

Technology has its rewards . . . and at SVSU, it also has its awards. **Thursday, Nov. 21, Sally Decker, professor of nursing, will receive the third Technology in Teaching Award during a special reception at 4 p.m. in Seminar D, Curtiss Hall.**

Decker will be honored for her creative use of technology, according to Beth Roe, assistant professor of nursing and a member of the Teaching and Learning with Technology Roundtable team. Among the technology Decker uses is BlackBoard, PowerPoint and this semester she took on the challenges of using the PIC-TEL system with Socrates Podium to broadcast to remote sites with BlackBoard support. Decker said her students also have accepted the challenge. In one of her classes, Decker had her students tell in Real Producer of a time when they felt they made a difference as a nurse and shared it with the class of practicing nurses working on their BSN degrees.

Decker was among 32 instructors nominated for the award, sponsored by the Office of Robert Yien, vice president for academic affairs. The nominations came from both faculty and students, Roe said. The first year, four instructors were nominated for the honor. Eight were nominated in Year 2 and 32 this year.

"This says more people are using technology and are aware of how others use technology in their classrooms," said Brian Mudd, a member of the TLTR. Mudd should know. As manager of the Instructional Technology Center, he knows firsthand what instructors are using.

During the first six weeks of the Fall 2002 semester, Mudd said faculty borrowed technology related equipment for classroom use at a 26.1 percent higher rate (1,543 items) than in the first six weeks of Winter '02. The portable equipment includes laptops, video/data projectors, DVD players, remotes, and other portable equipment.

"This is in addition to the technology usage in Smart Podium and some 'basic technology,' classrooms (where faculty bring in their own personal laptops, for example)," Mudd said.

For more information on the Nov. 21 reception, contact Roe at ext. 4128.

Correction

The Trinity St. John Community Center Mural outreach project (Nov. 5 Interior) was funded by the Saginaw Community Foundation, not the FIA. A dedication will take place at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Professional Profile

• **Barron Hirsch**, professor of art, has two paintings from the *Nirvana Series* currently on exhibit at the Washington Street Gallery in Ann Arbor. One painting, "On the Shores of Windermere," shows a scene from the English Lake District near Keswick. The other, "Northern Passage," is a view of the fiords on the Atlantic coast of Scandinavia. Both works will remain on exhibit through Dec. 24.

Bachand a grandfather

• **Donald Bachand**, dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, is a grandfather. His first grandchild, Kyle Thomas Harper, (7 lbs., 11 oz., 20 in.) was born Nov. 7.

Condolences

• The campus community extends condolences to **John LaPrad**, manager of network services, on the loss of his father, John LaPrad, who died Nov. 10.

Transitions

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- **Thomas Latuszek**, Electronic Resources/Serials Catalog Librarian, Melvin J. Zahnow Library, SW241, ext. 2298, tlatusz@svsu.edu
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- **Sean Fitzpatrick, Arlyn Freed** NAME CHANGE
- **Dawn (Briolat) Iseler, Melissa (Larkin) Woodward**

High Tech Campus

Saginaw, saving the more costly connection via Chicago. This relationship gives the University unlimited bandwidth from two providers, resulting in seamless Internet service; in other words, SVSU's Internet service is rarely, if ever, down.

"If one provider has a failure, automatically we use the other," Schindler said. "As a matter of fact, we've had to switch and no one has known. We are in a much better situation than before, in terms of reliability and cost."

Cardinal Link has been a tremendous success for students and staff. This high-speed Internet access at home through Charter has resulted in better at-home response time and both the University and Charter save money.

ITS is considering a link with Bay Public Schools and testing speed net connections for those areas without cable connections.

How about the roll out of web access for registration? The numbers speak for themselves. In just two weeks, nearly 5,000 students have registered via Cardinal Direct.

Desktops are not immune from the advances of ITS. Each year, one-third of student and one-third of faculty microcomputers are upgraded. The student-to-personal-computer ratio on

campus is 9.28 to 1. Plus, there are more than 30 kiosks across campus for Internet access and laptop plug-in. Students also are making great use of "M" drive space that allows them to access their personal data from anywhere via the internet, without a disk.

By next summer, Schindler said he hopes to have some wireless options in place. In addition, ITS is phasing in key data, i.e., using a "key" about the size of one's thumb, to plug into a USB port on the front of the computer to access data. This would eventually phase out Zip drives.

Blackboard continues to gain in popularity, having gone from 0 to 23 percent of all classes on campus in 2002 using the technology to some degree.

ResNet is up and running, allowing each campus resident student one port. With room for 1,500 students in on-campus housing, 1,100 computers are in residence halls.

Also for students is a new service on campus: the Student Technology Center. Through the center, students can receive one-on-one training in particular computer software. Instructors also can make arrangements for in-class training. This service is offered through the Zahnow Library.

"We've come a long way in just a few years," Schindler said. "We still have work to do. Technology has fundamentally changed everything we do here."

Middle East Symposium

A Middle East Symposium sponsored by the Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists Series continues through Nov. 21.

A Tuesday, Nov. 19 presentation by Stephen Zunes will focus on "The Prospects for Peace and Security in the Middle East." The talk is set for 7 p.m.

Augustus Norton of Boston University will discuss "America in the Minds of Muslims" at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20.

All events take place in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall and are open to the public at no charge.

Zunes also will facilitate a panel discussion and recap the week's events at 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21 in Seminar Room E. "Passion and Politics: The Human Dimension in the Middle East," will open with a presentation by Zunes, followed by the panel discussion that will include SVSU faculty members.

For more information the symposium, contact Robert Braddock, professor of history, at ext. 4360.

The campus will close Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving holiday break.



The Valley Wind Quintet celebrated its 20th Anniversary by performing in concert Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Several area musicians also performed a variety of pieces with the Quintet. Copies of the Quintet's 20th Anniversary commemorative CD are available from Nancy Whalen at ext. 4159 or music@svsu.edu.