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Theatre Department Presents *The Hobbit*

SVSU's Theatre Department will start the New Year on a magical note with its production of *The Hobbit*. Performances are Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m., in the Performing Arts Theatre.

This unique adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's story beckons audiences to the mysterious realm of Middle Earth as participants in the adventure of the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins. Recruited by Gandalf the Wizard, Baggins embarks on a never-to-be-forgotten journey, full of magic, challenges and danger. He is faced with situations that require imagination and courage as he encounters many of the fantastic creatures who inhabit this strange world. Throughout the play, Bilbo matures and becomes a stronger person fearing nothing, and in the end leaving as a legend, full of courage and the will to win. The best known scenes from Tolkien's classic are staged in this imaginative and fast-

moving play, including the defeat of Smaug the dragon and the discovery of the ring.

What makes this particular production so unique requires one look behind the scenes. Specialized puppetry technology is being used to design and animate many of the play's key characters. Students who have been trained in the intricate technology are actively designing and building the complex puppets, under the watchful eye of the production's director Janet Rubin, professor of theatre. This technology is similar to that used in present day stage productions of Disney's *The Lion King*. The results provide an amazing visual panorama of larger-than-life characters for audiences who come to see SVSU's stage production of *The Hobbit*.

General admission is \$7; \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the SVSU Box Office. For more information, call ext. 4261.

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Creating the Future

SVSU Foundation reaches development goal

The generosity of more than 250 SVSU employees has helped SVSU achieve its \$9.5 million *Creating the Future* campaign goal. The campaign also was supported by SVSU alumni, as well as other individuals, corporations, and foundations across the state and nation. Major grants were received from the following:

- The Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow Foundation (Midland)
- Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation (Saginaw)
- Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation (Midland)
- Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc. (New York)
- The Kresge Foundation (Troy, MI)
- ARAMARK (Comstock, MI)
- The Charles J. Strosacker Foundation (Midland)
- Charitable Trusts Administered by CB Wealth Management (Saginaw):
 - Margaret Jane Stoker Charitable Trust
 - Frances Goll Mills Memorial Fund
- The Dow Chemical Company Foundation (Midland)
- Dr. & Mrs. E. Malcolm Field (Saginaw)
- The Kantzler Foundation (Bay City)

In 2000, SVSU launched the *Creating the Future: Investing in Tomorrow's Teachers and Leaders* to raise partial funding for the Regional Education Center, a Student Center, and expansion of the Melvin J. Zahnow Library. All three facilities are expected to be completed for the Fall 2003 semester. "These facilities will assist in moving SVSU to a new plateau of service to our students," President Gilbertson said.

A Celebration Party sponsored by the SVSU Foundation for the campus is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Room.

New Cardinals

• **Pamela Ross McClain**, assistant professor of teacher education, and her husband, Nathaniel, welcomed a son, Ross Nathan (4 lbs., 12 oz., 17 in.), Jan. 27.

Cardinal Red Pride

Follow your favorite athletic teams this season

• In **men's basketball** action, the Cardinals kept hopes for a berth in the GLIAC tournament alive with an 85-77 win over the Northern Michigan Wildcats Saturday, Feb. 8. SVSU (11-12, 5-9) is one-half game behind third seed Lake Superior State in the GLIAC North Division.

• The **women's basketball** team suffered an 86-66 loss to Northern Michigan Saturday, Feb. 8. The Cardinals fall to 4-18 (0-14 GLIAC) on the season.

4th Friday Club

Feb. 28

President's Reception Area
Third Floor Wickes Hall

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Professional Profile

• **Al-Halees Hasan**, assistant professor of mathematical sciences, presented a preliminary report of a paper, "Directed Covering with Block Size 5 and Both v and λ are Odd," at the American Mathematical Society and Mathematical Association of America joint annual meeting, Jan. 15 through 18, in Baltimore, Maryland. The paper is co-authored by Ahmed M. Assaf of Central Michigan University.

SVSU student journalists win awards

The student staff of *The Valley Vanguard* took home 19 awards from the recent Michigan Press Association college competition conference held in Grand Rapids. *The Vanguard* received eight first place awards, six second place awards and five third places.

Among the first place awards were Journalist of the Year for Editor Justin Engel. Engel also won first place for sports coverage with Best Sports Column, Best Sports News, along with design honors for Best House Ad, Best Black and White Ad, and Best Color Ad.

Advertising Manager Amy Urbanowski received first place for Advertising/Business Manager of the Year. Graduated Photo Editor Zhong Shen took home a first place award for Best Feature Photo.

Among the second place winners were Carrie Shay for Sports Column, Urbanowski for Classified Section and Engel for Review, Online Newspaper, Sports Feature and Deadline Story.

Third places went to Mike Sawyers, for Sports News story. Amber Smith also received a third place for Review. *The Vanguard* staff as a whole were awarded third place for both Best Overall Design and General Excellence. Engel received one third place award for Best Non-Deadline Story.

Candidates sought for Roberts Fellowship Program

The Roberts Fellowship Program provides a select group of SVSU students with two seminars on leadership and an international study and travel experience in Asia, a total of 6 credit hours, all at no cost to them.

In May of each year, for the last three years of the Roberts Fellowship Program, the Roberts Fellows traveled to Japan, Taiwan, and China for an intensive immersion in Asian culture. They found their academic and travel experiences to have been life changing. In May 2003, the fourth class of Roberts Fellows also will travel to China, Taiwan, and Japan. Expenses for these academic courses and the international study and travel

experiences will be provided by the Roberts Fellowship Program through the SVSU Foundation.

Students with 48 to 100 hours with a 3.4 GPA are eligible for consideration. The Roberts Fellows will be selected primarily on the basis of demonstrated academic accomplishment, campus or community service, and potential for leadership. The Roberts Fellowship Program is a wonderful opportunity for Saginaw Valley students from a wide range of disciplines to develop their potential as future leaders in their fields, while providing them a unique opportunity for study and travel abroad.

Vince Samarco,
assistant professor of
English, will moderate the

Barstow Seminar for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities

Scholar Henry Giroux
will deliver the presentation
Friday, April 4.

2003 Dow Lecture Series focuses on topics of importance to the Saginaw Valley

The 2003 Dow Lecture Series will focus on topics of importance to the Saginaw Valley as it rebuilds, revitalizes and seeks to generate a prosperous future for its citizens through the efforts of hundreds of Vision Partners active in Vision 2020. The series will feature the following presenters:

• **Paul Rogat Loeb** – March 11; 7 p.m.;
Performing Arts Theatre

An associate scholar at Seattle's Center for Ethical Leadership, Loeb will spend time with students at the University and provide a public lecture. He will focus on calling the community to involvement and a challenge to apathy.

• **William H. Hudnut III** – March 19;
7 p.m.; Rhea Miller Recital Hall

A senior resident fellow at the Urban Land Institute, Hudnut will focus on what it takes to rebuild and revitalize the Saginaw Valley area.

• **Paul Solman** – March 26; 7 p.m.;
Performing Arts Theatre

Solman will spend three days with students at the University and provide a public lecture. With his energy and wit, he engages and entertains his audiences

by making business and economics comprehensible and fun. He will focus on globalization, and "Life and Death on the Corporate Battlefield."

• **Alan C. Page** – April 22; 7 p.m.;
Performing Arts Theatre
Page, Minnesota's first African-

American Supreme Court Justice, is a compelling speaker on creating education opportunities and mentoring for underprivileged children.

For further information on each Dow Series lecturer, visit www.scv2020.org/dowlectureseries.htm.



The campus community was treated to "A Taste of Soul Food," which was sponsored by the Organization of Black Unity and Campus Life, Tuesday, Feb. 4. Approximately 370 people were served during the two-hour event. All of the entrées were prepared by Jason McNeil, executive chef for AraMark. (Photo by Tim Inman)



- **Auditions** for *The Laramie Project* are Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Black Box Theatre. For more information, call ext. 7496.
- The Department of Music will host a **Student Recital** at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission is free of charge.
- The **University Art Gallery** will exhibit digital prints by Lon Ferguson, Feb. 25 through March 27. An **opening reception** will take place in the Gallery from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 12. Refreshments will be served.
- Flags on campus are at half staff in memory of **Jerry Kratz**, a member of the Michigan House of Representatives 92nd legislator, who died Jan. 29.
- A new **SVSU Operations Manual Policy 2.3-1** "Travel Policy And Regulations" is posted at www.svsu.edu/operationsmanual/2.3-1.html. Note that under "Transportation," item number one, the mileage reimbursement is 36 cents per mile for 2003.

SVSU Commemorates Black History Month . . . "Celebrating Our Differences"

The University is commemorating Black History Month in February with a number of rich cultural events that define an extraordinary African-American heritage, journey and history. Events include:

- Feb. 12, 13, 14 – **Lunchbreak Concert/African-American Music series.** Wednesday: Old-school and Classic R&B; Thursday: Hip Hop; Friday: Jazz. All performers will entertain in Doan Café from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Feb. 16 through 22 – **Coming Home Week.** This year's events will follow the "Celebrate Unity" theme.
- Feb. 17 – **Spirit Banner Competition** (for SVSU students).
- Feb. 17 – **Gospel Fest.** Community gospel ensembles will perform along with SVSU students in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall at 7 p.m. Admission is free of charge.
- Feb. 18 – **Campus-wide Office Front Decoration Contest.** Entries must reflect the Black History Month/Coming Home theme.
- Feb. 21 – **Coming Home Pep Rally.** The event begins at 6 p.m., Ryder Center, O'Neill Arena.
- Feb. 25 – **Black History Month Student Unity Forum.** Scheduled at 5 p.m. in Curtiss Hall Seminar Rooms.

In addition to these events, the SVSU Library will be prominently displaying African-American literature, and African-American leadership posters will be visible throughout the campus. For more information on any of the events listed, contact Campus Life at ext. 4170.



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More than 45 individuals from SVSU – including faculty, staff and students – donated their time at Saginaw's Henry A. Doerr Child Development Center, Jan. 24. The volunteers answered the call to participate in SVSU's "Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service." Activities included reading, computer training and storytelling.