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Celebrating 40 years of distinctive education in 2003

There’s no place like home . . .

. . . And there’s no better place to call home than SVSU when the institution celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2003.

Members of the Housing office donned Wizard of Oz costumes last week to remind students who plan to live on campus in 2003 that the color designated for 40th anniversaries is ruby red – which also happens to be the shade of Dorothy’s slippers.

Merry Jo Brandimore, the staff’s “Wicked Witch” and assistant dean of Students & Residential Life Programs, said, “It made the room signup process fun for everyone. We wanted to create excitement and draw attention to the process; we especially wanted students to realize that next academic year will be a great opportunity to live on campus and celebrate SVSU’s 40th Anniversary.”

Other staff members who dressed for the occasion included, from left, Carrie Wolanin as Glenda the Good Witch; Brian Gano as the Cowardly Lion; Brandimore; Dawn Iseler as Dorothy; Shawn Wilson as the Tin Man; Greg Behe as the Scarecrow; and Sarah Byam as the Wonderful Wizard.

Shawn Wilson, dressed as the Tin Man, discusses housing options with SVSU students in Alumni Lounge.

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Cardinal Red Pride

• William Stanton recently was named volleyball coach. Stanton had served as head coach at Mott Community College where he led the Bears to a 116-90 record in four years. He also was a head coach at Lake Fenton High School, where he won the 1998 Michigan Class C State Championship after finishing runner-up in 1997. Stanton never has had a losing season as a head coach at the high school or college level. He earned a bachelor’s degree in computer science and business from Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., and works as a systems analyst for Electronic Data Systems in Flint.

• SVSU’s basketball teams competed Saturday against Northwood University. Senior Cameron Nichols scored a career-high 27 points to lead the men to an 82-81 victory. The women’s team was clipped 72-70. Among the seniors playing in their final games for SVSU were, for the men, Nichols, Terrence Wright, R.J. Hallowell and Jerry Minot; and, for the women, Erin Johnson, Angie Smith and Melissa Giancola.

• Football coach Randy Awrey announced the signing of 22 players, all from Michigan, for 2003. The class includes four all-state selections, 12 Dream Team prospects, and the Upper Peninsula’s Class D Defensive Player of the Year.
The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Macomb Regional Education Center, located at 30330 Hickey Road, in Chesterfield Township, took place Monday, Feb. 10, and was followed by a reception. The goals of the new Center are to centralize and further develop all efforts that affect the quality of teacher education, to prepare teachers to use technology effectively, to apply best educational practices within the state and national standards, and to address classroom diversity. Educators in the Southeast Michigan area who are attending the Macomb Graduate Education Center, are benefitting from initiatives that have resulted from two U.S. Department of Education Grants; the Enhancing Teacher Quality, Title II and Preparing Tomorrow’s Teachers to use Technology, PT3, Grant. Presently, 930 students are enrolled in 40 graduate courses and specialization areas at the Macomb Graduate Education Center.

The winter 2003 issue of the library newsletter Zahnaw Notes is available online. Highlights include:
• New software streamlines interlibrary loan/document delivery services
• How the new Student Technology Center helps students succeed
• Now online: 26 full-text computer science journals
• Check out and read the latest e-books from your office or home
• New databases help uncover SVSU’s 40 year history
• Renew your books online and other time-saving services
• Don’t know much about history? During March and April only, explore the full text of the New York Times online from 1851-1999 and three other leading US newspapers back to their first issues

You can find these articles and more topics of interest at www.svsu.edu/library/library/index.htm.
The campus community joined forces in a big way in support of a Valentine’s Day Clothing Drive, sponsored by the Office of Campus Life. Audra Forsberg, assistant director of Campus Life, is assisted in inventorying the donations by Alison Krempa and Kimberly Collier. The items were delivered to the United Way.

The 14th annual All-University Awards Banquet is set for Friday, April 11 in Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms. A reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m., the awards program at 7:45 p.m., and the door prize drawings at 9 p.m. Complimentary childcare will be provided for children ages 2 through 12. Invitations will be sent out by Monday, March 3.