Huntley honored at Women’s History Month luncheon

In 1987 the U.S. Congress designated March as Women’s History Month and it has been observed on SVSU’s campus since 1988. A highlight of Women’s History Month at SVSU is the annual Award Luncheon, which will take place at noon, Friday, March 28 in Curtiss Hall Banquet Room A.

This year the Women’s History Month Committee is honoring Deb Huntley, associate professor of chemistry, for her achievements and contributions to the welfare of women at SVSU, as well as serving as a leadership role model. Huntley has served as assistant dean in the College of Science, Engineering & Technology, and also is faculty advisor for the Chemistry Club.

Huntley was jointly nominated by 16 of her peers in a letter stating that “since joining SVSU in 1998, Dr. Huntley has served as an ideal model and mentor for Women in Science.” The letter continues, “her commitment to elevating the status of women in science is demonstrated not only by her daily affirmation of the importance of women in science, but also by the fact that she has established an endowment at SVSU to provide scholarships for women entering any field of science.”

The nine previous recipients of this award are recognized with their portraits on exhibit in the display case on third floor Wickes Hall.

The Women’s History Month Committee also is purchasing a film to donate to the Zahnow Library collection. This year’s donation is *Strange Fruit*, which explores the origins and legacy of Billie Holiday’s haunting classic, one of the most influential protest songs ever written. The film will be shown in Zahnow Library at a later date.

The deadline for reservations to the March 28 luncheon is Friday, March 21. For more information, contact Keileen Marciniak at ext. 4073, or E-mail kmm@svsu.edu.
New Cardinals

- Twin girls Elisabeth Grace (6 lbs., 6 oz., 17.5 in.) and Abigail Ruth (5 lbs., 1 oz., 17.5 in.) were welcomed Feb. 28 by Jodie and Eric Gardner, associate professor of English.
- Lukas Anthony (8 lbs., 5 oz., 20.5 in.) was welcomed March 7 by Jill and Mark White, ITS network administrator/network services.

Cardinal Red Pride

Follow your favorite athletic teams this season

- The baseball team suffered a tough 3-2 loss to Slippery Rock as the Cardinals closed out their annual spring trip, Sunday, March 9, with a 9-2 record.
- The softball team concluded its Florida trip with a pair of wins over the University of Philadelphia and St. Thomas University, Saturday, March 8. The team finished the Florida trip with a 9-5 record.
- At the GLIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships, March 1 at SVSU, the men’s track team finished in third place, while in women’s track competition, SVSU finished fourth. The Cardinals will begin outdoor competition March 29 at the University of Indianapolis Invitational.

Mark Your Calendar

- Paul Rogat Loeb will appear on campus Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre as part of the 2003 Dow Lecture Series. An associate scholar at Seattle’s Center for Ethical Leadership, Loeb will focus on the community to involvement and a challenge to apathy. The Dow Lecture Series continues Wednesday, March 19 with another public lecture at 7 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.
- William H. Hudnut III, a senior resident fellow at the Urban Land Institute, will focus on what it takes to rebuild and revitalize the Saginaw Valley area. For further information on each Dow Series lecturer, visit www.scv2020.org/dowliturereseries.htm.
- The University Art Gallery will host an opening reception for artist Lon Ferguson from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 12. Refreshments will be served. Ferguson’s one-man show is on display in the gallery through March 27. For further information, call ext. 4391.
- David Krasner, Yale University’s Director of Undergraduate Theatre and a Dow guest lecturer, will speak at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. His presentation is titled “Men in Black and White: Race and Masculinity in the 1910 Heavyweight Championship Fight.” For more information, contact Marc Gordon, assistant professor of theatre, at ext. 7496.

Several Art Department faculty and adjunct faculty exhibited their art works in early March at the Lake Huron Community Arts Council’s Heidelberg Gallery in Sebewaing. The exhibitors included Shaun Bangert, Terry Basmadjian, Sanford Buchalter, Sara Clark, Barron Hirsch, Hideki Kihata, David Littell, Mike Mosher, Andrea Ondish, Todd Paschak and Gary Rocha. Works shown included furniture, mixed media, painting, printmaking, digital imaging, photography, ceramics and a painting-based installation.

Professional Profile

- Jane Girdham, associate professor of music, recently gave a paper titled “Marie Antoinette: Martyr in Song” at a conference, “Music and Death in the 18th Century” at King’s College, London. The conference was part of King’s College’s year-long symposium, “The Art of Dying.” Girdham used musical examples recorded by music majors Phil Garno, Hope Jacobs, Mandy Risley, Rebecca Stumpo, and Bryan Sutherland in her presentation.
- Dian Shaw, associate professor of Teacher Education, was selected from among educational leaders across the country to serve as an IDEA (Institute for Development of Educational Activities) Fellow in July 2003. IDEA Fellows engage in cutting-edge, experientially-rich learning communities that address educational leadership through the experiences of outstanding, nationally known experts, from a variety of fields, including business, education, health care, and government.”
SVSU employees were treated to a celebration party commemorating the success of SVSU’s *Creating the Future* campaign. Hosted by the SVSU Foundation, the Feb. 25 event featured music by the Valley Rock & Blues band. Donors from on and off campus contributed a total of $9,584,530 toward the campaign. Right, Lucille Beuthin, executive director of the SVSU Foundation, Norma Zivich, director of annual giving/development communications, and Matthew Huflagel, director of alumni relations, show off a cake that expresses appreciation to donors.
SVSU hosts annual Improving Teacher Quality conference

Saginaw Valley State University continues to focus on leadership, quality, and excellence in education as it hosts the “4th Annual Statewide/Regional Conference on Improving Teacher Quality,” Wednesday, March 12 in Curtiss Hall.

The conference will provide seminars covering five key educational initiatives that are critical in today’s educational environment: Best Practices, Infusing Technology, Diversity, Standards and Benchmarks, and Principal Assessment. The audience for this seminar would consist of the invitees, which would include Superintendents from 147 public school districts across the State of Michigan, administrators from all 20 of SVSU’s charter schools, and 480 host teachers from the State of Michigan.

The keynote speaker for the event is Charlotte Danielson, an educational consultant who has experience teaching at every level of education. Registered participants will also be able to view the keynote addresses live, via video streaming technology. This capability is available through recent technology infrastructure improvements made by SVSU, and funded in part by the Title III Grant-Strengthening Institutions Program, from the U.S. Department of Education.

The conference is supported by the Enhancing Teacher Quality, Title II Grant, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, SVSU and regional school districts.

An afternoon of opera and song

The SVSU Department of Music will present “Vienna to Knoxville: Summer of 1915” at 4 p.m., Sunday, March 23 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Featured soloist Julie Meyer, soprano, will be accompanied by Cheryl Cheger-Timm on piano. Meyer rejoined the SVSU faculty in 2002 as Visiting Artist in Residence. The concert program will include selections from Mozart’s Cosi fan tutte, and songs by Schubert, Satie and Copeland.

Admission is free of charge. For tickets or reservations, contact the SVSU Box Office at ext. 4261.

Have You Heard?

• A fire drill will be conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, in Wickes and Brown halls. When alarms sound, please evacuate all classrooms and offices immediately.

• The next Faculty/Staff Luncheon will take place Thursday, March 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Emeriti Room. Cost is $4/person, payable at the door. The menu will include: Potato and Leek Soup, Irish Soda Bread, Braised Caraway Cabbage, Boiled New Potatoes, Black and Tan Corned Beef, and Whiskey Bread Pudding.

• The submission deadline for the Braun Writing Award and the Tyner Prizes is Friday, March 14. More information and nomination forms are available on the Writing Program website at www.svsu.edu/writingprogram/braun.htm.

• Employment and Compensation Services is presenting “Managing Stress: The Road to Resiliency,” at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 18 in Seminar Room F. To enroll in the seminar, call ext. 4108. Participation is limited to 35.

• Winter semester Commencement ceremonies is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. in Ryder Center. Faculty and staff are requested to submit orders for regalia to the Bookstore by March 28.

• Intercultural Night will take place Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. Hosted by SVSU’s International Programs Office, and the SVSU International Students Club, this special evening brings together uniquely gifted artists who will present the richly appointed traditional dress, songs, music, dance, instruments and other unique aspects of some of the world’s most intriguing countries. The theme of the program, “Celebrate Our World” reflects the uplifting message of the evening’s entertainment and atmosphere. Tickets are $5 for students and seniors, and $7 for general admission. For more information, contact the SVSU International Programs Office at ext. 4473.

• DUO VIARDOT will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 5 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. A Rhea Miller Concert Series presentation, DUO VIARDOT consists of Charles Wetherbee, violin, and Caroline Hong, piano. Each a respected soloist, the pair also find unique challenges and rewards in the duo repertoire. Admission is free of charge, but seating is limited. For tickets or reservations, contact the SVSU Box Office at ext. 4261.

• 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. For more information, call ext. 4068.