A new feature, “Celebrating Our Differences,” will begin appearing regularly in *The Interior*. Its purpose is to spotlight the many positive events, activities and programs that promote diversity at SVSU and in the community.

Zahnnow Library has many resources to assist students and others seeking to expand their cultural horizons, and recently developed a subject guide for diversity. An overview is available at [www.svsu.edu/library/diversitysubjectguide](http://www.svsu.edu/library/diversitysubjectguide).

The Office of Diversity Programs is sponsoring workshops to provide faculty and staff with an opportunity to become more attuned to how different outlooks can enrich the working and learning environment. Prominent and powerful speakers will visit campus during the fall semester to share their insights and experiences. Please take a moment to review the list of scheduled events and make plans to explore the many perspectives that are coming to SVSU so that we may all find delight in our differences.

### Cultural Diversity Initiative Workshops

- **“Transforming Knowledge: Diversity Throughout the Curriculum” by Elizabeth Minnich**
  - August 22, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 143 Curtiss Hall
  - In the session, participants will discuss contemporary issues related to “diversity” and how higher education—in its scholarship, teaching, and community—might best respond. Dr. Minnich is a core professor at the Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

- **“We All Have a Heritage—Exploring and Honoring Our Diversity” by Sandy Lynn Holman**
  - September 11, 7 to 8 p.m., 122 Regional Education Center
  - Holman is an author of children’s books from Sacramento, California. She has presented to thousands of youth and adults on a variety of topics, focusing special attention on the importance of helping people to learn about others who are different from themselves and in helping individuals to learn more about their heritage.

- **“Creating the Diary of Sally Hemings” by Sandra Seaton**
  - September 24, 7 to 8 p.m., Founders Hall
  - Seaton’s text was set to music by composer William Bolcom to create a song cycle that uses fictional diary entries to express Hemings’ thoughts and feelings throughout her relationship with Thomas Jefferson. Dr. Seaton is a professor of English at Central Michigan University. She won a Theodore Ward Prize for New African-American Playwrights for her play, “The Bridge Party.”

- **“The House of Glass: Comedy and Survival” by William S. Penn**
  - September 29, 7 to 8 p.m., Founders Hall
  - Penn is a professor of English at Michigan State University and a Native American author/essayist and scholar. He is an urban mixed-blood Nez Perce. Dr. Penn was named the Native American Prose Fiction Writer of the Year in 1997, and recently received the Distinguished Faculty Award at MSU.

- **“Leadership Action for Building an Inclusive Campus Environment” by Robert Dungey and Diane Gilman**
  - October 31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 129 Curtiss Hall
  - This workshop by NCBI will assist campus faculty and staff to understand the dynamics of oppression by working through a series of personal and small-group explorations.

  The workshops are open to faculty, staff, and students. Please contact the Diversity Office at ext. 4068 for more information.
2003 FACULTY/STAFF ORIENTATION
Thursday, Aug. 21

• Breakfast (new faculty and academic staff only)
  8:30 to 10 a.m., Seminar Room D, Curtiss Hall

• New Faculty and Staff Orientation
  10 a.m. to Noon, Emeriti Room, Curtiss Hall

• Faculty Lunch
  Update on the SVSU Self-Study Report
  Noon to 1:15 p.m., Banquet Rooms A & B, Curtiss Hall

• College Meetings
  1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

  College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences
  Donald J. Bachand, Dean
  115 Wickes Hall

  College of Business and Management
  Paul Uselding, Dean
  129 Curtiss Hall

  College of Education
  Stephen P. Barbus, Dean
  202 Regional Education Center

  Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Health Sciences
  Janalou Blecke, Interim Dean
  226 Wickes Hall

  College of Science, Engineering and Technology
  Ronald R. Williams, Dean
  224 Pioneer Hall

• Introduction of New Faculty and Staff
  Recognition of Faculty Promotions and Tenure
  Remarks by President Eric R. Gilbertson
  4 to 5 p.m.
  Alan W. Ott Auditorium, Regional Education Center

• Picnic to Celebrate the New Academic Year
  (for All Faculty/Staff and Families)
  5 to 7:30 p.m.
  Leaping Gazelle Fountain Courtyard
  (In case of rain, festivities will be held in Curtiss Hall)

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**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL**

**Professional Profile**
- **Diane Boehm**, director of Instructional Support Programs, and **Judy Younquist**, English Language Program instructor and Writing Center coordinator, presented on “Bridges for Supporting International Non-Native Speakers of English” at the annual conference of the Council of Writing Program Administrators, July 11 through 13 in Grand Rapids.

- **Francis C. Dane**, Finkbeiner Endowed Chair in Ethics, published an abstract of a paper titled “The Importance of Pulseless Electrical Activity: The Rise and Fall of Ventricular Fibrillation” in the *Michigan Academician* (Vol. XXXV, Spring 2003, No. 1). Coauthored with David C. Parish and K.M.D. Chandra, the paper was presented at the spring meetings of the Michigan Academy in Holland, Mich.

- **Paul Munn**, professor of English, presented the paper “The English Hikmet” at the New Directions in the Humanities International Conference, July 5 in Rhodes, Greece.

- **Patrick Pan**, professor of mathematical sciences, recently had three articles accepted for publication in refereed journals. “Commutants and Hyporeflexive Closure of Operators” was accepted for publication in the the *Journal of Operator Theory,* “Reflexivity and Hyperreflexivity of Operator Spaces” (coauthored with J. Li of the University of Waterloo) recently appeared in the *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications; “Extensions of Operators”* (coauthored with D. Han of the University of Central Florida, D. Larson of Texas A & M University, and W. Wogen of the University of North Carolina) was accepted for publication in the *Indiana University Mathematics Journal.*
SVSU has launched an updated web site to assist students in their search to finance the cost of a college education. “Everything and anything a parent or student would want to know about financial aid is on the web site,” said James Dwyer, assistant vice president for student services and enrollment management/director of admissions. “We want to use technology to streamline our procedures and be effective as a top notch service organization.”

According to Dwyer, 75 percent of SVSU students come in contact with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. “Customer service needs to be a premium for the operation,” he noted.

All required forms can now be downloaded directly from the web site, which is expected to cut down on the 66,000 phone calls the office received last year.

## Commemorative Bricks now available for purchase

A wonderful opportunity awaits you to leave a permanent “impression” in the brick walkway of the new Student Center.

The SVSU Foundation Office invites SVSU faculty and staff, graduates and their families and friends to have their name, or the name of someone they would like to honor, imprinted on a brick to be placed in the entryway area of the new Student Center. This is a limited opportunity to purchase bricks at the discounted price of $40 each during SVSU’s 40th Anniversary celebration.

Commemorative bricks are a great idea for a graduation or birthday gift, or to honor a special person. The $40 price for one 4” x 8” imprinted brick is a discount of at least 50 percent, but only through December 31, 2003.

A brochure/order form is available from the SVSU Foundation Office on third floor Wickes Hall. You can also call the Foundation Office at ext. 4052, or E-mail Darlene Kusterer at dkustere@svsu.edu.

SVSU processed over $24 million from the federal government during the 2002-03 academic year through a variety of student loans, grants and work study programs. Students will now have the ability to receive data on their individual financial aid awards in real time through Cardinal Direct, the University’s online system to access academic, financial and employment information.

Dwyer credited staff members for their efforts during the year-long process.

“I challenged them and they responded with these changes to improve interaction with prospective and enrolled students,” he said, adding that Stephanie Sieggreen took on a leadership role for the project.

## SVSU hosts Engineering Summer Showcase

SVSU will host a Mechanical Engineering Summer Showcase Tuesday, Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Pioneer Hall.

Formula race car components, biodegradable plastics, and a hybrid hand cycle are among the items scheduled to be on display and available for inspection. Students will provide professional demonstrations of their projects in the morning and deliver formal oral presentations in the afternoon.

The showcase features the work of senior mechanical engineering students who are finishing the second semester of a senior design curriculum. The students are placed into teams where they conceive, design, build, test and refine physical prototypes for the projects’ sponsors. Among the students, project titles and sponsors are:

- Eric Matoy and Lisa Mahoney, “Gearbox to Fit a Suzuki GSXR 600 Engine for FSAE Racing,” sponsored by Dr. Chris Schilling, SVSU Strosacker Chair of Engineering
- Jeh Smith, Dave Beyer and Mike Russo, “The Hybrid Hand Cycle,” sponsored by Field Neurosciences Institute
- Mark Reynolds, Sean O’Mara and Jeff Grove, “Alternate Fuel for the Small Engine,” sponsored by Dr. Chris Schilling, Strosacker Chair of Engineering
- Jeff Smith, Dave Beyer and Mike Russo, “The Hybrid Hand Cycle,” sponsored by Field Neurosciences Institute
- Richard Blust, Melissa Zeit and Carrie Flores, “Validation of an Aerodynamic Package for FSAE Racing,” sponsored by SVSU Cardinal Formula Racing

The site was launched this month, and it already is generating considerable interest. To view the new site, visit www.svsu.edu/financialaid/index.html.

### Students named to winter 2003 President's and Deans' lists

Nearly 300 students have earned the distinction of being named to the President's List for the Winter 2003 semester. To achieve this prestigious honor, the 286 undergraduate students maintained a perfect 4.00 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes. In addition, SVSU recognized 1,291 undergraduate students for their outstanding academic achievements by placing them on the Deans' List for the Winter 2003 semester. To earn a place on the Deans’ List, an undergraduate student must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of accepted classes and maintain a grade point average between 3.40 and 3.99.
Join your faculty and staff colleagues at the dedication of the Regional Education Center and the Alan W. Ott Auditorium

1:30 p.m. • Tuesday, August 19
Reception and tours immediately following R.S.V.P. by August 4 • Ext. 4042

Eldon Graham to deliver August Commencement address

More than 350 SVSU students are expected to participate in the university's commencement program, which will be held in the O'Neill Arena of the Ryder Center on Thursday, Aug. 14, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The 370 individuals are expected to complete degree requirements and have indicated that they intend to don regalia and march in the ceremony.

The graduating class includes 198 students who will receive bachelor's degrees and 172 who will receive master's degrees or education specialist degrees.

As is tradition, SVSU President Eric R. Gilbertson will congratulate each graduate as he or she crosses the stage.

SVSU associate professor of mechanical engineering Eldon Graham will deliver the keynote address, speaking on the history and legacy of the University. He is the author and editor of SVSU: History of the Academic Association. Proceeds fund the Bob Becker Scholarship for SVSU’s female athletes. To sign up, contact the Alumni Relations office at ext. 4196.

• Faculty and staff may bestow the alumni scroll to graduating members of their immediate family during the Commencement ceremony at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 14. Call Norma Zivich at ext. 4075 to make arrangements.

• The American Cancer Society Relay for Life, a 24-hour, team-based fundraising event, is an empowering and fun way to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Join the SVSU Valley Visionaries team Aug. 16 and 17, beginning at 11 a.m. on Ojibway Island. For information, call ext. 4211 or ext. 7111.

New Cardinals

• Congratulations go out to Patrick Pan, professor of mathematical sciences, and his wife, Elizabeth, on the birth of a daughter, Hannah (7 lbs., 19 in.), July 11.

Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

• The family of Marc Gordon, assistant professor of theatre, who passed away July 12.

• Dave Mroziński, assistant director of construction and maintenance operations, on the loss of his brother, William Mroziński, who passed away Tuesday, July 22.