

Saginaw Valley State University

INTERIOR

Celebrating 40 years of distinctive education in 2003

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The Dow Series brings distinguished scholars and artists to campus for interaction with students and for presentations to the general public. The cost of the series is underwritten by the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Visiting Scholars and Academic Development Endowment. This year, the series examines the importance of events from 1963 and why these events still matter. Admission to all presentations is free of charge.

- **Chris Fujiwara**, "1963: A Turning Point in Cinema"
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m., Rhea Miller Recital Hall
- **L. Douglas Wilder**, "The Movement: Past, Present, and Future"
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m., SVSU Theatre
- **Taylor Branch**, "Watershed 1963: How Birmingham Still Changes America"
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m., Rhea Miller Recital Hall

Other 1963 Symposium Events

- **Kevin R. Grazier**, "The Early Space Race: Destination Moon"
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2:30 p.m., Rhea Miller Recital Hall
- First Annual Hoffman/Willertz Memorial Lecture
Eric Petersen, "Vietnam – If Kennedy Had Lived: An Exercise in Counterfactual History" – Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., Rhea Miller Recital Hall

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Celebrating our Differences

Cultural Diversity Initiative Workshop



Diane Gilman

“Leadership Action for Building an Inclusive Campus Environment” by Robert Dungey and Diane Gilman of the National Coalition Building Institute Friday, Oct. 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.



Robert Dungey

The workshop is open to faculty, staff, and students. Contact the Diversity Office at ext. 4068 for more information.



Chris Schilling, SVSU Strosacker Chair of Engineering, works with a student from Central Middle School in Saginaw at the Saginaw Farmers’ Market, to feed ears of corn through antique corn shelling machines operated by hand cranks. The corn will be used by a corn-burning stove installed by SVSU students to heat the Good Neighbors Mission this winter. The Sept. 26 event introduced students and visitors to the benefits and possibilities of using corn as a renewable energy source. “On this project, we installed a biomass pellet furnace fueled by dried corn kernels at the Good Neighbors Mission, which provides food and clothing to economically disadvantaged Saginaw residents,” Schilling said. The furnace makes a white hot fire that produces very little smoke out of the chimney. (Photo by JJ Boehm)

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UP CLOSE AND Personal

Professional Profile

• **Farid Hallouche**, assistant professor of computer science and information systems, recently had two articles accepted for publication in the *Journal of Electronics and Computer Science* (December 2003 issue). “A Multi-Platform Network Computing Solution: Design, Implementation and Deployment” was co-authored with Scott James, John Hansen, Tai-Chi Lee, Moe Bidgoli, and Randy Hock. “A Multi-Language Client/Server Solution using .NET Remoting” was co-authored with Dean Norfleet, Scott James, Tai-Chi Lee, and Moe Bidgoli.

Condolences

• The campus community extends condolences to **Karen Lang Krause**, associate professor of sociology, whose mother, Irene Krause, passed away Sept. 21 in North Dakota.

New Cardinals

• Olivia Byam (10 lbs., 6 oz., 22 in.) was born Sept. 25. The parents are Sarah and **Brooks Byam**, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

• Marley Rose Willert (7 lbs., 8 oz., 20 in.) was born Sept. 16. The parents are Phillip and **Kristen Willert**, event services manager.

Appreciation

The Student Life Center would like to thank the following people for helping with the first annual SVSU Cardinal Classic Auto Show: Doug Woodington, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc., the Student Social Work Organization, and many others. The SLC would also like to thank the SVSU Dance Team for helping with the canned food collection to benefit Hidden Harvest. Donated were more than 5,250 cans, exceeding the goal of 1,963 cans in honor of the University’s 40th Anniversary!

SVSU hosts alumni art exhibit during Homecoming Week

Artists from Akron to Austria will have their works on display during the Art Alumni Exhibition at Saginaw Valley State University. The exhibition runs from October 6 through November 1 in the SVSU Art Gallery, as part of the university's 40th anniversary celebration.

An **opening reception** for the exhibit will be held from 3:30 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, in the gallery.

The display will consist of recent artworks from over 30 outstanding art alumni who have graduated from SVSU's art and design programs. The exhibition will feature paintings, printmaking, sculpture, drawings, ceramics, photography, graphic design, and more.

Participating artists include Mary Foster, Shiela Hart, Enid Hausding, Michelle Hughey, Paul Kowalski, Brenda Metiva, Marie A. Mitchell, and Todd Pashak.

The father-daughter duo of George and Michelle Lukezie also are among the artists who will have their works on display, as well as Jason Arnold, Doris Belger, John Hale, Penny Knapp, Kathleen Theiler Lanza, Wayne O'Brien, Val Ryba and Michelle Ullrich.

Other Michigan artists include Lucy Bryce, Ryan Buysen, Greg Irwin, Rich

Klosowski, Jody Range, Christine Robinet, Gary Rocha, Stan Rutkowski, Michelle L. Shelton, Tamela Steiner, and Susan Suing. Stacy L. Cantin-Marchand from Munchendorf, Austria will also be featured in the exhibition.

The University Art Gallery is located in the Arbury Fine Arts Center on the

campus of Saginaw Valley State University. Gallery hours are Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. For further information, contact the Art Department at ext. 4159, or email dlittel@svsu.edu.

A preview of 40th Anniversary events at SVSU

Please join your faculty and staff colleagues for the following series of events commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Saginaw Valley State University!

- Oct. 5-11 Homecoming: "Reflecting on 40 Years . . . Now and Then"
- Oct. 5-31 40th Anniversary Alumni Art Exhibition, University Art Gallery Opening Reception, Oct. 11, 3:30 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 10 Dedication of Hoffmann-Willertz Plaque, Gazelle Fountain, 4:30 p.m., followed by reception, Roberta Allen Reading Room, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- Oct. 10-19 "The Odd Couple," Performing Arts Center (Reprise of SVSU's first theatre production)
- Nov. 3-15 Watercolor paintings of Lia Mao-shan, University Art Gallery
- Nov. 14 "Honoring the Faculty," a reception given by Vice President Yien, Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms A, B, and C, 4 to 6 p.m., including the introduction of the *History of the Academic Programs, 1963-2003*, by Eldon Graham, author and associate professor of mechanical engineering.
- Nov. 15 40th Anniversary Banquet: "Forty Years of Leadership," Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms A, B, and C, 6 p.m.

For further information on the 40th Anniversary observance, contact Robert Braddock, professor of history, at ext. 4360.



Powderpuff football and a male cheerleading contest kicked off Homecoming Week activities, Sunday, Oct. 5. The slate of events continues through Saturday, where the Homecoming Parade begins at 11 a.m. The King and Queen will be crowned at halftime of the football game against the University of Findlay, which begins at noon.



- Faculty and staff are asked to submit nominations of students for **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**. For a student to be considered, he or she must meet the following criteria: GPA of 2.75 or better; junior or senior status (must have completed 62 credit hours); and academic excellence, demonstrated leadership and service to the university and/or community. For a nomination form, contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management, 314 Wickes Hall. Deadline for nominations is 4:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31. For further information, contact Karen Turpin at ext. 4287.

- The Student Counseling Center is offering screening for a range of common emotional conditions that often go undiagnosed and are misunderstood. To complete the anonymous screening, go online at www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening/login.asp (keyword: SVSUS). To speak with a counseling professional, call ext. 7000 to schedule a free, confidential appointment, or stop by the Student Counseling Center, 112 Curtiss Hall.

- The 2003 **Crime Awareness Report** is now available online at www.svsu.edu/publicsafety/pdf/crimeawarenessreport2003.pdf. Paper copies of this annual statistical crime document are available at the Department of Public Safety located on Pierce Road. Contact the department at ext. 4141 for further information.

- The College of Business and Management is hosting a reception to celebrate its **accreditation by AACSB International**. The event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Curtiss Hall, Banquet Rooms A, B, C. Please RSVP to ext. 4064 or 7085.

- The 2003 **Graduate & Professional School Fair** will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8, in Groening Commons.

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The Department of History invites the SVSU community to join it, Jackie Willertz, Gloria Hoffmann, their children, and alumni from the 1960s to the dedication of a plaque in memory of John Willertz and Bill Hoffmann, the founding members of the Department of History. The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10 near the Gazelle Fountain. (Note this is a time change from that given in the last Interior.)

A wine and cheese reception will follow in the Roberta Allen Reading Room, courtesy of the Dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences and Office of Alumni Relations.

- The annual **Rush Distinguished Lecture** will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9 in Founders Hall. Janalou Blecke, interim dean of the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing, will deliver a lecture titled "Whose Health Is It: a Journey of Discovery." A reception will follow. Please RSVP to ext. 4042.

- The SVSU Theatre Department presents **The Odd Couple** By Neil Simon. Performances will be staged on Friday Oct. 10 and Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for student and seniors. Tickets may be purchased through the box office at ext. 4261.

- The **Valley Film Society** will screen a double header Friday, Oct. 10. *The Circle* and *Honey and Ashes* will be shown at

7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission is by season pass, available at the door.

- The reservation deadline has been extended to Thursday, Oct. 9 for the Saturday, Oct. 11 **ribbon-cutting reception in the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum**. The reception will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The museum addition will feature viewing of the sculptor's studio and *Cranbrook Fundamentals* exhibits, and music by composer, Catherine McMichael. In addition, from 7 to 10 p.m. will be a dinner in the Curtiss Hall banquet rooms. The program will consist of guest speakers and live music by Three Penny Review. Ticket price for the dinner is \$100 per person. Contact the SVSU box office at ext. 4261 for ticket and reservation information for the dinner.

- **Robert Vitito** has retired from the Board of Control after eight years of service. The campus community is invited to a reception in appreciation of Vitito's service to the Board from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13, in the Roberta Allen Reading Room. Please RSVP to ext. 4042.

- The next **open forum** with President Gilbertson is set for 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28 in the Student Center multipurpose room.

- The next **faculty/staff luncheon** will be Thursday, Oct. 30. A menu will be included in the Oct. 21 *Interior*.

Fourth Friday Club

4:30 to 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 24
ES 202 Regional Education Bldg.
Refreshments served

Staff Member

OF THE MONTH

Merry Jo Brandimore

Assistant Vice President for Residential Life • October 2003

Merry Jo Brandimore has plenty of wind in her sails. The Assistant vice president for residential life often logs long hours to ensure that students who live on campus have a positive experience.

“I know that each student is important,” Brandimore said. “I know that we give individual attention to students at almost every level and we are having an impact on individuals each and every day.”

Brandimore says she and her staff work hard to preserve the personal touch, though the university’s growth makes that increasingly challenging.

“We’ve quadrupled in size in the period of time I’ve been here,” she said. “Every day, it is such a revelation to drive on campus and think of what has happened to this place and those of us who have been a part of it. It really is astounding.”

Brandimore recently marked the milestone of 20 years at SVSU and jokes that she’s probably considered one of the “old croons” now. Upon reflection, she says the term of service is somewhat surprising.

“I never would have thought that I’d be looking at that level of longevity,” Brandimore said.

Today, she wouldn’t think of going anywhere else.

“I think that there are some unique qualities that this

institution values that coincide with my own personal values,” Brandimore said.

“There’s something about this place that gets in your blood. Call it ‘Red Pride’ if you want to,” she added with a chuckle.

Living on the waterfront is also in Brandimore’s blood, even if her time admiring aqua is often shorter than she would like.

“There are times of year when I don’t know how to go home,” she said. “When I do go home, it’s to an extraordinary place.”

Brandimore and her husband, Gary, reside in a house on Saginaw Bay.

“I wake up every day to one of God’s most unbelievable gifts—the sunrise,” she said.

The couple looked to share that gift with others when they operated a riverboat named “Bay City Belle” from 1987 to 1991.

Brandimore has hopscoched around the Great Lakes, growing up along Lake Michigan in Manistique and taking classes near Lake Superior at Northern Michigan University.

“I don’t think I could move to Indiana or Nebraska,” Brandimore said.

Brandimore devotes time to improve her community. She is a member of the Bay City Zonta Club, a group for professional women, and is also active in the United Way of Bay County and Messiah Lutheran Church.

Beyond lakefront living and making campus connections, Brandimore says her children and grandchildren are her true passion. A self-described “telephone mom and grandma,” she stays in touch with her stepson, Drew, and her daughters, Jennifer and Erin.

Brandimore received some good fortune when it comes to remembering birthdays. Her grandsons, Parker and Logan, were born just 80 minutes apart.

Brandimore intends to monitor their development, just as she has done for thousands of students at SVSU.

“The most gratifying part of my job has been developing those relationships with students and seeing them enter as immature freshmen and leave as graduates prepared for life,” Brandimore said.

