Saginaw Valley State University

Celebrating 40 years of distinctive education in 2003

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Banquet caps 40th Anniversary celebration at SVSU

Saginaw Valley State University celebrated its 40th Anniversary in grand style with a dinner and special presentations in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms Saturday, Nov. 15.

Linda L. Sims, chair of the Board of Control, opened the program with a special congratulatory message from Noboru Fukuoka, president of Shikoku University, SVSU’s sister institution in Tokushima, Japan. Fukuoka drew applause after noting that his talk Saturday night was the first he had ever delivered to a large audience in English.

Charles B. Curtiss, a former long-time member of the Board of Control, spoke on behalf of President Samuel Marble on the formative years for the institution. Albert J. Beutler, executive director emeritus of the SVSU Foundation, read comments prepared by SVSU’s second president, Jack M. Ryder, who was unable to attend due to illness.

Remarks also were delivered by President Eric R. Gilbertson, who noted the major milestones achieved at Saginaw Valley from 1989 through the present.
Perfect Cards!

No. 1 SVSU goes undefeated in winning 2003 GLIAC Championship

The Cardinals scored 24 second quarter points and took a 31-7 halftime lead before securing the 2003 GLIAC title with a 38-21 win over Wayne State in the regular season finale, Saturday, Nov. 15. SVSU concluded the regular season with a 11-0 record and a 10-0 GLIAC mark, claiming its second conference title in four years. The Cardinals also set a new single-season attendance record, drawing 27,730 fans to Wickes Memorial Stadium.

SVSU finished near the top in several GLIAC statistical categories, including first in scoring defense and net punting yardage. Saginaw Valley also was second in the league in scoring offense and passing efficiency.

The team now turns its attention to the postseason, with a first round game scheduled at noon, Saturday, Nov. 22. The NCAA Division II Championship game will take place Dec. 13 in Florence, Ala. For the 2003 playoff bracket, visit www.ncaa.org/releases/champselections/2003111602sl.pdf

Tickets on sale for SVSU playoff football game

SVSU already is selling tickets for this Saturday’s NCAA Division II playoff football game. The No. 1 ranked Cardinals host Edinboro University of Pennsylvania at noon Saturday, Nov. 22, in Wickes Memorial Stadium.

Advance tickets are available through the SVSU box office. General admission tickets are $8 and student tickets are $6, which include a service fee.

Tickets may be purchased in person at the box office, located in Groening Commons (Curtiss Hall). Orders can also be placed by phone at ext. 4261 or by fax to 964-7487. The box office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets will also be sold at the gate on Saturday.

Parking passes will be required for Saturday’s game. SVSU faculty and staff are encouraged to purchase the $5 parking passes in advance.

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SVSU appoints Nursing and Health Sciences dean

SVSU has appointed a new dean for the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Janalou Blecke accepted the position Monday, Nov. 10. Blecke had been serving as interim dean since Cheryl Easley’s departure in July to become dean of the College of Health and Social Welfare at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Blecke joined SVSU in 1976 and had been assistant dean and director of the Master of Science in Nursing program from 1990 until becoming interim dean. Her clinical area of professional practice is community health nursing.

Blecke has been active in community outreach activities. During the past year, she has served as executive in residence for Healthy Community Partners in Saginaw and as a consultant for curriculum development and implementation for Healthy Futures in Saginaw.

A resident of Bay City, Blecke has been elected president of the Bay Area Community Foundation each of the last three years. In addition, she currently serves on the boards of Healthy Community Partners and Rural Partners of Michigan. Blecke is also active in the Parish Nurse Leadership Network: Greater Michigan Area, and serves as the coordinator of the parish nurse program at SVSU.

Blecke has a Ph.D. in human ecology, family and child ecology from Michigan State University. She received her Master of Nursing degree from the University of Washington and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Capital University in Ohio. Prior to joining SVSU, she taught at Michigan State University, Delta College, and Capital University.

Marching Band stages indoor concert

The Cardinal Marching Band will present its 28th Annual Indoor Concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Admission is free of charge.

The SVSU Marching Band is comprised of students from various departments of the University as well as music majors. They perform at all home football games and other fall events on campus. The band is under the direction of William Wollner, associate professor of music. Cheryl Wolters and Amanda King are co-drum majors.

The concert features music from this season’s halftime shows and will include performances by the Flag Corp. Music to be performed includes selections by George Gershwin, Paul Simon, and from the rock opera Tommy. Several soloists and sections of the band will be featured.

Quintet concert rescheduled

The Valley Wind Quintet performance, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 11, has been postponed. The concert has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Luncheon menu set

A Faculty/Staff luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Emeriti Room. The cost is $5. The menu will include Caesar Salad, Parmesan Bread Sticks, California Blend Vegetables, Chicken Parmesan, Crab Alfredo, Spaghetti, and Chocolate Mousse.
The Institute for Learning in Retirement is organizing its winter schedule of classes and would like faculty to consider leading a class. Classes are generally three to five weeks in length and meet for two hours a week. While the rewards are mainly non-financial, faculty receive a minimal honorarium. For more information, contact Jo Brownlie, director of Continuing Education, at ext. 4310 or e-mail jap@svsu.edu.

The SVSU Foundation is accepting applications now through January 30, 2004 for the SVSU Foundation Resource Grants. These grants are made to projects that directly benefit SVSU students. Please call or stop by the SVSU Foundation Office (307 Wickes Hall, ext. 4052) to obtain the program guidelines and an application form. Electronic copies are available by emailing busch@svsu.edu. Grants made during this cycle will receive final approval at the April 6, 2004 meeting of the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Faculty and staff are reminded to place regalia orders now at the Bookstore for Commencement, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 in O’Neill Arena. Deadline for orders is Nov. 8.

Six faculty were honored by the Office of Academic Affairs for garnering both the Landee Teaching Excellence Award, and the Warrick Award for Excellence in Research. On hand for recognition at a Nov. 14 reception for faculty were, from left, Thomas Renna, Enayat Mahajerin, Steve Lawrence, Garry Johns, John Jezierski and Sally Decker. Faculty with 10, 20 and 30 years of service to SVSU also were recognized and presented with a copy of SVSU: History of the Academic Programs, authored by Eldon Graham, associate professor of mechanical engineering. (Photo by Tim Inman)

A fire drill is scheduled for at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the Regional Education Center. For more information, contact Marc Strain, police officer, at ext. 4157 or email mestrain@svsu.edu.

President Eric Gilbertson will host an open forum for and about students from 4 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the Roberta Allen Reading Room (Zahnow Library).

The Department of Public Safety will host an open forum from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20 in the Student Center Atrium.

The final event in the 40th Anniversary Symposium on 1963 will be a faculty panel, “Assessing the 1960s,” Thursday, Nov. 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. in 126 Brown Hall. The panelists will be Joni Boye-Beaman, Jesse Donahue, and Gary Lange. Faculty and staff with more vivid memories of those eventful years are encouraged to share them.

A Blood Drive will be held Thursday, Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, Nov. 21 from noon to 6 p.m. in Alumni Lounge. A picture ID is required to participate. Also, eat before donating. Call Health Services at ext. 4271 for an appointment or for more information.

The deadline for Technology in Teaching Award nominations is Nov. 21. Criteria and additional information can be found at www.svsu.edu/sltd/sditeam/techinteaching.htm.

The Valley Film Society will screen State and Main at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission is by season pass, available at the door.

The SVSU Polish Students Club will host Wigilia, a traditional Polish Christmas Eve, at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Horizon’s Conference Center in Saginaw. Tickets are $25 for adults, $12.50 for children ages 4-8. Children under 4 are free. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 24. For tickets and information, contact Karen Dekoski at 892-0868 or Dina Wehner at 793-7903.

For Thanksgiving break, Doan Café will close at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25 and reopen at 4:30 p.m., Nov. 30.