

INTERIOR

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Photo by Tim Inman

Women's basketball team enjoys spirit of giving

The women's basketball team held its second annual Farm Bureau Insurance Classic Nov. 21 and 22. As part of the tournament, the team supported two charities, Toys for Tots and The Ronald McDonald House.

Fans were admitted free into the tournament with the donation of a new toy or book to the Toys for Tots charity. The toys were picked up by Saginaw's 24th Marine Corps regiment, which coordinates the drive. The marines passed out 20,000 toys and books last year to more than 2,800 families with an average of two or three children. SVSU women's basketball collected approximately 500 toys through the weekend campaign.

Non-perishable food items were also donated throughout the tournament in support of the Ronald McDonald House. Free admission into the tournament was given to anyone making a donation. More than 200 food items were collected

to give to the foundation. The donations were placed at the Ronald McDonald house to help feed families who are staying there during the time of medical care for their children.

The Cardinals also hosted a "FunFest" for children Saturday, Nov. 22, in which parents from the Tri-Cities community could bring their kids in from 4 to 6 p.m. and take part in free games and festivities. The idea began last year as a way to give parents in this community an opportunity to take part in an event that would not involve any financial commitment. Some 200 youths participated in the games and events, and all received free prizes and toys.

SVSU's charitable team spirit did not, however, extend to its opponents, as the Cardinals defeated Spring Arbor, 80-75 in overtime, and Cornerstone, 72-59. Currently, the women are undefeated (5-0). SVSU hosts Hillsdale on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m.

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Arts and cultural events calendar has new format

The Arts and Cultural Events Calendar, produced by the Office of University Communications, will have a new format, beginning with the next issue. The new calendar issue will be mailed out by Dec. 19. The plan is to make the calendar easier to read, more timely, more accurate and generally of a higher quality. Another goal of the format change is to more specifically focus the calendar on the arts and cultural events that the University hosts. We welcome your input on the changes, and ask that you send your comments to ucomm@svsu.edu.

RSVP deadline approaching for Annual Holiday Luncheon

Reservations and payment for the Annual Holiday Luncheon are due Friday, Dec. 5. The luncheon is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 12 at noon in the Curtiss Hall banquet rooms. Send your reservation and \$7 payment to Lorie Kohn, Employment and Compensation Services, 373 Wickes Hall. Make checks payable to SVSU. Advance reservations are required, including any special dietary needs (e.g., vegetarian meal, etc.).



Sharon Carlin, senior accounting clerk, thought she saw a good photo opportunity when her young friend, Nicole David, tried to pet Hannah, a llama at the Saginaw Children's Zoo. But Carlin's "Kodak Moment" ended up winning first place out of 125 entries in the Family Division of the Saginaw Valley Zoological Society's 2003 Youth and Family Photo Contest. The photo will be included in the zoo's 2004 calendar. Nicole is the daughter of Cheryl David, who works in SVSU's Student Financial Services office.

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UP CLOSE AND Personal

Professional Profile

• **Sara Clark**, Department of Art technician/ceramics, announced that graduate student Jay Kaelberer has a display of Raku fired pottery pieces in the display cases of the Roberta Allen Reading Room in Zahn Library. This exhibition completes Kaelberer's project of designing, constructing and implementing a firing system for his students at Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw Township. The work will be displayed through Dec. 12.

• **John Lowry**, human performance lab technician, recently passed the nationally accredited Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) examination. Each year, the five-hour exam is held at more than 60 sites throughout the United States and in Canada, Puerto Rico, Tokyo, Hong Kong and South Africa.

• **Marcia Shannon**, assistant professor of nursing, and **Mary Graiver**, associate professor of nursing, presented a paper titled "PRAXIS: Learner-centered teaching through the use of on-line narratives" at the Sigma Theta Tau International 37th Biennial Convention held in Toronto, Canada, Nov. 1 through 5.

Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to **Merry Jo Brandimore**, assistant vice president for student services and enrollment management/director of residential life, on the loss of her father, Don DeSautel, who passed away Nov. 22.

Transitions

New Staff

- **Brent McLaren**, Custodial Specialist
- **Brenda Benton**, Custodian
- **Laura Peil**, Regional Education Resource Center Coordinator

Left/Leaving

Susan Cheney, Dot Shorkey, Griz Zimmermann

Anniversary discount for bricks good through Dec. 31

The year 2003 marks the 40th anniversary of Saginaw Valley State University as well as the completion of construction of the new Student Center. A wonderful opportunity awaits you to leave a permanent "impression" at the new Student Center in the brick walkway.

SVSU graduates and their families and friends, SVSU faculty and staff, are invited to have their names and the names of those they would like to honor

or memorialize on bricks, placed in the entryway area of the new Student Center.

Special brick pricing is being offered on a limited time basis during SVSU's 40th Anniversary. Bricks can be purchased at the discounted price of \$40 for one 4" x 8" engraved brick, through Dec. 31 (this price is a discount of at least 50 percent).

To order a brick, please call the SVSU Foundation at ext. 4052, or send an email to foundation@svsu.edu.

SVSU students take residential honors

The University Residence Association won two awards at the annual conference of the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls.

SVSU captured program of the year and small school of the year honors.

The URA Auction took the top prize for program of the year from a field of eight schools. The auction is a year-long program designed to attract, retain and reward students who participate in the URA.

Programs were judged based on effectiveness, creativity and uniqueness, how they related to residence hall

students, the level of student input and involvement, and presentation.

SVSU scored highly in terms of meeting campus goals, issue orientation and efficiency, communication, community service, structure, and regional and national involvement. The category included schools with fewer than 2,000 students living on campus.

The URA Auction will represent the Great Lakes region during a national conference at Saint Louis University in May. SVSU competed against similar schools from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ontario last month.

Fuel Cells topic of Dec. 4 forum at SVSU

The Central Michigan Research Alliance will host a technology forum Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Regional Education Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The topic is "The Future of Fuel Cells."

The forum will include a series of key industry leaders and experts that will address questions such as:

- What types of products will likely be impacted?
- When will we see practical commercial applications of fuel cell technology?
- Where will this technology come from?
- Will fuel cell-related technologies create opportunities for local business?
- What is the current state of the art and what important implementation

challenges exist today?

- What is the vision of the federal government and industry concerning the future of fuel cells?

The forum offers perspectives from Washington, the military, automotive industry, and more. Question and answer sessions will be conducted following each formal presentation. Additional opportunities to interact with the speakers will be available during the break periods, lunch, and a wrap-up panel discussion.

Registration for the event is available to SVSU students, faculty and staff at the discounted price of \$20 per participant (includes lunch). To register, or for information, call Linda Haas at ext. 7015.

Fourth Friday Club

4:30 to 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19

President's Reception Area

Third Floor Wickes Hall

Refreshments served

December 2003 class numbers 485

Nearly 400 SVSU students are expected to participate in the University's Commencement program, which will be held in the O'Neill Arena Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.

The graduating class consists of 485 students, including 388 who will receive bachelor's degrees and 97 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.

Robert J. Thaler, assistant professor of sociology, will provide the invocation. Christine Greve, president of the SVSU Alumni Association board of directors, will induct graduates into the association.

For those unable to attend, there will be live, streaming video of the event available at www.svsu.edu.

For additional information on the Commencement ceremony, contact Norma Zivich in the SVSU Foundation Office at ext. 4075.

Student ideas displayed at Mechanical Engineering Symposium

SVSU will hold a Mechanical Engineering Design Symposium Friday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon in Pioneer Hall. Teams of SVSU students have been developing concepts and are preparing to build prototypes.

The student teams will discuss the projects during formal presentations Friday afternoon from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in room 158 of Pioneer Hall.



- 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 may **bestow the alumni scroll** to graduating members of their immediate family during the Commencement ceremony, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12. Call Norma Zivich at ext. 4075 to make arrangements.
- Nominate the best student papers from the semester for the annual **Braun and Tyner Writing Awards**. For submission guidelines, see www.svsu.edu/writingprogram/braun.htm and www.svsu.edu/writingprogram/tynernom.htm.
- In celebration of the literary and artistic talents of SVSU's students, faculty, staff, and alumni, **Cardinal Sins** is holding a post-publication Reception and Reading. The Fall 2003 issue will debut, and contributors will be on hand to speak about their pieces. The reception will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., in the Roberta Allen Reading Room, fourth floor Zahnow Library. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Lindsay S. Bryce, *Cardinal Sins* editor-in-chief, at cardinalsins@charter.net, or Melissa Seitz at mseitz@svsu.edu.
- If you haven't received your **flu shot** yet, Health Services has an offer for you! The nurse will be in 116 Curtiss Hall Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to give flu shots at the reduced rate of \$8 to all members of the campus community and their spouses.
- The campus was originally scheduled to be closed for the **holiday break** from Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Thursday, Jan. 1. However, in order to reduce operating costs (utilities, potential snow plowing, etc.), the campus will now remain closed through Friday, Jan. 2. Normal operations will resume Monday, Jan. 5. Support staff and A/Ps will be granted an additional paid day for Friday, Jan. 2. Payroll checks for staff members not on direct deposit will be mailed to home addresses. Direct deposit advices will be delivered to offices on Monday, Jan. 5.
- Please remind your students that the **Annual Martin Luther King Jr. writing contest** is now underway. All entries must be submitted to Campus Life no later than Dec. 5. First place will receive \$200. The runners up will receive \$150, \$100, and \$50. Entries should discuss the remarkable efforts being made today to carry on King's dedication to peace. For manuscript guidelines, contact Elizabeth Rich at ext. 4317 or the Office of Diversity Programs at ext. 4068.
- SVSU choirs will join with members of the SVSU Concert Band and the Renaissance Players to present "**Songs of the Season: A Christmas Offering**." Performances will be Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall at SVSU. The holiday concert will feature music of the season, including Pergolesi's "Magnificat," "The Prayer," made famous by Andre Bocelli and Celine Dion, Ethiopian and Nigerian Christmas music, Elvis Presley's "Blue Christmas," the 15th Century "Christmas Lullaby," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and the Take-Six jazz arrangement of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." General admission is \$8 and \$5 for students and seniors. Seating is limited. For tickets, contact the SVSU box office at ext. 4261.
- The **SVSU Jazz Ensemble** will perform Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The concert will feature visiting musician Bob Schultz on piano and saxophone. There is no admission charge. For more information, call ext. 4159.
- The SVSU Theatre Department presents "**Mother Courage and Her Children**" Dec. 4 through 7. Performances Dec. 4 through 6 will take place at 8 p.m. The performance on Sunday, Dec. 7 begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. The story of Anna Fierling and her three children and the tragedies that befall them was written by Bertolt Brecht in 1939 in response to events taking place in his homeland of Germany. Our dear friend and colleague, the late Dr. Marc Gordon, was adapting this piece when he passed away. Marc, like Brecht, believed in peace and reason. It is with deepest admiration for Marc that the SVSU Theatre Department presents this performance.
- The works of three SVSU students are on display in the **University Art Gallery** through Friday, Dec. 12. Featured in the exhibition are works by Renee Ruggles, Karen Fordos, and Ray Joubran. All three students will graduate next month with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. An opening reception for the three young artists will be held in the University Art Gallery on Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact David Littell in the Department of Art at ext. 4159, or e-mail dlittell@svsu.edu.
- The General Education Committee will convene a **General Education Forum** Thursday, Feb. 19 in 115 Wickes Hall from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The Faculty Association has reserved this time period for the GEC to conduct this meeting. Students, faculty, and administrators are invited to attend.

Staff Member

OF THE MONTH

Matt Wilton

Director of Campus Dining Services • November 2003

Imagine making yourself a sandwich, grabbing a cold drink or cooking a bowl of pasta. Now visualize doing that more than 3,500 times. That provides a picture of the daily challenge for the dining services staff at SVSU.

In addition, the department also started the semester with the added responsibility of new dining outlets.

“We had quite a bit of growth this fall,” said Matt Wilton, director of campus dining services. “The first six weeks were pretty tough, opening five operations.”

Customers can now enjoy a coffee or smoothie from Java City, pick up packaged goods at the C-Store, and savor a sandwich in Zahnnow Library or the Regional Education Center, which also has catering service. By contrast, dining services had only three operations last year: Doan and Science East cafés and Curtiss Hall catering.

“It’s been quite a jump this year. We went from 155 service hours per week to over 330 hours,” Wilton said. “Our staff has been instrumental in seeing that it’s been a success.”

Wilton added that the transition has taken place without adding any new management positions.

More growth may be on the way. Wilton says there have been discussions about bringing a national chain to campus.

The increased workload has not prevented Wilton or other staff members from pitching in for special events, such as the International Food Festival on Nov. 13.

“The event was on a Thursday. We came in on Sunday to work with students, and then it became more intense Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,” he said.

Wilton says countless hours of preparation are required for the event with teamwork from the Office of International Programs, as well as from dining services staff.

Wilton says despite the stress and sleep deprivation, the extra effort is worthwhile.

“It’s a really rewarding experience watching the students interact. You see a lot of camaraderie taking place, and a lot of learning and education taking place in our kitchen,” he said.

Wilton must also stay current with national dining trends to ensure customer satisfaction.

“The largest things being requested on campuses today are coffee shops, convenience stores and sandwich options.”

Traditional college staples such as pizza and hamburgers are on the decline.

“A lot of people find those statistics interesting,” Wilton said.

Dining services also receives feedback from the campus community, conducting satisfaction surveys twice each year. More than 1,100 people participated in an online questionnaire this fall.

Numbers do not define what is a typical experience, however.

“In this business, there is no such thing as an average day,” Wilton said.

After more than 30 years together, Wilton says Aramark and SVSU are constantly working to improve.

“We know we’re only as good as our last meal served. It’s important to come in everyday and improve our performance.”

