

# INTERIOR

## CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

The offices of Diversity Programs and Student Life will present a faculty panel discussion on the **“Historical Perspective of African-Americans,”** Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 7 to 8 p.m., in the Alan Ott Auditorium. For more information, contact the Office of Diversity Programs at ext. 4068.

The Student Life Center and the Black History Month Committee are sponsoring an **African-American History Research Poster Competition** for students. Faculty judges will announce the winners at the Feb. 18 panel discussion (see above). The winning posters will be on display Tuesday, Feb. 24 in Groening Commons.

### **“A Taste of Soul Food”**

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Groening Commons

Free for students; \$5 for faculty/staff

Sample some of the finest southern cooking.



**Zahnow Library** has an exhibition of Black History Month learning materials in display cases (located on the second floor.) Any of the items exhibited can be checked out by contacting the circulation desk.

The General Education Committee will convene a General Education Forum from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19 in 115 Wickes Hall. The Faculty Association has reserved this time period for the GEC to conduct this meeting. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

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## SVSU and Awrey agree to four-year contract extension

Head football coach Randy Awrey has agreed to a new, four-year contract at SVSU. "My family and I have received great support during our time at SVSU. It made our decision an easy one," Awrey said. "I believe in the future of this University and I am excited to be a part of it."



Randy Awrey

"My staff and I spent most of December and January recruiting young men to become part of the future at SVSU, and last week, we signed what I feel is our best recruiting class," Awrey added. "It is only fitting for me to follow suit."

The SVSU football team is one of only two teams in the nation to have qualified for the NCAA Division II playoffs each of the last four seasons. The Cardinals won the 2003 GLIAC championship, following the first undefeated regular season in University history. They ended the regular season 11-0 and

ranked No. 1 by the American Football Coaches Association.

During Awrey's five seasons, SVSU has posted an overall record of 45-15 and is 40-9 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, both of which are the best starts in University history. His .750 winning percentage also sets a new school standard. Awrey, a native of Iron Mountain, Mich., holds two bachelor of science degrees and a master's degree in educational administration from Northern Michigan University.

## Transitions

Please note the following changes to your *Faculty/Staff Directory*:

### NEW STAFF

- **Jill Gushow**, Director of Staff Relations
- **Kathleen Kroll**, Reference and Instruction Librarian
- **Donna Martin**, Cass City Site Coordinator
- **Grace Noah**, Custodian
- **Sherry Pfenninger**, Cashier

### PROMOTED/TRANSFERRED/TITLE CHANGE

- **Elizabeth Blumenshine**, Cashier
- **Margaret Flatt**, Professor of Nursing/Acting Assistant Dean, College of Nursing
- **Bonnie Harmer**, Assistant Professor of Nursing
- **James Hernandez**, Financial Aid Advisor
- **Cynthia Sager**, Assistant Dean, College of Education
- **Joe Vogl**, Interim Director of Athletics

### LEFT/LEAVING

- Ursula Rozanski

## Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to the families of **Tehra Partaka** and **Adam Cotton**. Both students died from injuries suffered during a car accident Tuesday, Feb. 3 in Gladwin County.

The *Interior* is published biweekly when classes are in session fall and winter semesters and periodically through the summer. University departments sponsoring activities or events listed in the *Interior* will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities when contacted at least three days in advance.

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### Interior Publication Schedule

March 2 • March 16 • March 30 • April 13 • April 27 • May 11

Items should be submitted by noon on the Friday before the publication date to the Office of University Communications, 389 Wickes Hall, (989) 964-4086, or E-mail: tmi@svsu.edu.

# UP CLOSE AND Personal

## Professional Profile

• **Eric Gardner**, associate professor of English, has two entries on 19th Century African-Americans in the December 2003 supplement to Oxford University Press's American National Biography Online (<http://www.anb.org>) – one on writer/teacher Ann Plato and one on singer/diva Sissieretta Jones. Gardner also has a short sci-fi story, "Great Big Sea," in the current issue of *Frothing at the Mouth* (#3, pp.16-18).

• **Farid Hallouche**, assistant professor of computer science, recently had two articles accepted for presentation at the 21st Annual Conference of the Association of Management, Norfolk, Va., April 15 through 18, 2004. "An Open Source Database-Driven Survey Engine: Design and Implementation" and "An Open Source Database-Driven Survey Engine: Field Studies and Multivariate Analysis," which both were co-authored with N. Botimer, include research work that was funded through an SET Unit Committee award.

• **Gladys A. Hernández**, associate professor of modern foreign languages, is a contributing author of the *PLAZAS-Activity File Spanish Textbook*, published by Heinle, a division of Thomson Learning.

• **Adnan Salhi**, associate professor of teacher education-middle and secondary education, presented a research paper at the 2004 College Teaching and Learning Conference in Orlando. "Using The Seven Principles For Good Practice In Undergraduate Education To Improve The Quality Of Teacher Education" was selected by peer evaluators to receive the "Best Paper Award." Salhi also was invited to publish the paper in the *Journal of College Teaching & Learning*.

## Annual "Improving Teacher Quality" conference returns to SVSU March 24

The Fifth Annual Statewide/Regional Conference on Improving Teacher Quality will be held in the Regional Education Center Wednesday, March 24.

The conference is held as a networking and informational service to the surrounding K-12 school districts, ISDs and educational agencies within the SVSU service region.

Many of SVSU's faculty and staff have been, or are involved in, the programs highlighted at this conference, as part of the Partnership Grant initiatives.

This conference will feature a session devoted to educational issues related to compliance with the "No Child Left Behind" legislation, and the implications for the University's responsibilities toward preparing pre-service teachers on those issues.

### Fourth Friday Club

4:30 to 6 p.m. • Friday, Feb. 27  
President's Reception Area  
Third Floor Wickes Hall  
Refreshments served

**The Ruben Daniels Community Service Award** is bestowed upon an SVSU employee who has contributed noteworthy and uncompensated contributions to the community in general. Active and long-term involvement in one or more community, civic, educational, business, fraternal, recreation, religious or other service organizations in the greater SVSU service area. This \$500 award will be presented at the All-University Awards Banquet in April.

**The Terry Ishihara Award for Co-Curricular Involvement** is bestowed upon one faculty and one staff member. This award honors and recognizes contributions to students through co-curricular activities, service to clubs and organizations, modifying courses to enhance student life and encouragement of student participation. Each \$250 award will be presented at the All-University Awards Banquet.

Nominations and letters of recommendation for both awards are due by Friday, March 5, to Eric Buschlen, D105. For more information, contact the Student Life Office at ext. 4170.

Featured will be a panel from the Michigan Department of Education's Teacher Preparation and Certification office. Catherine Smith, Frank Ciloski, Sybil Lenzi, and Robert Balwinski will conduct a morning workshop, which will include NCLB overviews, reporting processes, and guidelines for determining "highly qualified" teachers. They will also touch on the link between NCLB and the Higher Education Reform Act, including the Federal initiatives, the defining of professional development activities and research.

Seminars will be held on the topics of educators resources within the Regional Educators' Resource Center, the Accelerated Certification Program, new teacher mentoring and evaluation, professional development programs, curriculum revisions and diversity issues within the College of Education's program.

The conference runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 24. While no fee is required, registration is necessary. SVSU faculty and staff may register by calling ext. 4934.

### SVSU Student Life director receives state service award

Eric Buschlen, director of Student Life and an adjunct communications instructor at SVSU, was honored by the Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) with its 2003 Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award. This annual award is the highest honor MCC bestows on faculty and staff in the state of Michigan.



Eric Buschlen

"The award is certainly special, but the true winners are the local non-profit groups who desperately need help throughout the year," Buschlen said.

"The other winners would have to be my students," Buschlen added. "I developed my course to engage my students with the world that surrounds them. Communication takes place all around us and education does not happen in a vacuum.

"By having my students serve in this capacity, it gives them the practical knowledge needed to be a successful part of this community and our society," he said.

Buschlen was designated by his peers as the faculty or staff person on campus who made the most outstanding contributions in the area of community service-learning. This award recognizes the influence on or engagement of students to be involved in community service or service-learning through modeling, instruction and special projects.

SVSU students in Buschlen's small group communications class participated in a variety of service-learning projects and contributed more than 200 hours of direct community service. The students partnered with local agencies, including the Bay Area Women's Center; Bay City Public Schools; the Bay City chapter of the American Red Cross; Child Abuse and Neglect Council; Community Village; Guardian Angel; Habitat for Humanity; and the Salvation Army.

Buschlen was formally honored during an evening awards reception Thursday, Feb. 5.



- The Department of Public Safety has instituted a **student foot patrol** program aimed at increasing department visibility and promoting safety. Student officers work in pairs and make periodic checks of educational buildings, residence halls, and parking lots. They are also readily available to give directions, answer questions and provide other assistance, such as delivering emergency messages.
- **Donate gently-used or like-new clothing** (coats, shirts, pants, shoes, gloves, hats, etc.) to the Student Life Office (105 Doan) before Friday, Feb. 20. All donations will be distributed to local non-profit agencies in need of such items. For further information, contact Audra Forsberg in the Student Life Office at ext. 4297 or [agforsbe@svsu.edu](mailto:agforsbe@svsu.edu)
- Women's prison conditions are documented in a series of large-scale digital photographs in an exhibition in the University Art Gallery. "**Chains: Scott Segregation Unit**" will be on display through Saturday, Feb. 28. The photographs are based on stills and excerpts of narration from a film by Ann Arbor artist Carol Jacobsen, which documents the treatment of inmates at the Scott Correctional Facility, a women's prison in Plymouth, Mich. For more information, contact David Littell at ext. 4159 or [dlittell@svsu.edu](mailto:dlittell@svsu.edu).
- A **Study Abroad Fair** will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18 in Alumni Lounge. Students are welcome to drop by for information on SVSU's spring, summer and fall study abroad programs. For more information, call ext. 4473.
- The **Valley Film Society** will screen *Insomnia* Friday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m., in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission is by season pass, available at the door.
- The next **Diversity Coffee Chat** will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Regional Education Center

cafeteria. The chat is being sponsored by Jim Hewitt. Attendees are encouraged to bring interesting articles and materials related to diversity for discussion purposes.

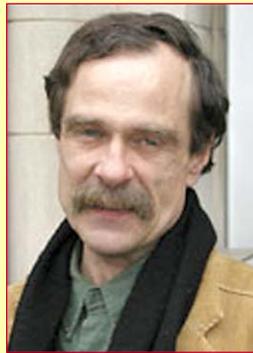
- **Noted playwright James Still** will be on campus Feb. 25 through 27 as the Barstow Seminar Guest Scholar. Still's award-winning plays have been produced throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. Still will be available to speak to classes during his visit. Contact Janet Rubin at ext. 4019 or e-mail [rubin@svsu.edu](mailto:rubin@svsu.edu) for more details.
- Faculty are reminded to urge promising students to apply for a **2004-05 Roberts Fellowship**. Applications, which should be sent to the President's Office, are due Friday, Feb. 27. For additional information, click on the Roberts Fellows link under "Current Students" on the SVSU website, or contact Drew Hinderer at [hinderer@svsu.edu](mailto:hinderer@svsu.edu) or ext. 4497.
- The SVSU Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the

**Outstanding Alumni Award.** One graduate of each of SVSU's five colleges will be presented this award. Recognize alumni whose outstanding achievements reflect so well upon your department and college. Nominations are due by March 5. Complete the online nominations form at [www.svsu.edu/alumni/forms/outstandingalumniawardnomin.htm](http://www.svsu.edu/alumni/forms/outstandingalumniawardnomin.htm).

- The **Office of Orientation** is looking for enthusiastic student leaders to assist new students at SVSU. Student leaders will work during the summer in the Student Orientation and Academic Registration programs, as well as the Transfer Registration programs. Requirements: Possess a GPA of at least 2.50; be currently enrolled in classes; have completed 24 credit hours. Information and sign-up packets are available in the Academic Advisement Center, 117 Wickes Hall. For more information, call ext. 4286. Packet materials are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 19.

## Fiction writer to read at SVSU Feb. 18

Fiction writer Christopher T. Leland will give a reading Wednesday, Feb. 18. Leland will deliver his reading in the Roberta R. Allen Reading Room on the fourth floor of Zahn Library, beginning at 7 p.m. There is no charge for the event, which is open to the public.



**Christopher T. Leland**

Leland's first novel, *Mean Time*, was a finalist for the Pen-Hemingway award. He is also the author of *Mrs. Randall*, *The Book of Marvels*, *The Professor of Aesthetics*, and *Letting Loose*.

In addition to his novels, Leland has written *The Art of Compelling Fiction*, an instructional text, and the critical study *The Last Happy Men: The Generation of 1922, Fiction, and the Argentine*

*Reality*. He is the head of the creative writing program at Wayne State University and has taught at a number of universities across the country, including Harvard and Bennington.

Leland is coming to SVSU as part of the Voices in the Valley Reading Series, which brings writers to campus each semester to read their work and meet with students and faculty.