Symposium to explore European Union

A series of scholars and speakers from America and abroad will visit SVSU to discuss the European Union and its effects on the United States and foreign policy.

The first presentation will be given by Robert Blobaum, a professor of central and east European history at West Virginia University. His talk is titled “Poland in the European Union: A Rocky Road for the Trojan Horse.”

Blobaum will speak Wednesday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. His lecture will examine the issues that, at present, divide Poland from Germany and France, particularly in reference to relations with the United States.

Blobaum is the author of many articles on Poland in the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as the book *Rewolucja: Russian Poland, 1904-1907*, published by Cornell University Press. He holds a doctorate in history from the University of Nebraska, and has received two awards for outstanding teaching at WVU.

The second speaker will be Francesco Rizzuto, the program leader of European and legal studies at Edge Hill College of Higher Education in the United Kingdom. He teaches courses in business and law. Rizzuto’s topic will be “The Future of the European Union.”

The third and final speaker will be Denis Chaibi, a working diplomat on leave to be an EU Fellow at Yale University. He will speak on European Union foreign policy and relations between the EU and the United States.

Dates and times for the Rizzuto and Chaibi lectures will be announced soon.

This series marks the third annual “Know Our World” symposium presented by the Center for International Studies and Services at SVSU. It follows successful discussions relating to the Middle East and China during the prior two academic years.
Employers to participate in career fair in O’Neill Arena

The largest Employment & Networking Fair in SVSU’s history will take place Tuesday, March 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in O’Neill Arena. More than 100 employers throughout Michigan are participating (see box, below). Students will have an opportunity to meet with employers about potential co-op, internship, part-time and/or full-time positions.

In addition, up to 12 students are needed to assist employers in preparing their booths for the event. Student volunteers will work anytime between 10 a.m. to noon. Faculty are asked to advise students interested in volunteering to contact the Office of Career Planning and Placement in 111 Curtiss Hall in person, by phone at ext. 4954 or by e-mail at careers@svsu.edu.

EMPLOYERS PARTICIPATING IN MARCH 23 EMPLOYMENT & NETWORKING FAIR

A&D Home Health Care, Inc.  
A.C.A.P.E.  
AFLAC  
Agility Health  
American Red Cross-East Shoreline Chapter  
Amigo Mobility International Inc.  
Andrews Hooper & Pavlik P.L.C.  
AuSable Valley Community Mental Health  
Auto-Owners Insurance Company  
AXA Advisors LLC  
Baker Center for Graduate Studies  
Bavarian Inn Restaurant  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF)  
Central Michigan Community Hospital  
Central Michigan University - Saginaw & Midland  
Cintas  
Citadel Broadcasting  
Citizens Bank  
Communications Family Credit Union  
Consumers Energy  
Covenant HealthCare  
CPI Engineering Services, Inc.  
Creative Solutions  
Cumulus Media Flint  
Davenport University  
Delta College  
Delta College - Criminal Justice Training Center  
Dow Chemical Employees Credit Union  
Duro-Last Roofing, Inc.  
Dynamic Corporation  
EDS (Electronic Data Systems)  
Enterprise Rent-a-Car  
Family Independence Agency  
Fastenal  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Frankenmuth Insurance Company  
Garber Management Group  
Girl Scouts of Macomb County  
Gratiot Health System  
Hantz Financial  
Independent Bank  
Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation  
John Hancock Financial Services  
Kalamazoo Public Safety  
List Psychological Services  
Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan  
Magline, Inc.  
Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth  
Michigan Department of Corrections  
Michigan Works!  
MidMichigan Health System  
Morley Companies, Inc.  
Munson Medical Center  
National City Bank  
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network  
Northwood University  
Oakwood Healthcare, Inc.  
Office Depot, Inc.  
Pfizer  
Quicken Loans  
Redmond Communications  
Saint Marys  
SBC Communications Inc.  
Select Specialty Hospital  
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort  
Spectrum Health  
Speedway SuperAmerica LLC  
Spence Brothers  
St. Joseph Health System  
St. Mary’s Standish Community Hospital  
Standard Federal Bank  
State Farm, Michael Miner’s Agency  
State of Michigan - Financial & Insurance Services  
Stevens Worldwide Van Lines  
Stock Building Supply  
SVSU Alumni Relations  
SVSU Graduate Programs  
TCF Bank  
The Buckle  
The Dow Chemical Company  
The F.P. Horak Company  
The Fowler Center for Outdoor Learning  
The MediLodge Group  
The Rehmann Group  
The Saginaw News  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Trillium Staffing Solutions  
U.S. Air Force  
U.S. Army, Bay City Recruiting Company  
U.S. Border Patrol  
U.S. Secret Service  
Vector Marketing/Cutco Cutlery  
Waddell & Reed, Inc.  
Walbro Engine Management  
Walgreens  
WAQP - TV TCT of Michigan  
WEYI - TV25  
WJRT - ABC12  
WNEM - TV5  
Wolverine Bank  
Wolverine Human Services  
Wright-K Technology Michigan Operations  
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P R O F E S S I O N A L

Professional Profile

• Tai-Chi Lee, professor of computer science, recently had an article titled “An ASEP (Advanced Secure Electronic Payment) Protocol Design Using 3BC and ECC (F2m)” accepted for presentation at the 2004 International Conference of IEEE (Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineer) on e-Technology, e-Commerce and e-Service, March 28 through 31, Taipei, Taiwan. ByungKwan Lee co-authored the article.

• Matthew Zivich, professor of art, has a drawing on display at the Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center's Michigan Fine Arts Competition through April 9. The drawing, titled “Monitoromachy,” is comprised of wallpaper collage, stitchery, and pen and ink on tinted paper. Artists Al Hinton, originally from Michigan, and Sei Saito of Japan served as the jurors for the show. Zivich has also been invited by The Creative Spirit Center of Midland to participate in its “Dinner-with-the-Artist Soiree” artist series, which will be hosted by Liana and Donald Bachand, Saturday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Condolences

• The campus community extends condolences to the family of Lyn Adair, assistant professor of accounting, who passed away Friday, March 5.

Across Campus

• Congratulations go out to Trish Gohm, administrative secretary in Student Life, and her husband, Chad, on the birth of a son. Evan Thomas Gohm (7 lbs., 1 oz., 19 in.) was born at 12:22 a.m., Friday, March 5.

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SVSU theatre student receives award for original play

Justin Berkobien, a senior theatre major, has received a prestigious playwriting award. His play, American Son, received second place honors at the Michael Kanin National Playwriting Program of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

The contest is named for the late distinguished playwright and screenwriter Michael Kanin, who arranged for a series of awards to be given to student writers whose plays are produced as part of the festival.

“Writing and performing American Son has been the most rewarding experience I’ve had as a theatre person,” Berkobien said. “It has taken me to places I would otherwise have never been able to go, and endeared me lifelong friends.”

Berkobien is one of eight student playwrights nationwide who have been selected for a fellowship at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival this summer. He will participate in all-expenses-paid master classes in Washington, DC.

In addition, Berkobien will receive $1,000 in prize money, which he plans to use to complete his studies at SVSU.

SVSU students earn academic honors

SVSU has recognized 340 undergraduate students for their outstanding academic achievements by placing them on the President’s List for the Fall 2003 semester. To achieve this prestigious honor, undergraduate students must maintain a perfect 4.00 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes. In addition, the University recognized 1,348 undergraduate students for making the Deans’ List. These “full-time” students maintained a grade point average between 3.40 and 3.99.

GLIAC champion football team to join St. Patrick’s Day Parade

SVSU will participate in the 50th annual Bay City Saint Patrick’s Day parade. The SVSU delegation will feature football players and coaches, as well as cheerleaders. The Cardinals’ 2003 GLIAC championship banner and trophy will be displayed.

The parade route begins at the Bay County Fairgrounds and runs west along Center Avenue, concluding in downtown Bay City. The parade begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21.

Boehm, Slaggert cited for outstanding broadcast


In addition, a feature that highlighted the contributions of female students to the SVSU Cardinal Formula Racing Team won a first place award. “SVSU Racing for Equality,” by Rob St. Mary of WSGW, was an entry in the sports feature category.

Formula Racing Team launches 2004 race car project

The Cardinal Formula Racing Team will host a reception to launch the 2004 car design project at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 25 in the Student Center Multipurpose Room. Also planned is an introduction of Ron R. Williams, dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. Race car demonstrations are planned from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in Lot J2. Those planning to attend the event are requested to RSVP by Thursday, March 18 to the Office of Alumni Relations at ext. 4196.
Valley Wind Quintet to perform spring concert

The Valley Wind Quintet will perform its spring concert Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. This is the quintet’s 21st season.

The concert will feature music for woodwind quintet by PiernÈ, Klughardt, and Holst. The Octet-Partita, Op. 69 by Franz Krommer for two oboes, two clarinets, two horns, and two bassoons will also be performed.

Guest artists for the concert are Jan Pickering, oboe; Grant Von Wald, clarinet; Beth Perry, horn; and Thom Zantow, bassoon.

General admission is $5; admission for students and senior citizens is $3. For tickets or additional information, contact the Box Office at ext. 4261.

Flûtée Concert to feature Impressionist paintings

Flûtée will present the world premiere concert “Flûtée Impressions” Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

The concert will feature a slide show of Impressionist paintings by such notable artists as Monet, Renoir, and Manet. It will feature original music composed by Nancy Faber of Ann Arbor, with narration provided by Judith Kerman, SVSU professor of English.

The members of Flûtée are Mary Anderson, Kim J. Teal, Lauren Rongo, and Pamela Rowe. The quartet will be performing on piccolo, Eb, C, alto, and bass flutes.

Tickets are $5 for general admission and $3 for students and senior citizens. For further information, contact the Box Office at ext. 4261.

• 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. For more information, call ext. 4286. Packet materials are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 19.

• The Valley Aquatic Program is offering a $5 discount to SVSU faculty, staff, students and their families during the month of March for learn-to-swim lessons. For more information, visit www.svsu.edu/vap. Those interested in the program can take a look at the schedule, choose a class session, and sign up on line. For more information, call ext. 7327. Those who pre-register will receive an additional $5 discount. Payment is required the first night of class.

• Student Association, Student Life, and many other student organizations have initiated a Relay For Life campaign to raise money for the American Cancer Society on behalf of Saginaw Valley State University. Money will be raised throughout the months of March and April. For more information, call the Student Life Center at ext. 4297.

• Faculty and staff interested in presenting the alumni scroll to a family member who is graduating in May should contact Norma Zivich at ext. 4075 or Darlene Kusterer at ext. 4196.

• Dining Services is offering fresh sushi, which is being made and served daily at Doan Café, Science East Café, Regional Education Center Café, and the C-Store.

• The next Faculty/Staff Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Emeriti. The menu will feature Potato and Leek Soup, Irish Soda Bread, Braised Caraway Cabbage, Boiled New Potatoes, Black and Tan Corned Beef, and Whiskey Bread Pudding. Cost is $4 per person.

• The Valley Film Society will screen Murder on the Orient Express at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 19 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission by season or guest pass, available at the door.

• President Eric Gilbertson will host an Open Forum from 4 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 24 in the Museum Reception Hall. Stop by to share your concerns and ask questions.

• The SVSU student chapter of the Michigan Education Association (SMEA) is hosting a scholastic book fair during the week of March 22 in room EA 125 of the Regional Education Center. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday. Included will be books that are appropriate for elementary, secondary, and Spanish-speaking children.

• The SVSU Program Board presents “Another Trip To The Palace.” The Detroit Pistons square off with the Indiana Pacers Sunday, April 4 at 6 p.m. Buses will depart from the west side of Curtiss Hall at 4 p.m. (You must ride the bus – no exceptions.) Game tickets, including the round trip bus ride, are only $15 each or $25 for two (limit two). Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Purchase tickets at the SVSU Box Office. For more information, contact the Student Life Center at ext. 4170.

• A reception for the winners of the 2004 Braun Writing Awards and Tyner Prizes will be held on Tuesday, April 13, at 4 p.m., in the Emeriti Room. Winners will read short excerpts of their work. Faculty and staff are invited to celebrate these excellent student writers.