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- PICTORIAL REVIEW OF 1983



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## CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS SIMILAR, YET DIFFERENT

Santa Claus undergoes unique costume changes as he travels from country to country. That was a common theme when several foreign students at SVSC compared Christmas in America with their native lands.

In predominately Christian countries, the basics are the same -- the church services, gifts, decorations and family dinners -- but the hows and whys are different.

"In Ecuador the children recognize Santa Claus, but I think he's been imported from the United States," said Jenette Cruz of Quito, her country's capitol. "Our gift giver is the baby Jesus. If children have been good, he will send the three wise men to give gifts." Cruz said the emphasis on the nativity is stronger in her country than in America. "Everyone's home has a nativity scene, and business and schools will have a very elaborate nativity set up in a large room." The 23 year-old finance major does admit to influences from other cultures. "In Ecuador we have no snow, but we decorate our trees so they appear to have it."

Many of the United States' traditions are rooted in Western Europe, but customs there still retain their old-world flavor. Germans start their holiday season earlier than Americans. "On the eve of December 6, children set their boots out on the step so St. Nikolaus can fill them with treats and small gifts," said Susanne Mulorz, a sophomore in secondary education. "He is always dressed as a bishop. On Christmas Eve the Christ Child comes and delivers presents to the children," said the native of Annweiler, a town in southwest Germany.

Birgitt Reynolds, a college secretary from Germany, said there is also a dark side of Christmas for children who've been bad.

"Often when someone dressed as St. Nikolous visits homes, he's accompanied by Knecht Ruprecht. An evil figure with a black face, red horns and a tail, Knecht Ruprecht gives bad kids switch brooms. Christmas has three special days in Germany, said Reynolds. "Christmas Eve is spent just with immediate family, Christmas day with relatives, and more relatives and close friends the day after that."

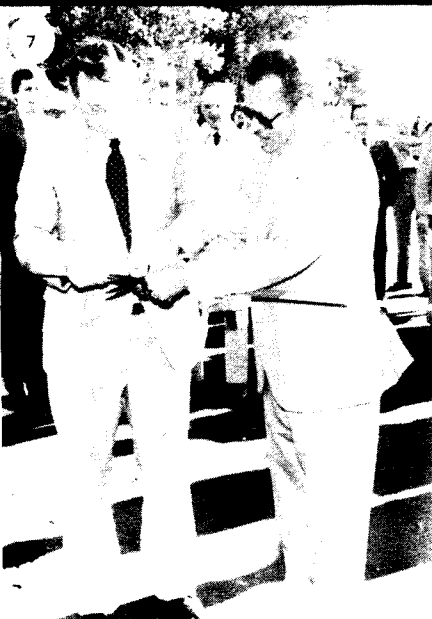
"France is very similar to America," said Jerome Crepatte, a freshman education major from Paris. "There Pere Noel, Father Christmas, delivers presents, but he is jolly, big and red -- just like Santa Claus. We also have a big dinner of dinde (turkey) and chestnuts and drink champagne."

Christmas is much more low key in the Far East, says Hidiki Abe of Tokyo. "There are very few Christians in Japan," said the 27 year-old political science major. "We celebrate the day as a kind of feast, but with no religious meaning. Each home will buy a huge, round Christmas cake and the children get little ones at school. Other than that, it just like any other day for most of us." The United States has made its presence known during the holiday season, Abe adds. "December is becoming more Americanized in Japan. Now some families buy Christmas trees, give presents and cook special foods. Before World War II there was nothing like that."

All of the students agreed that there was nothing in their countries that matched some aspects of Christmas in America. The commercialization of Christmas was the biggest difference they pointed out. "It is amazing how everything starts up right after Thanksgiving," Mulorz said. All the Christmas music and religious programming caught Abe off guard at first, but he has grown to like the holiday season in America. "Everyone is so busy, but happy. They like this time very much."



1. INDOOR TRACK TEAM CAPTURES 2ND NAIA NATIONAL TITLE.
2. GOV. BLANCHARD SIGNS BILL FOR I.F.2.
3. SVSC THEATRE PRODUCTIONS INCLUDED 'WAITING FOR GODOT'.
4. DR. TERRY ISHIHARA RECEIVED THE LANDEE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING.
5. SVSC -- SITE OF 1ST ANNUAL GREAT AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL.
6. SVSC NURSES PLACE 1ST IN STATE ON NATIONAL LICENSURE EXAM.
7. PRESIDENT RYDER & BD. CHAIRMAN KENDALL CUT RIBBON OPENING CIRCLE DRIVE.
8. SVSC'S ATHLETIC PROGRAM ENJOYED ANOTHER AWARD-WINNING YEAR, TAKING RUNNER-UP TROPHY IN MEN'S NAIA ALL-SPORTS NATIONAL COMPETITION LAST SPRING. BASED ON A FINE RECORD IN '83 FALL SPORTS, BOTH MEN & WOMEN SHOULD BE CONTENDERS FOR 83/84 HONORS.
9. A MASTER'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & POLITICAL SCIENCE WAS APPROVED IN 1983, AS WERE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS IN ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.



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## BRIEFLY SPEAKING - EVENTS & INFORMATION

--The **Snack Bar** will be closed for Christmas vacation from December 17 to January 8. Regular hours will resume on January 9.

--Media Coordinator Bruce Rossman is producing a series of short tapes for radio broadcast during **Black History Month** in February. The tapes will focus on Blacks and their historical and current contributions in the Tri-City area. Rossman asks that anyone with information, leads or suggestions please call him at ext. 4054.

--The **Library/Learning Resources Center** will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday, December 27 through 29, and Tuesday through Friday, January 3 through 6. Regular hours will resume when classes begin January 9.

--**Payroll checks** dated December 29, 1983, will be ready for distribution on that date at 10:00 a.m. Regular check distribution will be followed unless prior holiday arrangements are made before December 22. Since hours were estimated for December 18 through 24, it may be necessary to adjust for errors on the following period's pay card. Please contact the payroll or personnel office with questions regarding this procedure.

--**Blank IRS Forms** are available at the circulation department of the library, on the shelves beside the copier.

--The Bay County Heart Unit, Bay County Convention/Visitors Bureau and Bay Valley Inn are sponsoring a **Ski for Heart** cross country event to be held at Bay Valley Inn on Sunday, February 12 from 1-4 p.m. The fundraiser is open to all regardless of age or level of proficiency. Money raised will help support the programs of the American Heart Association. For information or registration forms, call Bay County Heart Information Center at 684-7910.

--Dorothy Horwath, interim director of the library/learning resources center, invites campus participation in providing exhibits for the **display cases** near the circulation desk. "These exhibits are helpful in our efforts to internationalize the campus," Horwath said. Persons with artifacts, photos, collections, or other materials appropriate for display are asked to contact her at ext. 4236. Each exhibit is left in place for about one month.

## ACROSS CAMPUS

--A research paper by Dr. S. K. "Tom" Yun, chairman of the physics department, will be published in the Physical Review D, a research journal of the American Physical Society. Titled "**SU(8) Theory of Multigenerational Grand Unification**," the paper presents the theory unifying three generations of quarks and leptons, each generation made of two quarks and two leptons. Yun's work was presented at the annual general meeting of the American Physical Society held in San Francisco in November. He will continue work in this theory and supersymmetry as a visiting professor at the Center for Theoretical Physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology during his sabbatical leave.

## INTERIOR SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to the holidays, the **Interior** will not be published again until Tuesday, January 10. Copy deadline is noon on the Wednesday preceding distribution.

## PERSONNEL

**PROGRAMMER/ANALYST - COMPUTER SERVICES.** Full-time, permanent (replacement). Salary negotiable.

**MAINTENANCE - PLANT SERVICES.** Full-time, permanent (new position). Salary range: \$6.82 - \$8.60, dependent on experience and skills.

Internal applications due by 12/22/83.

## HIGH FIVE

With the return of Mark Oates to the lineup, the Cardinal **men's basketball** team picked up a 65-54 win over St. Mary's Saturday. The season record now stands at 3-6, with conference play beginning in January.

### SVSC EVENTWATCH

Dec. 23, 26 ... CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
Dec. 30, Jan. 2 ... NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY  
Jan. 5 ... Men's Basketball; Spring Arb.  
Jan. 6 ... Women's Basketball; Alma  
Jan. 6 ... VFS "The Weavers"  
Jan. 9-27 ... Sculpture by Gary Laatsch  
Jan. 9 ... M & W Basketball; WSU

See monthly calendar or call Information Services for times and details.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	
5	Men's Basketball: SVSC vs. Spring Arbor College; 7:30 p.m., Cardinal Gym. \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students and senior citizens.
6	Women's Basketball: SVSC vs. Alma College; 7:30 p.m., Cardinal Gym. \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students and senior citizens.
6	Valley Film Society Presents: "Wasn't That A Time: The Weavers." 7:45 p.m. Wickes lecture theatre. Admission by membership, available at door. Call ext. 4303 for information.
9-27	The Sculpture of Gary Laatsch; Art Workshop Gallery. Free admission. Call fine arts office at ext. 4159 for gallery hours.
9	Men's and Women's Basketball: SVSC vs. Wayne State University; Cardinal Gym. Women play at 6:00 p.m., men 7:30 p.m. \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students and senior citizens.
11	Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club; 6:00 p.m., Doan Center. Social hour dinner and speaker for area entrepreneurs. \$12.00 admission. For information, call ext. 4048.
16	Men's and Women's Basketball: SVSC vs. Ferris State; Cardinal Gym. Women play at 6:00 p.m.; men 7:30 p.m. \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students and senior citizens. Call ext. 4114 for information.
17	Mr. Fingers Show; 8:00 p.m., Lower Doan. Entertainment by magician, mentalist, escape artist and speaker. Free admission. Call campus activity office for information at ext. 4260.
19	IRRA Dinner and Meeting; 6:00 p.m., Lower Doan. Call Dr. James Mitchell at ext. 4064 for more information.
19	Men's and Women's Basketball: SVSC vs. Hillsdale College, Cardinal Gym. Women's game at 6:00 p.m., Men's at 7:30 p.m. \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students and senior citizens.
20	"Ikuru"; 7:45 p.m., Wickes lecture theatre. Japanese drama presented by Valley Film Society. Admission by membership, available at door. Call ext. 4303 for information.
22	Valley Woodwind Quintet Concert; 3:00 p.m., SVSC Theatre. Featuring faculty from Hope College Music Department. Free Admission. Call Dr. Drew Hinderer for information at ext. 4497.
23	SVSC Jazz Artist Series; 7:30 p.m., SVSC Theatre. Featuring trumpeter Walter Szymanski of Detroit. \$2.00 adult, \$1.50 students and senior citizens. For reservations, call ext. 4159.

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24	"Changing Patterns in English Education" - 4:00 p.m., Wickes faculty lounge. Dr. Raymond Tyner discusses the educational system in England. Free admission. For more information, call ext-4486.
24-25	"Uncommon Women and Others" - 6:30 p.m., lower Doan Center. Play looking at lives of six women. Produced/directed by SVSC theatre major. Free admission. Call Dr. William Gourd at ext. 4306 for details.
24	Auditions for "The Effect of Gama Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds" - 7:00 p.m., SVSC Theatre. SVSC production open to public. Crew people welcome. Call Dr. Janet Rubin for more information at ext. 4019.
25	Auditions for "The Effect of Gama Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds" - 4-6:00 p.m., SVSC Theatre. SVSC production open to public. Crew people welcome. Call Dr. Janet Rubin for more information at ext. 4019.
26	Men's and Women's Basketball: SVSC vs. Northwood Institute; Cardinal Gym. Women's game at 6:00 p.m., men's at 7:30 p.m. \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students and senior citizens.
28	Men's and Women's Basketball: SVSC vs. Oakland University, Cardinal Gym. Women's game at 1:00 p.m., men's game at 3:00 p.m. \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students and senior citizens.
28	Graduate Management Admission Test; 8:00 a.m., Wickes lecture hall. Open to students registered through ETS. For more information, call Angelita Torrez at ext. 4284.
28	Voter Registration Workshop; 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Lower Doan. Sponsored by League of United Latin Americans, free admission. Call Mr. Guevara for information at ext. 4477.



# Saginaw Valley State College

## MEMO

TO: ALL FACULTY & STAFF  
FROM: JERRY A. WOODCOCK  
DATE: DECEMBER 19, 1983  
RE: CAMPUS HOLIDAY CLOSING

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jerry A. Woodcock", is written over the "FROM" and "DATE" lines of the memo header.

During the periods of December 23 through December 26, and December 30 through January 2, Plant Services personnel will lower building temperatures, reduce hot water temperatures and lighting levels.

We ask for your cooperation and help to insure that all electric heaters, calculators, typewriters and similar office equipment are turned off when you leave for the holidays.

Office temperatures in the Annex units will be reduced to a minimum. Arrangements can be made for plants and other perishable items by calling ext. 4080. Additionally, typewriters will require a 15 minute warm up period before use when you return.

With your help we can save additional energy dollars while enjoying the holidays.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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