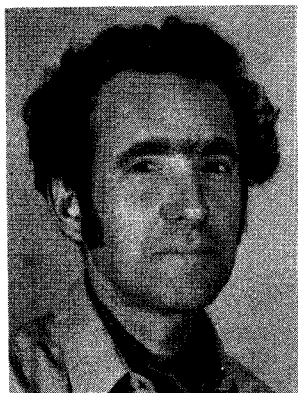




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RENNA RECEIVES FIRST EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD



SVSC professor of history Dr. Thomas J. Renna, 48, has been named recipient of the Award for Excellence in Research.

The award was established to recognize individual faculty who present work of the highest quality over an extended period of time. The initial selection committee was chaired by Dr. Robert Yien, vice president of academic affairs. Included on the committee were the academic deans, Dr. William K. Barnett, arts and behavioral sciences; Dr. James Mitchell, business and management; Dr. Guy Lee, education; Dr. Crystal Lange, nursing and allied health; and Dr. Thomas Kullgren, science, engineering and technology.

According to Dr. Yien, future selection committees will include one academic administrator as chairperson elect, the previous year's recipient of the award, a member of the Board of Fellows, and individuals from the community who are prominent in various fields of research conducted in the college.

In announcing the selection, President Ryder noted that he was "pleased to have Dr. Thomas Renna named Saginaw Valley State College's first recipient of the Award for Excellence

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in Research." Ryder added, "Dr. Renna's outstanding scholarly performance since his arrival at SVSC in 1970 clearly merits recognition."

Renna's list of scholarly accomplishments include authoring two books, titled "Church and State in Medieval Europe 1050-1314" and "The West in the Early Middle Ages." Currently, Renna is working on a third book, "The Jerusalem Connection," pertaining to the idea of Medieval thought in the modern Middle East. He has had seven invited articles included in the "Dictionary of The Middle Ages." His five pamphlets have been published by New Mellerary Abbey, and some thirty scholarly articles have been used in refereed journals, including "Speculum," "Citeaux," "Augustinian Studies," "Cistercian Studies," "Studia Monastica," and the "Michigan Academician."

Renna has had more than 35 papers read at professional society meetings all over the United States. Many were by invitation, including one in Isreal. His work has been assisted with external funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) on two occasions, and also twice from the American Philosophical Society. Other awards presented to Renna include the Distinguished Faculty Member, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards; and Outstanding Scholar, 1983, by the Michigan Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Renna has been recognized by his peers at SVSC, evidenced by an SVSC Merit Award in 1977 and ten research grant awards. In 1984 he was presented the Landee Award for Excellence in Teaching, SVSC's highest honor bestowed on outstanding educators.

Recipients of the Award for Excellence in Research receive an engraved plaque, a cash award, and recognition at commencement exercises held in May.

STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS SCHEDULED

President Ryder will deliver his "State of the College" address at 12:30 p.m. in lower level Doan Center on Friday, February 7. It is open to the campus community.

SVSC TO HONOR OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR

Nominations are being sought for SVSC's top faculty honor, the Franc A. Landee Award for excellence in Teaching. The annual award is presented to a professor who demonstrates superior knowledge of subject matter, prepares students academically, displays sincerity and relates classroom learning to real life. Other criteria for the award include ability to motivate students, sensitivity towards their opinions, fairness and integrity, maintenance of high standards for academic achievement, and a demonstrated interest in counseling and advising students.

Selection committee chairman Dr. Guy M. Lee, Jr., dean of the school of education, said nominations are very important to the process of selecting an award winner. "The committee reviews each ballot return for its quality of expressed reasons of choice," Lee said, adding "I emphasize that this activity is not a popularity contest based on the quantity of ballots received."

This year 104 faculty members are eligible for nomination. Ballots are available from Lee and at the SVSC Student Government office. Completed ballots should be returned to Lee, postmarked by March 1, 1986. Selection committee deliberations will begin on March 21. The Landee Award recipient will be announced at a luncheon on April 15, and then honored during commencement exercises in May. The faculty member selected receives a special plaque, \$1000, and other honors. Franc A. Landee was a research chemist at Dow Chemical Company who also taught part time at SVSC. In 1968, a memorial fund was established to give recognition each year to an outstanding educator.

Eligible faculty members include: **Accounting** - Lawrence Kickham, Louis Jacoby, Arnold Melnick, and Donald Wiseman; **Art** - Barron Hirsch and Matthew Zivich; **Biology** - David Dalgarn, Charles Pelzer, Walter Rathkamp, Richard Trdan and Gene Yang; **Chemistry** - Arthur Andrewes, George Eastland, Berner Gorden, Samuel Levine, Peter Moehs and Albert Plaush; **Communication and Theatre** - William Gourd and Janet Rubin; **Criminal Justice** - Donald Bachand and Jon Cisky.

Other eligible faculty include: **Economics** - Donald Novey, Hong Youl Park and Sam Sarkar; **Education** - Jean Brown, Gamal Elashhab, Robert Meadows, Joseph Snider, Elaine Stephens, Norman Sterchele and Kenneth Wahl;

Education/English - Bernyce Smith; **Engineering** - George Corser, Thomas Gillespie, Eldon Graham, Terry Ishihara and Altaf-Ur Rahman; **English** - Basil Clark, Rose Collamer, Kay Harley, Phyllis Hastings, W. Thomas Hearron, William Smith, Gary Thompson, Rosalie Troester, Raymond Tyner, Mason Wang and Leslie Whittaker.

Additional eligible faculty are: **Finance/Law** - William Elliott, Wayne Mackie, Dwight Means and Michael Sovansky; **History** - Robert Braddock, William Hoffmann, John Jezierski, Eric Petersen, Thomas Renna and John Wil-lertz; **Management/Marketing** - Shiv Arora, Frederick Webster and Jill Wetmore; **Mathematics** - David DeSautel, Diana Frederick, Tyler Haynes, Joseph Matti, Christos Nikolopoulos, Rose Novey and Morteza Marzjarani; **Modern Foreign Languages** - David Barker, Emilio Castaneda, Anna Dadlez, Lynn Herkstroeter and Ricardo Pastor; **Music** - Charles Brown, Eric Nisula and William Wollner.

Also included in the list: **Nursing** - Judith Apgar, Janalou Blecke, Sachiko Claus, Sally Decker, Faith Edwards, Margaret Flatt and Mary Graiver; **Philosophy** - Drew Hinderer and David Rayfield; **Physical Education** - Douglas Hansen, Robert Pratt and Mark Simons; **Physics** - Hsuan Chen, Albert Menard and Suk Koo Yun; **Political Science** - O. Zeller Robertson and David Weaver; **Psychology** - Joy Hargrove, Merlyn Mondol, Gerald Peterson and Janet Robinson; **Social Work** - Nellie Monroe, Ann Rae and James Syphers; **Sociology** - James Ford, G. Alexander Ross, Robert Thaler and Harriet Tillock.

BAHAMAS BASH BREAKS MONOTONY OF WINTER

Take a break from the cold and snow of winter by cruising over to Doan Mall for the Bahamas Bash on Wednesday, February 5. An afternoon of events proves that Michigan's winter is not so bad if you pretend it is not there.

The day opens with a picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hot dogs, brownies, salad and a beverage will be served for only 99 cents. The main events start at noon with a Limbo Contest, followed by more fun with a 'Paper Bag Pick Up' at 12:20 p.m. The banana eating contest, which will begin at 12:40, is open only to humans--chimps and apes are not eligible. The band "Interiors" will perform rock and reggae music from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information on the Bahamas Bash, contact the Campus Activities office by calling extension 4170.

CHRYSTALLIS CENTER HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

An informational open house for adult students will be held in the Chrysallis Center on February 19 and 20. Individuals from the Admissions Office and the Chrysallis Center will be present to answer questions, explain college requirements and identify offices on campus that can offer services to students. Students are invited to stop by the Chrysallis Center, located in room 15 of the '68 Building, on Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or on Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Those wishing to become better acquainted with library services also may register for one of the instructional tours scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday or 5:30 p.m. on Thursday. For reservation information call extension 4267.

SVSC CONCERT SCHEDULE CHANGED

Three of five concerts scheduled for winter semester have been cancelled, including the Jazz Artist concert on Monday, March 24; the Concert Band performance on Sunday, April 6; and the Gospel Choir concert on Tuesday, April 15. In addition, the Valley Woodwind Quintet concert has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 26, at 8:00 p.m. in the theatre. The Chamber/Concert Choirs will perform as scheduled on Sunday, April 13. For complete information, call ext. 4159.

SCHOLASTIC ART WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Over 400 works of art representing 275 area students were selected for the Central Eastern Regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, held at Hampton Square Mall through Sunday, February 2. SVSC was one of the regional sponsors that presented gold achievement keys to the winning students. Finalists will be selected to compete for scholarships, gold medal awards and cash awards in the national competition, sponsored by Scholastic, Inc., in New York City.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--Copies of the recently released "**Cost of Athletics**" report are available on reserve at the Library. Individuals also may contact the Office of Information Services at extension 4054 to request a copy.

--Etchings of the English countryside by artist John Brunson will be on exhibit in the **Arts Workshop** now until February 21. For more information call extension 4159.

--The "**Promise of World Peace**," a presentation of the major ideas in the Baha'i Peace Statement, will be discussed during a program sponsored by the Baha'i Club on Thursday, February 6, at noon in lower level Doan.

--The Valley Film Society will screen "**Breaker Morant**," a story of a trio of court martialled war heroes. Show time is 7:45 p.m. on Friday, February 7, in Wickes Lecture Theatre. For information on a pro-rated membership, call ext. 4154.

--Campus departments are reminded to turn in Graphic Center work orders for SVSC departmental **letterhead** no later than Monday, February 10. For information call ext. 4278.

--**Sam Sanders** and "**Visions**" will perform a pair of concerts on Tuesday, February 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5:00 to 7:00 in Doan Mall. A taco salad bar will be available during the noon time performance.

--Dr. David Barker, professor of French, will present a lecture titled "**French Culture in Canada**" on Tuesday, February 11, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Wickes Hall faculty lounge. Refreshments will be served and admission is free. For further details, call ext. 4486.

--Hiring employees will be the topic addressed at the February 12 **Entrepreneurs Club** meeting. A networking hour begins at 6:00 p.m. in lower level Doan Center. For reservation information call BIDI at ext. 4048 by Friday, February 7.

--Campus Ministry is sponsoring a **Roman Catholic Mass** on Ash Wednesday, February 12. The service will be held in lower level Doan Center from noon to 12:45. All are welcome.

--Show that special person in your life that you care by sending a **Valentine Helium Balloon**. Volunteer Services will sell balloons for 75 cents each or two for \$1, while supplies last. Sales take place Wednesday, February 12 from 11:00 to 1:00 in Doan Mall and from 1:00 to 3:00 in Wickes Hall south concourse. Balloons also may be purchased Thursday, February 13 from 11:00 to 1:00 in Wickes Hall north concourse. Deliveries will be made February 13.

--Maggie Rossiter, columnist for "The Saginaw News," will be the guest speaker at a **luncheon lecture** held in lower level Doan Center on Thursday, February 13. Admission is free. Call ext. 4170 for more details.

BOOKSTORE ACCEPTING COMMENCEMENT REGALIA ORDERS

Orders are being taken by the Bookstore for academic regalia for Commencement. Measurements can be done in the Bookstore between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please place orders no later than Monday, February 24. For order information, contact Betty Wineland at extension 4277.

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY FORMS STILL ACCEPTED

The Office of International Programs has received about 40 responses to the International Experience/Foreign Language survey, sent to the entire campus community in August, 1985. Documenting the language skills and international expertise of the SVSC community will be helpful in attracting international faculty and students, and in gaining funding for programs related to international studies. Send completed forms to Dr. Gene Hamilton; or to request a survey form, call extension 4068.

HIGH FIVE

--The men's basketball team broke a four-game losing streak in a 93-62 non-conference win over St. Mary's College on Saturday. The Cardinals, 12-8, return to GLIAC action Thursday against Michigan Tech. Catch the game on WBCM Radio (1440 AM) at 8:00 p.m.

EVENTWATCH

Feb. 3-21...Arts Workshop: John Brunson
Feb. 6...Discussion: "World Peace"
Feb. 6...Basketball: SVSC vs. Mich. Tech
Feb. 7...Film: "Breaker Morant"
Feb. 8...Basketball: SVSC vs. Lake Superior
Feb. 11...Concert: Sam Sanders & "Visions"
Feb. 11...Lecture: French Culture in Canada
Feb. 12...Entrepreneurs Club Meeting
Feb. 12...Roman Catholic Mass
Feb. 13...Lecture: Maggie Rossiter

See monthly calendar for times and details
or call Information Services



SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH--Dr. Thomas E. Kullgren, dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology, blasts away at the outside wall of Pioneer Hall where it connects with the new Instructional Facility II complex. Watching Kullgren demolish the brick to make room for the hallway to the new science building are science faculty members, from left, Eldon L. Graham, Dr. Albert Plaush, Dr. Terry Ishihara and Dr. Hsuan Shen Chen.