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Monday, Nov. 17 was Cecilia Simons' first day as media coordinator with the office of information services. Her first assignment was in recognition of Handicap Awareness Week, in which she became handicapped for the day. Strapped in the confines of a wheelchair, Simons chronicled her journey through the campus of Saginaw Valley State College and its barrier-free environs.

Monday proved to be more than "getting my foot in the door" at SVSC as I attempted to put an entire chair and four wheels through the doors and hallways of the College. Those more proficient with the chairs seemingly cruise about campus with the ease in which many of us walk. But, it is not as graceful a task as they make it appear.

Judging doors and hallways is just one of the many challenges that await those in mobile chairs. Bumps in the sidewalk require great amounts of time to negotiate for those with weak upper body muscles.

The challenge of maneuvering through the bathroom was almost more than the uninitiated amateur wheelchairist could take. Once through the door, getting into the stalls was another problem. However, the problem went beyond doors. After washing, one must "wheel" to the paper towel dispenser. In the process, not

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only do the hands get dirty again, but the wheels get wet. And those circles are hard enough to grip when dry.

While the going was a bit tough, it also was much easier than anticipated. Having graduated from college at a larger and older institution, SVSC's campus, which allowed me to move about with relative ease, was a pleasant surprise. Hallways were wide enough and one does not have to fight a steep ramp in order to reach an elevator.

Although some areas do have their shortcomings, SVSC is significantly further ahead than many other schools in the state.

Ted Nitz, personal counselor and advisor to the Ablers

Club, said SVSC has approximately 60 people with "identifiable" handicaps, and a higher number who are stricken with other potentially disabling diseases.

In spite of this number, less than a dozen people participated in "Handicapped for a Day" Monday, Nov. 17, during Handicap Awareness Week. However, those that did expressed more than sympathy for the disabled; they showed empathy as well for the plight the handicapped face daily.

Both Nitz and Ablers' president Greg Gerard said they were disappointed with the low turnout, but not discouraged. They said progress is being made by the group and awareness is increasing -- albeit slowly.

### **COMPUTER TEAM COMPETES IN REGIONAL CONTEST**

SVSC sent its first-ever computer programming team to compete in a regional computer contest and the 4-member squad turned computations into a 16th place tie.

More than 57 problem-solving teams competed for the top two spots in the regional contest Nov. 15 in Lafayette, Ind. Michigan State University and Youngstown State took the top honors. The rookie SVSC team was in the company of such larger institutions as Indiana University, Ohio State University, the universities of Michigan at Dearborn and Flint, Central and Eastern Michigan universities and Akron.

None of those teams in 16th place successfully completed any of the four problems posed in the four-hour period. However, according to Randall Hock, chairman of the College's computer science department, the SVSC team was just one line code away from fourth place.

"It was the first time we've entered into any competition of this kind," Hock said. "The students didn't know what to expect. There were some pretty big and tough teams there."

This fall marked the first time SVSC offered a full computer science curriculum and more than 60 students were enrolled. Hock said current enrollment figures indicate that number will more than double this winter semester.

The SVSC team was accompanied by its faculty advisor, Mohammad Bidgoli, an assistant professor of computer science.

Because of the relative youthfulness of the computer

science curriculum at SVSC, three of the four team members were data processing students.

Representing SVSC at the competition were data processing majors Karen Bohnoff, a Saginaw senior, Bob Pierce, a Bay City senior, and Earl Buschmann, a Saginaw senior. Glenn Harm, a Bay City senior, was the only computer science major on the team. He also is president of the campus chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery, which was formed at the College just last year.

ACM is an international organization with 50 regions. The East Central region, which includes Michigan, is the largest.

Bidgoli said the computer problems were written in FORTRAN77 and PASCAL. He added that he hopes to take another, more experienced team to the next contest.

### **CHOIRS PRESENT XMAS CONCERT**

SVSC's Chamber Choir, Concert Choir and Early Music Collegium will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the SVSC Theatre.

The concert features Vivaldi's "Gloria," and includes performances by the Chamber Choir. In addition, the Collegium will perform Renaissance dances and the Concert Choir will sing popular Christmas music, including "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and the Ray Charles' arrangement of "Jingle Bells."

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. **Faculty and staff may receive complimentary**

**tickets upon request.** For reservations, call extension 4159.

### **WIGILIA SCHEDULED AT SVSC**

A celebration of the traditional Polish "Wigilia" (Christmas Eve) is set for 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 7 in Doan Center. A video of the celebration by a Polish American family, a supper and a sing-along session of Polish carols will be included.

This event is sponsored by the SVSC Polish Students' Club and Saginaw Valley Friends of Polish Culture. Cost is \$8 per person. For ticket information, call extension 4315. Come share oplatki (goodwill wafers) and get into the Christmas spirit!

### **1986 UNITED WAY RESULTS**

The 1986 United Way campaign is complete, with SVSC faculty and staff contributions totaling \$10,292. "We are pleased with the response to this annual appeal," said President Ryder. "It is especially gratifying considering that many of our employees suffered personal losses during the September flood." While participation was not 100 percent, campaign organizers said pledges came from all College employee groups.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DEC. 11**

The annual SVSC Christmas luncheon is set for 12 noon, Dec. 11 at Krysiak's House in Bay City. For \$6/person, you can enjoy Krysiak's famous buffet luncheon. Reservations and payments are due by Dec. 8 to Kathy Lake. (Make checks payable to Saginaw Valley State College.) Call Kathy at extension 4032 for details.

# SAGINAW VALLEY STATE COLLEGE

## Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

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- 1 Dr. Ervin Sparapani, assistant professor of education, presents, "Impressions of the British Education System," 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Wickes Hall Faculty Lounge. Admission is free. For more information contact Dr. Eugene Hamilton at ext. 4068.
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- 1 - 5 Detroit Printmakers Consortium; SVSC Art Gallery. Admission is free. For more information and gallery hours call the Fine Arts Office at ext. 4159, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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- 5 Gospel Choir Concert; 7:30 p.m., SVSC Theatre. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information or to make reservations call ext. 4159. Complimentary tickets available for faculty and staff.
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- 5 Valley Film Society presents, "Xala;" 7:45 p.m., Wickes Lecture Hall. A savage and funny satire of modern Africa. Admission is by pro-rated membership, available at the door. For more information contact Dr. Thomas Hearn at ext. 4332.
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- 6 Men's Basketball: SVSC vs. Siena Heights College; 3:00 p.m., Cardinal Gymnasium. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. For more information contact the Athletic Center at ext. 4114.
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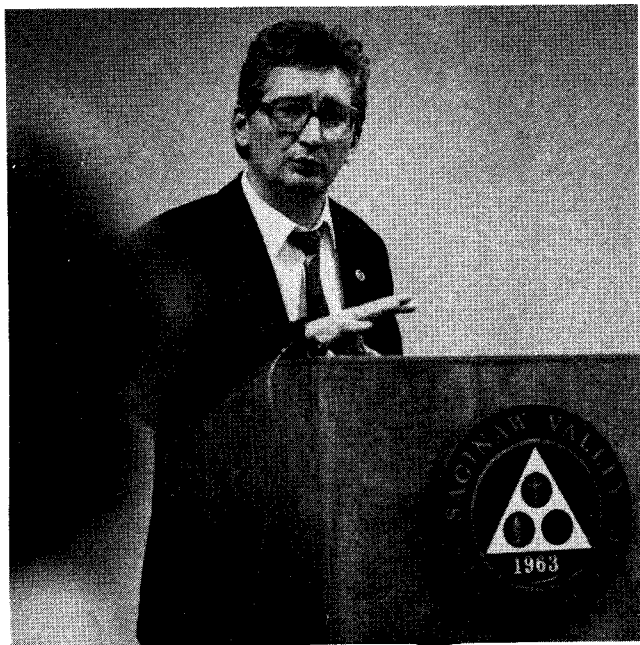
- 7 "Wigilia;" 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., SVSC Doan Center. Program includes video tape of the celebration by a Polish American family, a supper, and a sing-along of Polish carols. Admission is \$8.00 per person. For ticket information call Dr. Anna Dadlez at ext. 4315.
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- 8 Men's Basketball: SVSC vs. St. Mary's College; 7:30 p.m., Cardinal Gymnasium. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. For more information contact the Athletic Center at ext. 4114.
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- 9 Christmas Concert, "Gloria;" 7:30 p.m., SVSC Theatre. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and senior citizens. For more information or to make reservations call ext. 4159.
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- 13 Country Spectacular; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., SVSC Gymnasium. Admission to the country music festival will be charged at the door. For more information contact Renee Karbowski at ext. 4348.
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- 15 Women's Basketball: SVSC vs. Indiana Tech University; 5:30 p.m., Cardinal Gymnasium. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. For more information contact the Athletic Center at ext. 4114.
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- 18 Women's Basketball: SVSC vs. Ferris State College; 5:45 p.m., Cardinal Gymnasium. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. For more information contact the Athletic Center at ext. 4114.
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- 18 Men's Basketball: SVSC vs. Ferris State College; 8:00 p.m., Cardinal Gymnasium. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. For more information contact the Athletic Center at ext. 4114.
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- 19 Valley Film Society presents, "Tight Little Island;" 7:45 p.m., Wickes Lecture Hall. Desperate whiskey-starved islanders make a daring moonlight raid on a wrecked cargo ship. Admission is by pro-rated membership, available at the door. For more information contact Dr. Thomas Hearron at ext. 4332.
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Dr. Lazlo Pordany, Chairman of the English Department of Juhasz Gyula University in Szeged, Hungary, visited campus on Wednesday, November 26, to discuss the possibility of faculty and student exchanges with SVSC. He answered questions from local news reporters about education and life in Hungary, noting that colleges and universities there are subject to state planning and control. Admission is by examination, and students enter a pre-set program once they have selected a career field.

**ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY INFORMATION**  
**(Please keep copy at home)**

Adverse weather conditions, especially those associated with Michigan winters, may affect the normal operations of the College. The decision to cancel classes and/or close the main campus will be made by the Vice President for Administrative and Business Affairs in consultation with the Director of Physical Plant. If adverse conditions necessitate cancellation or closing, the decision to do so will be made prior to 6:00 a.m. for day classes (those beginning before 4:00 p.m.) and by 2:00 p.m. for evening classes. Information to make weather-related closing decisions is secured through contacts with the Weather Bureau, State Police, Sheriff's Department and other sources, including personal observation.

Because commuting students, faculty and staff come from such a broad geographic area, it is extremely difficult to arrive at a decision that is appropriate to each vicinity. The quad-county area alone includes approximately 2000 square miles, and weather conditions rarely are uniform through this large area. There is no one decision that will satisfy everyone; however, a diligent effort is made to arrive at a reasonable decision that considers health and safety of students as well as their right to receive instruction. Under no circumstances does SVSC ask students, faculty or staff to assume undue risk in traveling to class in inclement weather.

Information about class cancellations/closings will be relayed to radio and TV as soon as the decision has been announced. Messages will be broadcast on TV-5, TV-12, TV-25, WGER, WHNN, WKNX, WKYO, WIDL, WMPX, WBCM, WIOG, WSAM, WKCQ, WKQZ, WSGW, WWWS, WUGN, and WVOX. Station announcers are asked to make the following types of announcements:

1. "Daytime classes have been cancelled at SVSC."
2. "Evening classes have been cancelled at SVSC."
3. "Saginaw Valley State College is closed for both day and evening classes."

No announcement is made when the College is open.

The SVSC Weather/Information Line -- **790-4477** -- has taped messages about the open/closed status of campus. There are four messages. Summarized, they are:

1. Campus open as usual
2. Campus is closed for daytime classes and operations.
3. Evening classes and activities are open as usual.
4. Campus is closed for evening classes and operations.

For a full statement of the SVSC weather policy, see the SVSC Operations Manual. Instructors who are prevented by weather from reaching their classes when the campus officially is open should see the Manual for steps to be followed. Students who are prevented by weather from reaching their classes when the campus is open should report the nature of their absence to their instructor as soon as possible. Employees who are prevented by weather from reaching campus while the College is open should call their supervisors immediately to report the nature of their absence.

**Your patience and cooperation is appreciated in dealing with emergency weather situations.**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

The College will officially close beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, 1986 for the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen Monday, December 29, remain open Tuesday, December 30, but will close again at 4:30 p.m. on December 30 and remain closed through Sunday, January 4 for the New Year holiday.

All offices are to be at least minimally staffed on Monday, December 29 and Tuesday, December 30, unless prior approval has been given from the appropriate Vice President or Executive Committee member for that area to remain closed during those two days. Employees not scheduled to work on Monday or Tuesday (29 or 30) must use either vacation

or personal leave days to cover their absences.

December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1 represent the designated Christmas and New Year holidays. In addition, December 26 and January 2 also are days off that **do not have to be charged against vacation or personal leave time.** Employees who are bargaining unit members have these additional two days provided for in their contracts, and the College is extending the same benefit to other employees.

The Admissions Office will follow the closing period outlined above, with the exception of also opening for

Friday, January 2 from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. The Library, as previously announced, will be closed from December 14 through January 4 in anticipation of moving into the new Library facilities, and will reopen for business on January 5.

In order to process the December 26 payroll, time-cards should be submitted to regular pick-up points by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 15. This means that hours worked from December 15-19 will have to be estimated. Paychecks for December 26 will be delivered on December 19, and **can be cashed on December 19.** Mail runs will be made as normal on December 29 and December 30 by the Mailroom.

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**PERSONNEL**

ADMISSIONS CLERK: full time position (temporary) to replace employee on a leave of absence. Grade Level 4, starting pay: \$5.92/hour. Hours of work: 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday.

SENIOR ACCOUNTING CLERK, Controller's Office: full time, permanent (replacement) in the Payroll function. Grade Level 4, \$5.92/hour.

All internal applications should be submitted to the Personnel Office no later than Thursday, December 4, 1986.

For further information about these positions, contact the Personnel Office at ext. 4112.

Saginaw Valley State College is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer.

**HIGH FIVE**

--The Lady Cardinal **basketball** team handed a 64-56 defeat to defending Canadian National Champion University of Toronto. Sophomore forward Trina Sanders scored 14 points and added 14 rebounds for SVSC. The victory was the 49th straight at home for the Lady Cards. Up next are two road games against Findlay College of Ohio on Friday, and the University of Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday.

--The **men's basketball** team suffered a disappointing loss to Tri-State University, Indiana, last week. The 75-66 defeat left the Cardinals with a 1-2 record. Senior guard Devaroe Bridges leads SVSC in scoring after three games with a 16.0 point average. The men's home opener will be Saturday,

December 6, at 3:00 p.m. against Siena Heights.

--**Cardinal athletic passes** are available at the Athletic Center for admission to home basketball games. All full-time faculty and staff can receive a complimentary season pass upon request. "All-Sports" passes issued for the football season are valid for all home athletic events.

**EVENTWATCH**

Dec. 2-5...Art Show: Detroit Printmakers Consortium  
Dec. 5...Gospel Choir Concert  
Dec. 5...Film: "Xala"  
Dec. 6...MBB v. Siena Heights  
Dec. 7..."Wigilia"  
Dec. 8...MBB v. St. Mary's  
Dec. 9...Christmas Concert

For times & details  
see monthly calendar or  
call Information Services

**TRANSITIONS**

This column lists several staff changes that occurred in November, along with five custodians hired earlier.

**Promotions/Transfers**

--Ms. Donna Alward has been promoted within the Library to Reference Technical Assistant.

--Ms. Jackie Goldman has been promoted within the Controller's Office to Administrative Secretary.

--Ms. Cheryl Hoard, formerly in the Office of Public Safety, has transferred to the Office of Academic Support Services.

**New Staff**

--Ms. Cathleen Carr, hired as Custodian, third shift.

--Mr. James Cook, hired as Custodian, third shift.

--Mr. Arthur Espitia, hired as Custodian, third shift.

--Mr. Noel Garcia, hired as Shipping/Receiving Clerk in the Bookstore.

--Mrs. Barbara A. Kiertzner, named Certification Officer in the School of Education. Kiertzner earned a BME from Pittsburgh State University, Pittsburgh, Kansas. She has an MAT from SVSC.

--Ms. Phyllis Martin, hired as Custodian, third shift.

--Ms. Mary Ann Shaw, Teacher's Assistant in the Children's Center. Shaw holds an A.A. and a B.S. in Child Development from Ferris State College.

--Ms. Cecilia A. Simons, Media Coordinator in the Office of Information Services. Simons received a B.A. in journalism

from CMU.

--Ms. Nancy Stanifer, hired as Administrative Secretary to the Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Control. Stanifer presently is completing requirements for a B.A. degree from SVSC. She has served as a work-study student in the Office of the President since June of 1985.

--Ms. Janice Thomas, hired as Custodian, third shift.

--Ms. Valarie Taylor, Senior Faculty Secretary, Brown Hall.

**Leaving**

--Mr. William Anspach, Coordinator of Instructional Services, from Computer Services.

--Ms. Hope Soto, Administrative Secretary, from Office of Information Services.

**KIERTZNER ACCEPTS TEACHER CERTIFICATION POST AT SVSC**

Mrs. Barbara A. Kiertzner has been appointed to the position of Certification Officer in the School of Education. She began her duties November 17 on a year-round half-time basis.

Kiertzner is responsible for advising undergraduates and graduate students regarding requirements for earning teaching certificates and teaching endorsements. She also will recommend to the Michigan Department of Education individuals who have completed requirements and are eligible for a teaching certificate or endorsement.

Kiertzner earned a BME degree from Pittsburgh State University, Pittsburgh,

Kansas, and a Master of Arts in Teaching from SVSC. She holds state teaching certificates from Michigan, Kansas and Missouri. She has served as an adjunct professor for SVSC's School of Education, and she has 13 years of classroom teaching experience.

According to Dr. Kenneth De Pree, interim dean of education, Kiertzner's appointment will enable SVSC to provide a higher level of service to persons seeking certification or endorsement. Previously, the certification officer's duties were combined with supervision of student teaching.

Dr. Kenneth Wahl, professor of education, will serve as supervisor of student teaching.

**BRIEFLY SPEAKING**

--The SVSC Children's Center will provide **day care** for parents wishing to study for finals on Saturday, Dec. 6. A \$1 paid reservation is due in either the Evening Services or Campus Activities office by Weds., Dec. 3. Organized activities for the children include games, films, Christmas crafts and a bag lunch. This opportunity for inexpensive study time for SVSC students with children is sponsored by the Children's Center, Student Government, Evening Services, Intramurals and Campus Activities.

--Faculty, staff, students and friends are invited to a **Christmas party** sponsored by Program Board on Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in lower Doan. Admission is donation of a can of food to fill SVSC's giant stocking. The collected food will be given to the needy. For information, call ext. 4170.

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### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

--A Gospel Choir concert will take place at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5 in the SVSC Theatre. For ticket information, call extension 4159.

--"Xala," a savage and funny satire of modern Africa, will be shown by the **Valley Film Society** Friday, Dec. 5 in the Wickes Hall lecture theatre. Pro-rated memberships are available at the door. For details, call ext. 4332.

--"Country Spectacular," a country music extravaganza, is scheduled at 7:00 p.m., Sat., Dec. 13, in the Cardinal Gymnasium. For ticket information call ext. 4348.

--"Empathy: Humanism in the Workplace," a workshop for secretarial/clerical and administrative/professional employees, is scheduled from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. today in lower level Doan Center. A repeat session will be offered on Weds., Dec. 3 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the large seminar room in the Administrative Services Building. Participation is encouraged. For details, call the Personnel Office at ext. 4112.

--The SVSC University Club is offering tickets to the **Robert Goulet/Saginaw Choral Society Christmas Concert** at the Heritage Theatre on Sat., December 13. Tickets are \$15/person for Club members, \$20/person for non-members. A post-concert reception follows at the Saginaw Club. For reservations, call Jim Dwyer at extension 4200.

--Sign up for **5 on 5 Intramural Basketball** by Weds., Dec. 3. Men's and women's coed teams are accepted, and play will begin January 5. Games will be scheduled Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11. For information call ext. 4067.

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Dr. Margaret M. McLane, assistant professor of nursing, has been appointed as one of eight representatives from across the state to serve on the Public Policy Committee of the Michigan Public Health Association.

--Dr. Hong Y. Park, professor of economics, has presented papers and spoken on several recent occasions. He presented "The Causal Relationship between Basic and Nonbasic Employment in Economic Base Model" at the 33rd North American Regional Science Association meetings, Nov. 14-16 at the Hyatt on Capital Square. He also was a discussant at the session on Regional Impacts of National Budget Policy.

In August he presented "Trends in U.S. Industrial Structural Changes and Industrial Policies" at the Second International Korean Economists Conference in Seoul, Korea. The paper was published in the conference proceedings. Park also delivered a speech on the same topic to students and faculty at Kyung Hee University.

In September he chaired and participated as a discussant on an international seminar panel on "Global Human Family Looking at the 21st Century" in Seoul, Korea. He spoke to the Saginaw Landlords Assn. on Oct. 11.

Park has been nominated to serve as Vice President of the Korea-America Economic Assn. for 1987-88.

--Mr. Robert Thaler, assistant professor and chairman of the sociology department, has been named to the Social Studies Advisory Committee

for the Saginaw City Schools.

Dr. Andres G. Guerrero, adjunct professor of sociology, has had his first book, "A Chicano Theology," published by Orbis Books (c. 1987). Dr. Guerrero is Director of the Hispanic Ministries Program in the Diocese of Saginaw.

--Dr. Norman Sterchele, associate professor of education, recently spoke to the Saginaw Riverside Kiwanis Club about his experiences as an exchange professor at Shikoku Women's University in Tokushima, Japan.

--Dr. Janet E. Rubin, associate professor of communication and theatre, attended the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association on November 14-16. At the meeting, held in Chicago, Rubin presented a paper entitled "Creative Drama to Teach Decision-Making Skills with Middle School Children."

### ACROSS CAMPUS

--Students from the SVSC theatre program recently performed at the Great Lakes Theater Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Theatre educators and performers from a five state region attended the conference.

--The 1987 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" features 38 SVSC students who have been selected as national leaders. Students were selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group selected from more than 1400 colleges and universities.