March 14, 1989

THEATRE PRODUCTION TO BE FIRST-EVER MUSICAL

Many, many years ago in Arabia there lived a young man named Aladdin and his mother Arina. They didn't have much; but they had each other and that was enough to make them break into song. The Department of Communication and Theatre will break into song for the first time ever when they present the story of Aladdin and the magic genies.

SVSU's winter children's theater production is "Aladdin," by Peggy Simon Traktman. It will be performed at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 19 in the SVSU Theatre.

"SVSU's students have -- through the annual young people's production -- received training in the staging of contemporary scripts with serious subject matter, fairy tales, folk tales and story theater," said Dr. Janet Rubin, play director and professor of communication/theatre. "When this delightful version of 'Aladdin' became available, the Department of Communication and Theatre believed that this was an appropriate vehicle for our first musical production."

"Aladdin" is the tale of a young Arabian man, Aladdin, deceived by a mischievous man pretending to be his deceased father's brother, Ahmi. Aladdin's mother Arina confronts the man, who then offers to buy all her hats and help her sell many more. Aladdin, however, is tricked into locating a magic ring for Ahmi and the tale unfolds from there.

The production will be performed for area elementary students during the week preceding the public presentations.

According to Dr. William Gourd, chairman of the department of communication/theatre, the annual production for children is "the major theatrical event in the lives of thousands of elementary students in the Saginaw area."

"The plays enable SVSU to provide a significant arts experience for many youngsters who might otherwise not know the feeling of attending live theatre,"

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Fine Arts Center Commons between 5 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 16.

The reception, in honor of Dodak's selection as Speaker of the House, is hosted by Sens. James Barcia and Jerome Hart and Reps. Thomas Hickner, Roland Niederstadt and James O'Neill.

The event is open to interested members of the campus community. Tickets, which cost $50, include food and beverages and are available at the door.

**RUFIN TO ADDRESS ISSUE OF BLACKS IN SAGINAW**

Dr. Roosevelt Ruffin, SVSU's Martin Luther King Jr. distinguished visiting professor, will present a program on "Blacks in Saginaw" at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 23 in Room 109 of Brown Hall.

In addition to Ruffin's civic responsibilities to the city of Saginaw and the tri-county area, he teaches Spanish courses at SVSU. Ruffin also is instrumental in the implementation of the University's plans to recruit and retain minority students.

**ENTREPRENEURS CLUB SEeks NOMINEES FOR ANNUAL AWARDS**

Previously, the Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club has sought nominations from the business community for its annual entrepreneurial awards. This year, the group is expanding its list of sources to include the consumer. The campus community is encouraged to submit nominations.

Anyone that wishes to nominate a business or business owner for one Master Entrepreneur of the Year award and three Entrepreneurs of the Year awards should contact the entrepreneurs club in care of BIDI, extension 4048.

The award winners will be announced during a special meeting on May 10. Nomination forms and a complete list of selection criteria are available from BIDI, third floor, Wickes Hall.

**PARKING SPACE TO BE LIMITED FOR MARCH 16 CAMPUS EVENT**

Faculty are reminded to encourage students to find alternative parking on Thursday, March 16. Most of the parking spaces in Lot J will be cordoned in order to accommodate visitors for a special event. Those areas will be closed to the public from 3:30 to 8 p.m.

**STUDENT NEWSPAPER PLANS OPEN HOUSE ON MARCH 21**

The Valley Vanguard, SVSU's student newspaper, will have its second annual open house from noon to 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 21. The Valley Vanguard is located on the second floor of Wickes Hall near the south entrance.

**SCIENCE CLUB SETS MARCH 22 MEETING**

A research scientist with Dow Corning Corp. will present a discussion on "Poly (vinyl alcohol) Hydrogels in Medical Applications" during the Wednesday, March 22 meeting of the SVSU Science Club.

Dr. Daniel Graiver will begin his discussion at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Science Building.
NURSES RECEIVE BOOST THROUGH WORKSHOP

"Re-energizing Nurses for the Future" provides information on topics such as the preparation of nurses today for tomorrow; the media; professional and self images of nursing and accompanying marketing techniques; and the collegiality needed for the future.

The day-long conference, will take place Tuesday, March 14 in Wickes Lecture Hall.

The keynote speaker will be Leah L. Curtin, editor of Nursing Management. Curtin is billed as a futurist with an energizing message about nursing. She is considered an expert in the area of ethics in nursing and health care and has published widely on that as well as other topics.

Cost of the conference is $50 per person. For reservations, call extension 4163.

The seminar is co-sponsored by the Continuing Education for R.N's of SVSU and the East Central Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

-- Volunteer Services' Easter candy sale continues March 14 in the Volunteer Services Office and on March 15 in Brown Concourse. Orders may be picked up and delivered on March 23.

-- The March 15 Lunchbreak Concert will feature the "Magic of Rodgers and Hammerstein." Two Hope College professors will entertain from noon to 1 p.m. in Lower Level Doan.

Spectators may bring their own lunches or purchase one for $1.45.

-- The SVSU Bookstore is sponsoring a spring book and clothing sale, featuring half-off selected books from regular paperback stock, through March 17.

-- A Women's Work art exhibit will open in the University Art Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 19. The show, "Inner Visions," features the works of women. It runs through April 14.

-- A discussion on "Crackwise" is scheduled to take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Monday, March 20 in Lower Level Doan. Victor Hall of Detroit will talk about crack and cocaine and the dangers associated with the substances. Light refreshments and an open discussion will follow. The presentation is sponsored by Safe-Haven and the Criminal Justice Seminar class.

-- In celebration of Women's History Month, Campus Activities is sponsoring three viewings of "Still Killing Us Softly" at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., March 21 in Room 235 of Brown Hall. The film is the 1989 version of Jean Kilbourne's "Killing Us Softly: On Women and Advertising."

-- Dr. G. Alexander Ross, professor of sociology, will address "Modern Oracles and Soothsayers: An Appraisal of Population Projections," at noon, March 21 in the Student Lounge of the Zahnow Library. Light refreshments will be provided compliments of the Melvin J. Zahnow Library Lecture Series.

AROUND THE CORNER

-- Delta College's men's basketball team will compete in the national Division II tournament this weekend at the school's Pioneer Gymnasium. Delta (25-10) opens against Keystone College of La Plume, PA (26-3), Thursday, March 16 at 8:00 p.m. Delta qualified for the national tournament for the first time in the school's history by winning the NJCAA Region 12 Title, defeating last year's champions, Lansing Community College. Tickets for the three-day tournament are $2. Starting times are 1:00, 3:00, 6:00, and 8:00 p.m. For more information call Bill Ketchum at 686-9490.

AROUND TOWN

-- An opening reception for "Glass Transparencies: Sculptures in Glass" will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., April 1 in Art Kaleidoscope in Bay City. The show continues through April 29 in celebration of Michigan Glass Month. For gallery hours, call 892-8552.


COMPUTER CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

Computer Services is planning a series of instructional classes for persons interested in learning Lotus, WordPerfect and D-Base programs. Interested personnel should contact Mary Lou Taylor in Computer Services, extension 4225.
PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

-- Mrs. Rose Raynak, coordinator of off-campus programs, recently was reappointed to the Michigan State Waterways Commission by Gov. James J. Blanchard. She was among three members reappointed and three new members named to the commission. Raynak represents residents north of Town Line 16 in the Lower Peninsula. Her term expires Sept. 18, 1991.

-- Dr. Thomas Renna, professor of history, presented a paper on March 4 at the 13th annual meeting of the Mid-America Medieval Association at the University of Kansas-Lawrence. The title of the paper was "The Jews According to Pope Gregory the Great and the Late Latin Fathers."

-- Dr. Gary Thompson, associate professor of English, in May will be presenting a talk to the Bay Arts Council. Thompson plans to discuss "Recent Polish Literature: A View from Outside the Orbis Bus." Thompson spent three years as a Fulbright lecturer in Poland.

UP FOR THE SHOT -- Lady Cardinal junior guard Cindy Lyons attempts a shot over a Ferris State University opponent earlier this season. Last week the Lady Cardinals made their earliest post-season exit.

-- The Cardinal men's basketball team, seeded No. 2 in the NAIA District 23 tournament, was upset by No. 6 seed Aquinas College Monday night, March 6. Saginaw Valley finished with a 14-15 overall record.

-- The SVSU softball team, ranked No. 6 in the NAIA preseason poll, is getting mixed reviews on its spring trip. The Cards have a 7-3 overall record heading into an 8:30 p.m. Friday contest in the Spring Fling Tournament at the University of West Florida. Among the Cardinal conquests is a 7-3 win over NAIA No. 17-ranked Lander, S.C.

-- The baseball squad was bombed 11-1 at Birmingham Southern in its opener, but has reeled off four straight wins in the aftermath. The Cards dumped NCAA Division II No. 4-ranked Jacksonville State 10-3.

EVENT WATCH
Mar. 17-19..."Aladdin"  Mar. 21...Ross Speech
March 13, 1989

Governor Blanchard's recommendation for 1989-90 appropriations to SVSU influenced several of the actions taken by the Board of Control at its March meeting.

In his opening remarks, SVSU President Jack M. Ryder reminded Board members that the administration had requested a 7.9 percent increase to the current base, plus Program Revision Requests (PRR) for hiring additional faculty, building openings and computing.

The Governor's recommendation, described as a 7.5 percent increase, includes building start-up money as part of the general operating fund. No funding is recommended for other items on the PRR list, and the increase is calculated on a reduced base that omits money received from the Research Excellence Fund. (The Governor proposes switching that funding to the Department of Management and Budget for distribution.)

Ryder said the amount recommended for building openings would "fall short just for logistical (requirements) for opening the Health and Physical Education Complex." He said all Michigan public universities have united behind a request for supplemental appropriations during the current budget year for the ten institutions that are faced with opening newly constructed facilities. "If we get the supplemental for this year, that still leaves us $166,000 short. We could operate (H&PE), but it would not be at full capacity."

He said if the Governor's recommendation becomes final, the pool in the Center would not be opened; there would be daytime-only operation of the building; and labs and classrooms could not be used at night. The supplemental appropriation would alleviate the problem, but would not provide sufficient revenue for full staffing and operation.

Ryder and other SVSU representatives will testify at a House subcommittee hearing March 14 to outline budget needs for the upcoming year. On April 28 they will present similar testimony to a Senate subcommittee.

"Our hope is that some reevaluation, some reconsideration by the Legislature will be made."

Against that sobering background, Board members approved a 6.3 percent hike in room and board rates for 1989-90. Under the new rate schedule, students will pay $3,036 per year for a full, 21-meals-per-week plan. The $181 raise includes an increase from $6 to $10 in Residence Hall Association fees.

Other rates adopted totaled $2,940 annually for students choosing 15 meals per week (three meals per day, Mon. through Fri.) and $2,988 for a 14-meal plan that offers lunch and dinner seven days a week. The comparative totals for the current year are $2,765 and $2,810.

Family rates for apartment rental will jump from $385 per month to $395, a 2.6 percent increase. Rates also were established for guests, short term summer residents and conference participants.

Anticipated funding limitations also were cited as a reason for adopting modifications to admission standards. The newly approved policy requires a 2.5 GPA in college preparatory courses for "normal F.T.I.C. (First Time in College)" students, plus an "acceptable" A.C.T. or S.A.T. score for applicants age 22 and under.

Admission may be granted to students who have a minimum seven-semester GPA between 2.0 and 2.5 combined with an acceptable test score. F.T.I.C. students over 22 with lower high school GPAs and/or test scores will be required to obtain satisfactory scores on the SVSU Basic Skills Test.

The primary difference between this and earlier policies, according to Dr. William K. Barnett, who chaired a committee that proposed the modifications, is the use of A.C.T. and S.A.T.
scores as part of the admissions criteria, rather than for counseling purposes only.

Board member Joyce Woods said she supported the new procedures only because SVSU must limit enrollments to match limited resources. "We are talking about statistics, not people (with the new procedures). As a regional institution, I would like us to be inclusive, not exclusive. We should provide more exposure (to college education), not less."

Board members approved a resolution recommending to the State of Michigan's Bureau of Facilities the appointment of Harley Ellington Pierce & Yee of Southfield, MI to serve as architect for the planned Business Innovation and Professional Development Center. The process of selecting the architectural firm was described by Dr. Crystal Lange, who chaired the selection committee.

"Twenty-nine firms responded anonymously to a questionnaire," she said. "From these, six were selected." Names of the six firms were supplied to the committee, which interviewed their representatives. Lange said committee members sought an architect with special capabilities, since the proposed center calls for a telecommunications system "on the cutting edge of technology." Also, the center presents special challenges, since it must serve multiple uses by multiple user groups, she said.

Board members approved an application for a special liquor license for an event set for April 21. In related action, they approved two versions of a request for a permanent liquor license under the provisions of Public Act 207 of 1988. The legislation enables SVSU and three other public universities currently without permanent licenses to apply for them. Because Act 207 specifically mentions Doan Center as the site of conference activity, one version of the resolution includes only Doan, while the other lists the Fine Arts Center and the Health and Physical Education Center as potential sites. Board members noted that the minutes should reflect that any use of liquor at campus events must conform with both PA 207 and University regulations regarding use of liquor.

A report presented by Dr. Ralph Coppola, director of sponsored programs, summarized information about grant application and approvals. According to the report, a total of 128 proposals were submitted between May 1, 1987 and March 13, 1989. Status of some of the more recently submitted proposals is unknown.

Of the fully processed proposals, 55 received funding between May 1, 1987 and February 28, 1989, with approximately $3,145,334 awarded. Of these, 34 grant awards, for $2,442,648, were received between July 1, 1987 and June 30, 1988. This compares with 25 grants, $1,545,144 awarded, in the previous fiscal year, and 19 grants totaling $1,299,198 in 1985-86.

Coppola attributed the progressive increase to a "team effort" by various faculty and administrators. He pointed out several unique and/or highly competitive grants, such as the SafeHaven project, funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education; Project SOLVE, designed to give teams of K-12 teachers the skills and expertise to teach gifted and talented students an enriched science curriculum; and the Black River Intercounty Drain Project, used to relocate the endangered riffleshell clam.

In other action, the Board:

-- heard a report by Dean Crystal Lange on the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. Lange noted the national shortage of nurses, exacerbated by a decline in the number of students entering nursing, has been evident in this region. She indicated 16 students were admitted to SVSU's program this semester, while there are spaces for 24. Every SVSU graduate in nursing has a minimum of three job offers, she reported.

The declining enrollment trend seems to be turning around, she said. Currently there are 87 full-time students in the program, with another 18.25 full-time equivalent students. Some 75 R.N. students are taking one or more courses, and 16 students were admitted to the M.S.N. program fall semester, with 13 continuing this winter.

Future plans include increased student recruitment efforts, new course development and potential work-study programs for nursing students.

-- adopted a resolution reconciling variances in actual revenue and spending patterns with budgets for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

-- appointed Board members Ted Braun and George Ward to a nominating committee for May election of officers.

-- approved a calendar for 1989-90 Board meetings.

Note: This is an unofficial report of Board activities. Official minutes are on file in the library.