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Special Ed Endorsements Receive State Approval

Michigan's State Board of Education has given its approval to two special education endorsement programs SVSU offers to certified teachers. Completion of the programs allows current teachers to add officially-recognized endorsements to their state certification.

At its Sept. 12 meeting, the State Board approved SVSU's learning disabled and emotionally impaired programs in the area of special education at both the elementary and secondary levels. Word of the acceptance was received last week by the College of Education.

When informing the University of approval, Superintendent of Public Instruction Donald L. Bemis noted that the increased demand for special education teachers has placed a priority on preparation programs for these teachers.

Local surveys by SVSU have borne out the statewide experience. "The area of greatest teacher shortage in Michigan and nationally is in the area of special education," said Dr. David Nelson, dean of education. "We have been in contact with local school administrators and teachers for three years. We have done needs assessments and had discussions. Our decision to add the special education endorsement programs is a well researched decision based on these assessments and discussions."

Nelson said enrollments in the programs have demonstrated the demand by local teachers. He said 35 people were admitted to the programs as endorsement candidates this fall, even before final recognition of the programs was received from the state. A total of 78 students are enrolled in fall classes in special education. "That indicates that 43 other teachers also are interested in the program and likely to enroll," Nelson said.

To secure either the learning disabled or emotionally impaired endorsement, teachers must earn 30 semester hours of academic credit, said Dr. Stephen P. Barbus, assistant professor of teacher education. "In addition, teachers earning their first endorsement must student teach for 10 weeks in a special education classroom," he said. Those who choose to obtain a second endorsement take 30 credit hours in the second area and complete a practicum consisting of 180 contact hours with special education students, he said.

Barbus has had responsibility for researching and developing the SVSU special education programs. Studies indicate that approximately 10 percent of all school age children will need special services at some time because of physical, mental or emotional impairments, he found. And changes in public attitudes and state regulations are leading a trend toward placing special education children in integrated settings whenever possible.

"The 'least restrictive environment' theory brings the program to kids, instead of taking kids to the program," he said. "For this reason, many teachers are interested in adding special education endorsements to their certification."

Until the SVSU program was implemented, area teachers had to travel to Central Michigan, Oakland or Eastern Michigan universities to take classes leading to special education endorsements. Availability of the programs locally offers a convenient option to these teachers, Barbus and Nelson said.

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Homecoming Week Events

Trivia contest, 10 p.m. Tuesday, LL Doan.

Hypnotist Lee J. Ramsey, 10 p.m. Wednesday, LL Doan.

Spirit Bonfire and Cheering Contest, 10 p.m., Thursday, area by Bookstore.

Mini Lock-In, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., Friday, Ryder Center.

9 a.m. Saturday, 10th Annual Cardinal Run, Ryder Center.

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Brunch with the Bunch, LL Doan.

Noon Saturday, SVSU v. Ashland at Arthur Hill High School Stadium.
BOOKS RELATED TO EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM

The following titles are in the SVSU Bookstore's current stock. Others can be special ordered (allow two-three weeks for delivery. Purchases will be credited to your Reader's Club account.

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Zebra Mussel Workshop Attracts International Scientists

Scientists from several nations gathered at SVSU last week to study solutions to problems caused by the zebra mussel and other "introduced species." The session included some 48 researchers from Canada, the Netherlands, Scotland, the Soviet Union and U.S.

The European scientists told their American and Canadian counterparts how they have dealt with the zebra mussel, which has been discovered in several Great Lakes areas. Methods of controlling the zebra mussel's spread topped the agenda, along with ways of preventing the introduction of other species to areas outside their native habitat. Stringent standards for transfer of ship ballast water are among the measures likely to be implemented.

The SVSU conference probably will be followed by other seminars about controlling zebra mussels, according to Gilman Veith, director of the EPA's Duluth Laboratory.
Early Childhood Scholarship Winner Announced

Darlene Friday's aspirations to teach four-year-old children identified as being "at risk" has received a boost, thanks to funds provided by the Mid-Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children.

Friday, a graduate student in SVSU's master of arts in teaching (MAT) early childhood program, has been awarded a $500 scholarship to assist with her studies. The award was announced by the Early Childhood Scholarship Committee and the College of Education.

"The Mid-Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children generously provided funds for the establishment of a scholarship to promote early childhood education in Michigan," said Dr. Sally Edgerton, assistant professor of teacher education and chair of the ECS committee.

Friday presently teaches at Rose City Elementary School in Rose City. She hopes to teach the four-year-old "at risk" program there when she receives her Early Childhood endorsement from SVSU. A resident of Sterling, Friday earned a bachelor of arts in elementary education from SVSU in December of 1988.

Foundation Elects Officers

The Saginaw Valley State University Foundation recently elected officers for the 1990-91 fiscal year. Martha G. Arnold of Midland will chair the organization for the upcoming year. She replaces Robert Walpole of Cass City.

Arnold, an accomplished musician, has a distinguished record of service to community arts programs. She received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree from Saginaw Valley State University in 1984.

Other 1990 officers are Melvin J. Zahnow, Saginaw, second vice chair and Thomas H. Mutton, Bay City, secretary. Zahnow, who holds an honorary degree from SVSU and was a member of its first board of control, was secretary of the Foundation board during 1989-90. President Eric Gilbertson serves as first vice chair of the Foundation, while Jerry A. Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs, is treasurer.

Re-elected to serve on the Foundation executive board were Dr. Richard H. Gilmore and B. J. Humphreys, both of Saginaw. They will serve four-year terms. Newly elected to a four-year term on the board was Gerald Hornsby of Midland.

A resolution of appreciation for five years of service on the Foundation board was extended to Patsy H. Schwartz of Bay City.

The SVSU Foundation seeks to secure financial support for scholarships, program, facilities and special projects of the University. Volunteers from SVSU and the community are involved in planning, decision-making and fund raising efforts of the Foundation.

Briefly Speaking

- The second program of the Humanities Lecture Series takes place at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 in the Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center. David Turrill will speak on "The Chippewa Indians: Their Culture and Contributions." The next session will be presented by Jean Beach on Oct. 9. Call ext. 4267 for a brochure.

- SVSU Weight Watchers meet at noon Wednesdays in 257 Ryder Ceter. Call Gloria Hansen at ext. 4272 for more information.

- The Valley Film Society will present Lies My Father Told Me at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 in the SVSU Theatre. For membership information, call ext. 4015.

- The University Art Gallery features the Ninth Annual Alma College Statewide Print Competition beginning Oct. 8. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday and 9-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

- The next Zahnow Library tour is 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9. Call Julie Voelck, ext. 5635, for more information.

- Leadership One-Shots continue with a 5:15-6 p.m. session Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the Alumni Lounge. Cindy Staley, hall director, will present tips for "Planning Successful Events."

- The Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club will conduct its monthly meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 in lower level Doan Center. Call ext. 4048 for details.
Professional Profile

— Dr. Jean E. Brown, professor of teacher education, has been elected as the Region 4 representative to the SLATE Steering Committee on Social and Political Concerns of the National Council of Teachers of English. SLATE (Support for the Learning and Teaching of English) is the non-profit action wing of NCTE. Representatives of the steering committee are elected by the national membership. Brown will serve a three-year term beginning at the close of the fall 1990 convention in Atlanta. Region 4 includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and the province of Manitoba. Brown has served as Michigan SLATE representative since 1984.

— Dr. Barron Hirsch, professor of art, has been chosen by the Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena to jury the 1990 Northeast Michigan Artists Juried Exhibition. He will select the works to be included in the show and award all prize money. This represents the seventh Michigan area art competition in which Hirsch has served as juror. Others include the 1990 Grand Rapids Annual Juried Art Competition, the 1989 Annual Tawas Bay Art Show, the 1987 Mt. Pleasant Annual Juried Art Exhibit, the 1986 Ann Arbor Statewide Multimedia Competition, the 1980 Saginaw Annual Regional Art Exhibit and the 1976 Owosso Area Art Competition.

EveryBody’s Wellness News

The SVSU Wellness Committee is continuing to plan and coordinate activities designed to promote physical, mental and emotional wellness in the campus community. Several subcommittees have been formed to implement various aspects of the committee’s work.

Among its goals, the committee expects to make its scope broad enough to appeal to the diverse members of the SVSU faculty and staff, according to publicity chair Lynda Donner, assistant to the director of personnel. "While the committee will initiate some of the wellness activities available to faculty and staff, activities planned by other campus units also may be endorsed by the committee as promoting wellness in some way," she said.

All committee-planned or endorsed activities will qualify participants to receive punches on their fitness cards. Incentive awards are presented to persons who fill their cards.

A mini-version of the "Something for EveryBody" slogan is being developed to identify activities with the Wellness Committee's seal of approval. Watch for this symbol on posters, flyers and Interior articles. Persons planning activities that relate to or would support wellness concepts are encouraged to call Donner at ext. 4109 for information on securing committee endorsement.

High Five

— The Cardinal football team had NCAA Division II No. 3-ranked Grand Valley State on the ropes Saturday. The Cards trailed 10-7 entering the final quarter, but fell by a 23-7 margin. SVSU is 2-3 overall and in MIFC.

Sophomore Becky Duda won for the ninth time in 13 women's cross country races at the Monarch Invitational Friday, leading SVSU to a third-place finish. The men's cross country team finished second, led by junior Jeff Boks' runner-up finish in 25:35.

The volleyball team has lost five straight matches and has a 4-8 overall record and 1-5 GLIAC mark.

The women's tennis team lost to Hillsdale Saturday, 7-2, and is 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the GLIAC.
If McDonald's and other fast-food restaurants are successful with their recycling programs, Bob Wolfgram's routine could change.

Among the many tasks he performs in an effort to keep SVSU's campus in presentation form is the chore of removing litter from the grounds. He refers to this process as the "junk run" — and much of what he removes from parking lots, lawns and roadsides is wrappers from fast-food eateries.

"There is a lot of it," he says. The discarded items, along with other debris, go into dumpsters for pick up by a local trash removal service.

Other tasks performed by the 11-year veteran include set-up for events and an occasional assist with office moves. "Once in a while I get a chance to move furniture and help move people around campus," he says. The moves have occurred more frequently in recent years as numerous buildings sprang up. Only the core of our present campus was in place when Wolfgram was hired in August 1979.

Back then, Wolfgram often pruned shrubs and trees. Now that is done by other people. However, the job of keeping campus lawns mowed and tended still is part of Wolfgram's regular chores. During a period of frequent showers, that can be quite demanding.

And the grass-grooming will be even more daunting when the Bay Road retention pond is finished, Wolfgram says. During the early years of SVSU's development, the space between the pine bosk and front entrance frequently was rented to local farmers for cropland. With the new landscaping in place, the entire area will require mowing and maintenance, Wolfgram notes.

"My biggest problems are when our lawn-mowing equipment breaks down," he says. "Seems like that equipment has a mind of its own. It's most likely to break when the grass is the longest."

While Wolfgram doesn't have to repair the lawnmowers, the breakdowns interrupt his schedule.

When winter puts an end to lawn maintenance, Wolfgram shifts from cutting grass to clearing snow. He drives over the walkways, sweeping them clean with a rotary broom.

"Bob is a valued member of the Grounds Department," says Physical Plant Director Frank Snyder. "He can be seen nearly every summer day driving his red Toro tractor mowing somewhere on campus, continuously on the move, seldom stopping except maybe to talk to his foreman."

"In winter he is most often seen driving the big International tractor with the rotary broom. Bob says little, never complains and is just a steady worker day in and day out. He wants to help out wherever help is needed," Snyder concludes.