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December 4, 1990

## **Pair of Holiday Parties Usher Christmas Season at SVSU**

The SVSU community got an early start on Christmas with a family party at Ryder Center Sunday. Students, faculty, staff and families gathered to enjoy fellowship, food and a host of activities.

The afternoon festivities included a Christmas sing-along, face painting and a Christmas crafts station. The Center's recreational facilities were open free of charge. While some chose to plunge into the holiday spirit with a brisk swim in the pool, others played racquetball or basketball.

For the kids, a variety of activities and games were topped off by a photo opportunity and a hot dog dinner with Saint Nicholas.

The offices of Student Affairs, Campus Activities and Orientation, and Housing and Residential Life, along with the Athletic Department, sponsored the affair.

Folks who missed the Sunday party — and those who didn't — have another opportunity for merriment later this week.

The period between 4 and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 has been set aside for a Holiday Get-Together in the first floor registration area of Wickes Hall. You can enjoy holiday treats and music and meet with campus friends. The Campus Activities and Orientation Office suggests bringing plates of cookies to share.

For more information about the December 6 party or to let party planners know you'll bring cookies, call ext. 4170.

## **Concert, Chamber Choirs & Collegium Combine in Concert**

If you're among those who equate traditional carols and holiday music with the Christmas season, mark Sunday, Dec. 9 on your calendar. The SVSU Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and Early Music Collegium will join forces at 4 p.m. that afternoon to create the sounds of Christmases past and present.

The "Music of Christmas" concert takes place at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 103 E. Midland Rd. in Bay City.

A wide variety of music makes up the concert program. Selections include *Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light* by J.S. Bach; *Rejoice! Christ is Born of Mary*, a medieval melody; *Ave Maria* by Schubert; MacGimsey's *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*; and the traditional *Silent Night*, among others.

Featured will be a rendition of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Soloists who will perform are: sopranos, Jerry Dambro, Leah Mueller and Elizabeth Tod; altos, Dannielle Laudermitch and Ebone Madyun; tenors, Joe Holliday and John Rickert; and Steve Worden, bass.

"We are grateful to Westminster Presbyterian Church for allowing us the use of its beautiful sanctuary for our concert," said Dr. Eric Nisula, director of the choirs and Collegium.

Tickets for the event are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. They are available at the door or may be reserved by calling ext. 4159.

## **HOLIDAY CHARI-TREE**

The Office of Campus Activities and Orientation is encouraging campus clubs, offices and departments to help decorate a Holiday Chari-tree by making a charitable donation. Rather than exchanging office or club gifts, record your donation and your group's name on a paper ornament that will be available near the tree. The tree will be in the registration area, first floor Wickes from Dec. 6-21. Call ext. 4170 for more information.

### RECYCLE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Double the life of your Christmas cards, help preserve our environment and assist a children's organization — all with one simple step. The Office of Campus Activities and Orientation is joining with Forever Green, an SVSU student organization chartered to increase environmental responsibility, to recycle used Christmas Cards. Your used cards, brought to the activities office in Doan before January 15, will be forwarded to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Nevada. The cards are reused for fundraising purposes.

### Photo Competition Juror Announced

Kent Kirby, professor emeritus at Alma College, has been chosen as juror for the Latent Image Photo Competition. The selection was announced by Hideki Kihata, assistant professor of art.

Kirby was a professor in art and chairman of Alma's Department of Art and Design from 1962 until this year. He received an M.F.A. from the University of Michigan, an M.A. from the University of North Dakota and a B.A. from Carleton College.

A frequent speaker and juror, Kirby also presents workshops. Most recently he held a workshop in collotype printing at the University of Michigan. Kirby also has exhibited at numerous galleries and museums nationally. Recent showings include Central Michigan University, Lamar Dodd Art Center in LaGrange, Georgia, and the University of Texas at San Antonio.



### December 3 - 7 World AIDS Awareness Week

December 3 through 7 has been designated as World AIDS Awareness Week, a week in which everyone is asked to take part in combatting this worldwide epidemic. The Student Affairs staff is heading SVSU efforts to learn more about the problem and its control.

A display in Brown Concourse on December 3 presented information about AIDS. Those who viewed it could learn that AIDS affects everyone — men, women and children alike. No one is immune.

Eight to 10 million adults are said to be infected with the HIV virus that causes AIDS, and the number is mushrooming. By 1992, over four million children, including about one million infected by mothers with HIV, will have been born. In the 1990s, over 10 million children will be orphaned as a result of deaths from AIDS.

The University 101 presentation on Wednesday, Dec. 5 will focus on AIDS information. It takes place at 10 p.m. in lower level Doan.

Faculty are asked to devote some class time to educating students about AIDS. A suggested approach is to mention the effect AIDS will have in relationship to the discipline each teaches.

"Let's all do our part in the war against this killer disease," asks Dean of Student Affairs Richard P. Thompson.

### Nominations Sought for 1991-92 KCP Visiting Professor

Dr. Roosevelt S. Ruffin, director of Multicultural Programs/Affirmative Action, is seeking nominations of individuals who might serve as the King/Chavez/Parks visiting professor for the 1991-92 academic year. "This program offers the possibility to bring an outstanding minority professor/scholar to our campus," Ruffin said. "Your involvement will be extremely useful in extending the invitation to someone who might serve as a special guest to enrich the offerings of your division."

Ruffin asks that you forward recommendations to his office in time for a January 1991 decision.

# ★ STAFF MEMBER of the MONTH ★

## SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

**Angelita  
Torrez**

**Director,  
Academic  
Support  
Services**

**December  
1990**

Angie Torrez says she grew up with the pine trees that line Fox Drive's west boundary. She joined the SVSU staff in 1973 when the seedling trees were just getting established.

At the time she really didn't anticipate staying with the institution for 17 years and more. "I never thought I would be here all this time," she smiles. "But every time I got to the point where I felt I needed a change, something happened."

"In 1980 I became director of Academic Support Services. Then for two years in the mid-1980s I served as director of Affirmative Action in addition to my other responsibilities. Then we got into planning (renovation of) first floor Wickes Hall. I feel that you have to see these things through."

Her commitment and continued dedication to the University led to Torrez' selection as December Staff Member of the Month. She also was cited for willingness to serve on numerous committees and working extra hours with several other offices to develop and coordinate new programs.

Among those innovations is SVSU's Learning Assistance Center. The center offers a variety of services — tutoring, writing assistance, math and reading labs, study skills seminars — in a central location. "I am very proud of it," Torrez says. "The concept was introduced well over ten years ago. In the fall of 1988 it be-

came reality when we moved to first floor Wickes and had the facilities that were necessary for these services. It is like a dream come true."

Torrez gives credit to a skilled and dedicated staff for keeping pace with the high level of activity in their daily office routine. "The most important thing we provide is academic advising and counseling," she believes. "We counsel both undecided students and those who have declared majors. We work with the students to make sure that they are taking the courses they need and taking them in the proper sequence."

Although recent changes in the method of establishing class schedules have increased flexibility in meeting demands for required courses, Torrez and staff still encounter difficulties in developing "ideal" schedules for individual students. "We may recommend a specific schedule for the semester and find that the student is unable to get into those classes. Then we must rework the schedule," she notes.

Torrez' office also handles the Basic Skills testing program. "We work with students on academic preparation."

Torrez has served on a number of committees, including the Honors Program for over seven years. She was a member of the Basic Skills committee and "one of the many General Education committees." More recently she worked with other campus units to develop the first annual SVSU Summer Challenge program for under-prepared high school graduates applying to SVSU.

"The success of the students in the program, and her pride in their accomplishments, put a special sparkle in Angie's eyes, said Richard P. Thompson, dean of student affairs. She got a lot of satisfaction from becoming almost a second mother to those kids. Parents expressed their appreciation, and the program was commended by the SVSU administration, Board of Control and local media."

"Angie has a record of service to SVSU that speaks for itself," Thompson added.



## ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY INFORMATION

*(Please keep a copy at home.)*

Adverse weather conditions, especially those associated with Michigan winters, may affect the normal operations of the University. The decision to cancel classes and/or close the main campus will be made by the vice president for administration 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 a.m. for day classes (those beginning before 4 p.m.) and by 2 p.m. for evening classes.

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 2,000 square miles and weather conditions rarely are uniform throughout 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 SVSU 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, WBCM, WGER, WHNN, WIDL, WKNX, WKYO, WMPX, WIOG, WSAM, WKCQ, WKQZ, WSGW, WTLZ, WUGN and WXOX. Station announcers are asked to make the following types of announcements:

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

No announcement is made when the University is open.

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

1. Campus is 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 SVSU weather policy, see the *SVSU Operations Manual*.

Instructors who are prevented by weather from reaching their classes when the campus is officially open should consult the *Operations 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 instructors as soon as possible. Employees who are prevented by weather from reaching campus while the University 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.**

## Translators Sought

Dr. Robert C. Braddock, director of international programs, is seeking persons willing to translate letters. Volunteers with fluency in any of several languages are sought. Persons interested in assisting are asked to contact Braddock at ext. 4473.

## Optics and Holography Hosting Open House

The campus community is invited to view optics laboratory facilities in room 332 Pioneer Hall at an open house set for 4-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. Student experiments, projects and work, along with teaching materials and holograms, will be on display. Professor of Physics Frank Chen and the students will be on hand to discuss their work. For more information, contact Chen at ext. 4137.

## Children's Hour Extended; Kids Night Continues

Because of its success, the Saturday morning Children's Hour will continue through winter semester with extended hours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program was designed to involve the children of SVSU campus community members in constructive play and to provide non-traditional students with free time to study or run errands.

The Children's Hour is coordinated by Jenneth Woiderski, a sophomore student. It is sponsored by the Office of Campus Activities and Orientation. For more information, call ext. 4170.

Another service offered SVSU parents is "Kids Night" at Ryder Center. Children can spend an evening at the center under direct supervision of SVSU's volleyball team members while parents shop or spend quality time together. The program runs from 6 to 10 p.m. and costs \$6 for the first child and \$4 for siblings. Call ext. 7300 for more information.

## Blood Donors Thanked

Gloria Hansen thanks the 87 people who helped the November 28 blood drive exceed its goal. "Plan ahead for our January 28, 1991 drive," she asks. "Let's try for a record 100!"

## Briefly Speaking

-- **Bake Sale**, Zahnow Corridor, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **Popcorn Sale**, Brown Concourse, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., both Wednesday, Dec. 5.

-- The Bilingual and Migrant Parent Advisory Council will conduct its 5th annual **Awards and Recognition Ceremony** at the Sheraton Fashion Square on Thursday, Dec. 6.

-- **The Valley Film Society** will show *The River* at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 in the SVSU Theatre. This 1951 movie is an adaptation of the Rumer Godden novel about English children growing up in Bengal. For membership information, call ext. 5624.

-- A Christmas party for area children will be sponsored by the **Progressive Students Organization** Saturday, Dec. 8 in Doan Center. For more information, call ext. 5663.

-- **Fall Semester classes end December 8!**

The campus will close beginning 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 and reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2. Holidays for employees are Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1. Paid personal days will be granted Dec. 26 and 27. Vacation, personal leave or unpaid time should be scheduled for Dec. 28.

## FAMILY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS THANKED

A record number of family members attended 1990 Family Festival Day, making it a huge success. Nearly 700 people participated in on-campus activities and 2,000 fans attended the football game. The Office of Campus Activities and Orientation extends thanks to the following groups and individuals for assistance:

Tina Ballard	Jade Boling	Brent Boyce
Martin Berg	Wes Butterfield	Marilyn Boyd
Cheri Chapdelaine	Janice Cummins	Brian Dick
Anthony Collier	Dante Elmore	Alicia Douglas
Kelli Fauble	Rob Gordon	Frank Foley
Larry Hess	Matt Hufnagel	Marco Hernandez
Karen Ignasinski	Sue Hooper	Aimee Lansky
Carey Layer	Tori Marx	Sandi Miller
Teri Miner	Kristin Marshall	Lisa Marker
Judy Ostroske	John Ostroske	Erin Starrine
Diane Shank	Carie St. George	Craig Jolley
Troy Toro	LynnSue Thornton	Bryan Wertz
Jenneth Woiderski	Lara Wise	Leonard Adams
Gary Apsey	Bob Becker	Jim Dwyer
Sally Edgerton	William Barnett	John Flores
Eldon Graham	Diana Gutierrez	Mary Graiver
Eric Gilbertson	Bill Healy	Kim McDonald
George Ihler	Brenda Lee	Mary Reif
Hong Park	Dee Storey	Merry Jo Starrine
Patti Tucker	Richard Thompson	Norma Zivich
Robert Yien	Volunteer Services	Football Team
Hispanic Student Assn.	Campus Dining	Physical Plant
Women's Volleyball team	Public Safety	Bookstore
M. Fredericks Gallery	University Gallery	Information Services

... and all others, including the family members, who helped make Family Festival Day a fun and memorable occasion.

## Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred since the *Faculty/Staff Directory* was distributed. Please make the necessary changes in your copy.

### New Staff

-- **Ms. Ann Marie Fouchea** (ext. 4140), parking bureau clerk (replacement), Public Safety.

-- **Ms. Deborah K. Marsh** (ext. 4216), payroll clerk (replacement), Controller's Office.

-- **Ms. Cynthia L.B. Woiderski** (ext. 4168), substance abuse prevention specialist (replacement), Student Services. B.S.W, Central Michigan University.

### Professional Profile

-- **Dr. William K. Barnett**, dean of arts and behavioral sciences, and **Dr. Thomas E. Kullgren**, dean of science, engineering and technology, presented a paper on "Formula Funding in Arts and Sciences Budgets" at the annual meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences in New Orleans November 17.

-- **Dr. Judith Hill**, associate professor of philosophy, has been appointed to the Ethics Committee at St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw.

-- **Dr. Michael J. Sovansky**, associate professor of business law, recently was honored by the Legal Services of Eastern Michigan as "Pro Bono, Attorney of the Year." Sovansky received the recognition at the organization's annual dinner held at the Saginaw Civic Center November 28.

-- **Dr. Donald E Wiseman**, professor of accounting, will publish "Holding Loss/Gain as an Alternative to EPS Dilution" in the December issue of *Accounting Horizons*. This journal is one of two quarterly publications by the American Accounting Association. Wiseman's article provides the theoretical and operational bases for a complete revamping of what is called earnings per share accounting.

-- **Faculty from the College of Education** participated in a one-day conference on "Infusing Multicultural Perspectives into Teacher Education." The conference, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Colleges of Teacher

Education, was held at Michigan State University. **Dr. Elaine Stephens**, professor of teacher education, chaired the planning committee for the conference and served as a focus group facilitator. **Dr. Raquel Ontiveros**, interim director of the Bilingual/Bicultural Education Center, also served as a focus group facilitator. Others in attendance were **Pat Dalman**, adjunct faculty; **Dr. Ervin Sparapani**, associate professor of teacher education; and **Dr. Kenneth R. Wahl**, professor of teacher education.

### Across Campus

-- Condolences are extended to James W. Nesbitt, track and cross country coach, and his family on the recent death of his mother.

-- Congratulations to Gary Apsey, director of placement, cooperative education and counseling services, and Tina Schmidt, personnel assistant, on their recent marriage!

-- Best wishes to Craig Snook, publications specialist, and his wife, Jill, on the birth of a son. Unfortunately little Steven Craig was born with a heart defect requiring surgery. He is at the University of Michigan Children's Hospital, and the SVSU community joins in wishing a successful outcome.

### High Five

-- Junior center **Bill Vitti** was named GLIAC "Player of the Week" after leading the **men's basketball** team to four straight wins. The Cardinals (4-1) won 70-60 at Spring Arbor, 88-65 at Concordia and returned home Saturday for an 81-63 win over Aquinas.

The **Lady Cardinal basketball** team (4-1) also has a four-game win streak, including three home wins last week. SVSU beat Tri-State, 68-62; Central State, 78-66; and St. Cloud, 70-66. The Cards set a school-record by hitting eight three-pointers in the win over St. Cloud with sophomores **Roscann Rutledge** and **Lisa Anderson** tying the school standard with three triples each. SVSU's first five opponents combined for a .758 winning percentage last season.

Leading scorer **Becky Hackert** took an elbow in the face and suffered a broken jaw in the victory over Central State. She missed one game but is expected to play Sat. when SVSU opens GLIAC play by hosting Ferris State.