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University Art Gallery Receives Woodblock Print Collection

A military assignment that led to a lifelong interest in Japanese woodblock prints soon will benefit the SVSU community.

A sizeable collection of the popular Japanese artform collected by Dr. Louis W. Doll has been contributed to SVSU and will provide material for a series of exhibits in the University Art Gallery, according to gallery director Barron Hirsch. Hirsch notes that the contributed prints are an excellent "study collection" for persons interested in learning more about Japanese culture and history.

"The collection is particularly appropriate to a university, especially one that has links to Japan," he said. "This collection is useful because of our connection with Tokushima and Shikoku Women's University. It will provide a further link between our university and Tenri University as well, and will express our continuing interest in Japanese art and culture."

Hirsch, who has studied the medium intensively, explained that woodblock printing became a major medium of artistic expression in Japan during the Edo period (1603-1868). Woodblock prints, hand produced in large editions, supplied the middle class demand for images that would record the pleasures and beauty of everyday life.

"These prints describe the life style and interests of the people," Hirsch said. "They illustrate their literature, poetry and theater. They record the natural beauty of the land. And they show the transformation of Japan from a small isolated feudal society to a modern technologically advanced culture."

The Doll collection concentrates on prints from the late Edo and the Meiji periods, spanning works from 1850 to 1920. They were assembled during Doll's 1946-50 assignment as librarian and archivist of the historical section, General Headquarters, Tokyo. Later he taught at Nihon University, Toyko's largest private university.

A native of Chelsea, Michigan, Doll has resided in Bay City since the early 1950s. He holds A.B., A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in medieval and constitutional history from the University of Michigan and is the author of two books and numerous articles.

Dr. Louis W. Doll (center below) recently contributed an extensive collection of Japanese woodblock prints to SVSU. With him are Mrs. Yoko Mossner (L), who was instrumental in arranging the gift, and Dr. Barron Hirsch, director of the University Art Gallery. A group of the prints will be on display in the gallery March 12-28.
Career Exploration Day Set

Some 50 area employers will set up booths in Brown Concourse Wednesday, Feb. 20 for SVSU's 11th annual Career Exploration Day. Gary Apsey, director of placement, cooperative education and counseling services, coordinates the event.

"Career Exploration Day serves to bring employers to our campus to share information on the qualifications needed to work in their organization or industry," Apsey notes. "It allows students to know local organizations and the expectations that employers have."

Apsey is seeking assistance from faculty and staff in making the day a success. "There are two ways you can assist us with this program," he says. "One, we would like you to be available to talk with employers during the day.

"A Continental breakfast will be served for employers and faculty members between 10 and 11 a.m. in the Counseling Center, 117 Wickes Hall. This is an excellent opportunity for faculty to meet area employers."

"Secondly, we would appreciate your assistance in reinforcing the Career Exploration Day message to your students." Apsey indicates that each currently enrolled student received an invitation to the event. A reminder from faculty will encourage students to take advantage of the opportunity, he believes.

For more information about Career Exploration Day, call Apsey's office at ext. 4291.

Feb. Cooperative Education Month

Governor John Engler has proclaimed February "Cooperative Education Month."

The cooperative education program offers students an opportunity to gain on-the-job experience in their chosen field while earning money toward college expenses. It is a nationwide program.

Gov. Engler's declaration says in part, "Whereas, educated and skilled employees will ensure a competent and qualified workforce in the United States, ready and able to perform in today's competitive world marketplace; and

Whereas, cooperative education has taken the responsibility for a partnership between business and education uniquely suited to establish a focus and an agenda for student curriculum; and

Whereas, cooperative education contributes in many ways to education and to the world of work by increasing workplace productivity, lowering the drop-out rate, raising test scores and grade averages, lowering unemployment rates, retraining displaced workers, raising self-esteem and encouraging motivation and career planning; .......

Now, therefore, I, John Engler, Governor of the State of Michigan, hereby proclaim February 1991 as Cooperative Education Month in Michigan."

Evaluations of SVSU's Write-to-Learn program have shown that students and faculty differ in their perceptions of student writing ability. An analysis of possible causes for this gap, performed by Dr. Kay Harley, professor of English, provided the basis for a pair of open forums Monday, Feb. 11. The campus community was invited to participate in the discussions sponsored by the English department.
Delta Players Coming to SVSU

The Delta College version of the hit Broadway play Your Arms Too Short to Box with God is coming to SVSU Thursday, Feb. 21. The presentation takes place at 7 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre.

Part of Black History Month observances, the performance is sponsored by SVSU's Office of Minority Services. No admission fee will be charged, but donations of money or canned goods will be accepted for distribution to needy families through a charitable organization.

For more information, contact Wardene Talley, director of minority services, at ext. 5663.

Bookstore Features Black History Month Discounts

As a feature observing Black History Month, the SVSU Bookstore is offering selected titles at a 20 percent discount during February. The list includes books by and about black personalities, as well as writings on black issues.

List price of the books ranges from $3.95 to $24.95, with some 32 titles offered at the discount price. Authors include James Baldwin, Angela Davis, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Nelson Mandela, among others. Titles range from the traditional Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington to Looking for a Rain God: An Anthology of Contemporary African Short Stories, edited by Nadezda Obradovic.

For more information about this special offer, contact the bookstore at ext. 4277.

Commencement Regalia Orders Due

Spring Commencement will take place Saturday, May 4, and the campus community is encouraged to participate as graduates celebrate their achievements.

Academic regalia may be ordered through the SVSU Bookstore. Order forms were distributed last week. Faculty and staff are asked to submit the forms to the Bookstore, indicating plans for attendance as well as information needed for ordering regalia.

If you have ordered regalia in the past, your measurements probably are on file. Otherwise, or if there have been changes, you should complete the form. Bookstore staff can assist those who have questions about sizes or information on file. Call ext. 4277 or stop during open hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Briefly Speaking

- SVSU at Tabernacle Baptist Church, today, Feb. 12 as part of Black Heritage Celebration. Rev. London addresses the importance of the church, community and schools working together. For information, call ext. 5663.

- The Zahnow Library Lecture Series features Dr. Carol Ellis speaking on "Texts of Desire: A Woman's Reading of Male Texts of Desire." Zahnow student lounge, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. Call ext. 5638 for details.

- The Valley Wind Quintet presents "Music from Czechoslovakia" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the SVSU Theatre. Quintet members Jane Bellen, Linda Hargett, Drew Hinderer, Lauren Rongo and William Wollner will be joined by guest artist Jim Hargett. Complimentary tickets are available to faculty and staff. For reservations or more information, call ext. 4159.

- "Health Yourself" Health Fair, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 13-14 in Brown Concourse. Call ext. 4272 for details.

- An Open Hearing for curriculum proposals for Honors courses will be held in 109 Brown Hall at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14.

- The Valley Film Society will present Tokyo Story, a 1953 Japanese film, on Friday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre. For membership information, call ext. 5624.

- SVSU City-wide Gospel Fest takes place at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 in the SVSU Theatre. Admission is free to the Black Heritage Celebration event sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

- Lonise Bias, mother of the late Len Bias, a University of Maryland basketball player drafted by the Boston Celtics, will speak in the SVSU Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20. Free to SVSU students; $3 for others.
Across Campus

-- Congratulations to Director of Admissions James P. Dwyer and his wife, Cheryl, on the birth of a daughter. Meredith was born Saturday, Feb. 2, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz. She was 19 inches long. The Dwyers also have a son, Sean.

-- Barbara Abeare, senior accounting clerk/cashier in the controller's office, extends thanks to members of the campus community who have expressed their concern as she recuperates from injuries suffered in an auto accident. "I thank all my friends at SVSU for all the get-well wishes, prayers and support that they have shown," she says. "I hope to see them real soon." Abeare is progressing well and looks forward to returning to work as soon as possible.

Personnel

The following positions are open to all regular employees of the University:

SR. GRANT ACCOUNTING CLERK, Controller's Office: full-time (replacement), grant-funded position. Grade level 4, $8.13/hr.

PARKING BUREAU CLERK, Public Safety: part-time (replacement). Grade level 2, $7.34/hr.

Applications for the accounting clerk's position must be received by the Personnel Office by Wednesday, Feb. 13; those for the parking bureau clerk are due by Thursday, Feb. 14. For more information, call ext. 4112.

SVSU does not discriminate based on race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical impairment, disability or Vietnam-era status in the provision of education, employment and other services.

High Five

-- SVSU and the Midland Redcoats are combining efforts to host the NCAA Division II Softball Final Four for the second straight year this May. To obtain a free, full-color poster promoting the event, contact Bob Becker (ext. 7300) or Tom Waske (4053).

The 8th annual women's and 16th annual men's GLIAC Indoor Track & Field Championships will be hosted by SVSU, Saturday, Feb. 16. The Cardinals are hosting the event for the first time in O'Neill Arena. Field events are scheduled to begin at noon, followed by running prelims at 1 p.m. The final event, the men's 1,600-meter relay, is slated for 6 p.m. and will be followed by an awards ceremony at 6:15 p.m. Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for students.

Coach Claudette Charney posted her 150th collegiate career victory as the Lady Cardinal basketball team whipped Wayne State 98-56 Saturday. The win improved SVSU to 13-10 overall and 6-6 in the GLIAC, keeping playoff hopes alive.

The men's basketball team snapped its six-game losing streak with a come-from-behind, 59-57 victory over Wayne State Saturday. The Cardinals erased a 10-point, second-half deficit to even their overall record at 11-11 and lift their GLIAC mark to 5-7.

Senior free safety David Cook was presented with a plaque and camera, compliments of the Eastman Kodak Company, at intermission of the men's basketball game Saturday. Cook became the third Cardinal to be named to the Kodak All-American football team last fall. A copy of the plaque is on display in the Ryder Center.

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Student Employment for Summer 1991

Faculty and staff who currently have student employees working in their departments are asked to submit a form to the Office of Placement and Cooperative Education if they wish to retain the employees during summer semester. The form is due by March 1. Students who wish to work during the summer must complete a "Summer Financial Aid Application Form" by March 1, requesting employment. The forms are available in the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid. Call Todd Cramer at ext. 5600 for more information.
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Reports from the various subcommittees that were part of the Planning Task Force occupied a significant portion of the Board of Control meeting Monday. Section reports were presented by Dr. Basil Clark, cultural diversity; Dr. Drew Hinderer, campus environment and culture/student life; Dr. Deborah Bishop, human resources; Dr. John Fallon, public service; Dr. Elaine Stephens, graduate education; Dr. Thomas Kullgren, technology; and Dr. Robert Braddock, international programs.

Prior to the individual reports, President Eric Gilbertson introduced Task Force members and presented an overview of the report. "The report doesn't suggest any radical reconstruction of the University," he said, indicating that the panel found SVSU to be "well conceived, well designed and generally on target."

Rather, he said, the Task Force report, titled Promises to Keep: Towards a University of Vitality, Distinction and Purpose, deals with the maturation of the institution and suggests areas for improvement.

Gilbertson also summarized the report of the subcommittee that addressed undergraduate education. The findings and recommendations were not specific to any degree program, he said. "Each has its own improvement track." The report, he said, dealt with institutional thinking about undergraduate education as a whole.

Because language skills were identified as being of primary importance, the Task Force recommends implementation of a Writing Assessment and Improvement Program, to be required of all students who have completed 60 or more credits.

Another recommendation dealt with the range of course work to be required of all undergraduates through the General Education program. The number of course options should be refined, the report recommends, and a capstone course should be developed to culminate the program.

Other undergraduate education recommendations include a University-wide effort to continue improvement of teaching, measures to ensure that academic advising services are uniformly superior and recommendations to add more faculty.

"Some of the recommendations will require new resources or reallocation of existing resources," Gilbertson said.

Other Planning Task Force program initiatives seek improvement in the quality and vitality of campus life and increased efforts to incorporate cultural diversity. SVSU should create an image that is a welcoming one for minorities and those who help shape their decisions, Clark noted in his report. His subcommittee stressed the importance of providing support for minority students, as well as maintaining high expectations for all students.

Hinderer reported recent progress in providing activities that appeal to non-traditional and commuting students, but said more remains to be accomplished in offering events that balance entertainment with intellectually challenging and aesthetically appealing characteristics. He said publicity for events is deficient internally and externally.

The definition of public service should be refined, Fallon reported, so that efforts can be better communicated both internally and externally. His subcommittee also identified a need for a marketing plan for public service activities, as well as interdepartmental coordination in planning public service initiatives.
Stephens reported that the present number and scope of graduate programs seems to be appropriate for SVSU. Colleges offering graduate degrees currently are responsible for administering the programs, with coordination provided through the Graduate Committee. This process is deemed appropriate. The subcommittee recommends an on-going needs assessment to determine program offerings and continued efforts to address issues of quality. "There is an expectation of scholarly activity (for faculty), but no requirement," she noted.

Kullgren noted that much has been accomplished toward upgrading campus technology in the past five years. He cited the acquisition of some 300 microcomputers. However, the University lacks an organized system for acquiring new technology. "We need some sort of single-point technology management system," he said.

An increasing awareness of global interdependency has aided efforts to expand international programs, Braddock said. The world situation affects participation in international programs, he said, noting that we have had no Chinese students since the Tiananmen Square incident. The subcommittee supports the appointment of an International Programs Advisory Board composed of business and community leaders. Braddock said his office is offering more short term programs for study abroad to accommodate non-traditional students whose work and family responsibilities may preclude longer terms away from home.

Board members accepted the Task Force report, but asked that all recommendations requiring future Board action be put together in a separate listing.

In other action, the Board:

-- reappointed Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S.P. Yien and appointed President Eric Gilbertson to the CIESIN board of trustees.

-- approved a resolution commending Florence F. "Jo" Saltzman for her long service to the Board of Control.

-- authorized Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock to sell property on Lake Isabella. The lots had been donated to the SVSU Foundation.

-- accepted the auditing reports submitted by Ernst & Young on the University's financial statements and the Student Financial Assistance programs. The audits were referred to the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board.

-- changed the per mile rate of reimbursement from 24¢ to 27.5¢ for University travel.

-- received and congratulated the January Staff Member of the Month, Director of Housing and Residential Life Merry Jo Starrine.

-- welcomed new Board member Nancy Edmunds.

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Lonise Bias to Address SVSU Audience

Rather than letting personal loss destroy her, Lonise Bias has turned it into a mission to help others.

Bias is the mother of the late Len Bias, the University of Maryland basketball star who died tragically just two days after being drafted by the Boston Celtics. Lonise Bias' career was launched when she was asked to comment at the memorial service for her son. Her remarks, picked up by radio and TV, led to numerous requests for media appearances.

Bias vowed to take her message to "every corner of this nation" in an effort to "make a difference" in the struggle to save a generation from being destroyed by drugs. Today Bias devotes about six months each year to traveling throughout the country. About three to five times each week that she is on tour she tells audiences her story about drugs, alcohol, family, hope and love. She is among the most visible and successful warriors in the fight against substance abuse.

Bias is the recipient of many awards, including the Boston Herald Community Service Award, The International Women in Leadership Award, Sojourner Truth Award, Soya Humanitarian Award, the Giant Steps Parent Award and several distinguished service awards.

A native of Washington, D.C., Bias attended the District of Columbia Bible Institute. She was employed by the National Bank of Washington before beginning her present mission.

As a lecturer and consultant, Bias challenges young people and adults to wage war against substance abuse. She addresses the issue of peer pressure in an attempt to instill hope in the lives of young people. She also reminds parents and adults that they are the real role models in today's society.

Her appearance, scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 in the SVSU Theatre, is sponsored by the SVSU Program Board. Cost of admission is free to SVSU students and $3 for others. For additional information, call the campus activities office at ext. 4170.

Events Form Introduced

Are you planning an event that is open to the public? If so, the new "event notification form" included with this Interior will assist efforts to publicize your event. Simply complete the brief form and submit it to Fred Porterfield, director of public information. He will use the information to create news releases for distribution to area media.

Porterfield urges early filing of the form. "The best time to forward information is when you schedule the event," he says. Mary Ebelt, director of the conference bureau, encourages event planners to contact her office early in the planning process. "It's best to determine whether the facilities you want will be available before you confirm speakers or other details," she advises.

The event notification form also can be used to relay information on any activity that involves interaction with external groups and may be newsworthy. You may photocopy the blank form or secure additional copies from Porterfield by calling ext. 4054.

Items for the Interior should be submitted to Information Services, ext. 4055. No form is required.
SVSU Students Named to National Dean’s List

Fifty-nine SVSU students have been named to the 1990-91 National Dean’s List. The announcement was made by Dick Thompson, dean of student affairs, who noted that recipients will be eligible to compete for $25,000 in scholarship awards, an NDL College Loan Program and other benefits. "Those nominated were full-time students receiving the highest academic honor — a 4.0 grade point average for both winter and fall 1990 semesters," he said. The NDL students will receive certificates at annual Student Recognition Day ceremonies set for 7 p.m. April 17.

Smoking Policy Reminder

Gloria Hansen, coordinator of health services, reminds members of the campus community, "Smoking by all students, faculty, staff and visitors of Saginaw Valley State University is limited to areas designated by signage." The approved areas are: enclosed area adjacent to the lounge in the Administrative Services Building; designated areas in the snack bar and cafeteria, Doan Center; southeast lobby of the ‘66 Building; and room 206 Zahnow.

Exceptions to the policy include any offices occupied by only one person. Doors to these offices must remain closed while occupants are smoking.

"The Clean Indoor Air Committee strongly recommends that those who do smoke in their offices obtain and maintain air purifiers for their own comfort and the comfort and health of visitors to their offices," Hansen said. She pointed out that smoke from one office may pass through ventilation ducts to neighboring offices. The air purifier should alleviate incidental smoke in adjoining offices.

Through committee arrangements with the SVSU Bookstore, faculty and staff may obtain air purifiers at cost, for $60. Replacement filters cost $15 per set. Interested individuals should contact the Bookstore for information.

"All students, faculty and staff share in the responsibility of adhering to and enforcing the smoking policy," Hansen said. "The success of the policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of both smokers and non-smokers." Hansen said most smokers have been very considerate, but action can be taken should an individual refuse to observe the established policy.

"If someone is in violation, approach and inform the individual of the policy and location of the designated smoking areas. If the person refuses to comply, obtain the name and address of the individual and file a formal complaint form with Health Services," she said. For more information, call Health Services at ext. 4271.

“Elementary” Nursing Session Set

Fourth and fifth graders from Floyd Elementary School in Bullock Creek will find out first hand what it takes to become a nurse through a special program sponsored by SVSU’s College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. About 10 boys and girls will team up, one-on-one, with SVSU senior nursing school students from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 27 in the nursing lab.

The youngsters, who recently expressed a career preference for nursing, are expected to attend the session dressed as surgical nurses, public health nurses or similar professionals. Among the planned activities is a game patterned after a television game show, which asks health-related questions.

Dr. Crystal Lange, dean of nursing, says she hopes the campus visit will not only help the students understand how nursing differs from the other health care professions, but also create greater interest in nursing.

VWQ Presents School Concerts

The Valley Wind Quintet has begun a cycle of some 40 concerts in the Midland Public Schools, according to Dr. Drew Hinderer, professor of philosophy and bassoonist for the group. The series is co-sponsored by the Midland Symphony Orchestra, the Midland Kiwanis, Rotary and Optimists clubs and SVSU.

"The Quintet's concerts acquaint students with the distinctive sounds of the instruments while demonstrating visual depiction in music," Hinderer said.

In addition to the Midland schools concerts, the Quintet recently performed on campus, as well as in Saginaw and Bay City. A Bay City schools concert cycle begins in late spring.
Computer Classes Offered

Computer Services is offering a one-hour class for persons interested in learning about the MERIT network for off-campus communications. The session teaches how to connect to MERIT, as well as the resources available on the network. The class will take place Friday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. in 265 Wickes Hall. Call ext. 4225 to register.

The previously announced satellite series for Apple computer users continues Thursday, Feb. 21 with a session titled "Solutions for Administrators." The program will be aired live in the Pioneer board room from 4-5 p.m. and will be videotaped for later use.

Parent Workshop Scheduled

The Lifelong Resource Center and the Substance Abuse Prevention Office are teaming up to provide a parent workshop titled "Helping Your Child Grow Up Drug Free." The session will take place Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the large seminar room of the Administrative Services Building. There is no charge, and free child care is available for children ages 3-8 at the Saturday Morning Children's Hour in the Children's Center.

The workshop will help parents gain the skills needed to communicate with their children about substance abuse and its prevention.

Talent Show on Tap

The campus community is invited to applaud their favorite student "stars" this weekend. The Office of Campus Activities and Orientation is sponsoring the "Far from Star Search" talent show Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24. SVSU students take the stage in lower level Doan Center at 8 each evening.

Seating for the show is limited, so individuals planning on attending should pick up free tickets at the Information Desk in Doan. For more information, call ext. 4170.

Honors Program Schedules Lecture

As a contribution to understanding the Middle East War, the SVSU Honors Program is sponsoring a lecture that deals with issues of war and peace. The presentation addresses such issues as whether sexism and racism play roles in the formation of political and economic realities. Richard Cleaver, director of the Program of Militarism and Nonviolence for the Michigan office of the American Friends Service Commission, also explores the current fascination with weapons of war. Does it contribute to our knowledge and understanding of the war in the Middle East?

Cleaver graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy and Grinnell College. A frequent speaker and writer on issues in peace education, he has served with the AFSC since 1982 and is a member of the editorial committee of Middle East Peace Notes.

Cleaver's address, titled "Historical, Cultural and Social Roots of Militarism in Contemporary Society," takes place at noon Monday, Feb. 25 in the Zahnow student lounge. It is open to the public without charge and refreshments will be served.

"Singing—What's Hot and What's Not"

As part of its University enrichment series, the SVSU Music Department will present Dr. James Letson in a lecture/demonstration dealing with vocal production, health, maladies and preventive measures. The presentation is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 in room 102 Arbury Center.

Dr. Letson is an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat specialist) with extensive background in vocal use by speakers and singers. He has appeared on the TV-19 New Voice and TV-25 Health Matters programs, and his studies have been printed in various publications. For more information, call ext. 4159.

Science Club Presents Mike Hoffman

Meteorologist Mike Hoffman, TV-5 weatherman, will be speaking on campus Wednesday, Feb. 27. His presentation on meteorology is set for 7:30 p.m. in Doan Center. The SVSU Science Club is sponsoring the event, which is open to the campus community free of charge. For more information, call ext. 4282.

The Delta College players present "Your Arms Too Short to Box with God" at 7 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre Thursday, Feb. 21. Admission is by donation of canned goods or money to be distributed to needy families. Call ext. 5663 for details.
Professional Profile

- President Eric R. Gilbertson recently was appointed to the Commission on Leadership Development of the American Council on Education.

- Dr. Altaf Ur Rahman, professor of electrical engineering, was selected to receive a University Faculty Grant to attend the 1991 Western Communications Forum in Phoenix, Arizona from February 3-6. Rahman took part in the discussion of the University/Industry Colloquium on "Worldwide Competition and Engineering Education."

Across Campus

-- The campus community extends condolences to Dr. Rosalie Troester, associate professor of English, and her family on the recent loss of Dr. Troester's mother. Eleanor Agnes Riegle died Friday, Feb. 8 following an extended illness.

Campus Recreation News Notes

The recent faculty/staff racquetball league tourney resulted in a dual blow to the proponents of healthy lifestyles and the supporters of equity for women when Tom Waske, sports information director, defeated Jo Peterson, director of business research services for BIDI. After an hour of tense, tough play, Waske took a 2-0 victory in the championship match.

Both Waske and Peterson had 7-1 records going into the playoff, but Waske pitted quickness and hustle against Peterson's deadly shots. Congratulations also are in order to participants John Fallon, Chuck Garrison, Paul Gill, John Guettler, Gene Hamilton, Dave Jerome and Perry Toyzan.

Persons interested in joining the faculty/staff racquetball league should call the Campus Recreation Office at ext. 7321.

Campus Recreation also is sponsoring a six-week, low-impact aerobics course. Sessions, conducted from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Ryder Center dance studio, extend through March 21. There is a $2 drop-in fee, and the sessions are open to faculty and staff.

The sign-up period for floor hockey takes place Friday, Feb. 22. For more information about this activity, call ext. 7321.

Water polo sign-up is set for Friday, Mar. 8. Again, the campus recreation staff at ext. 7321 can provide details about the activity.

High Five

-- Both the men's and women's teams finished third as SVSU hosted its first-ever GLIAC Indoor Track & Field Championships Saturday in O'Neill Arena. Freshman Melanie Bowen broke SVSU, GLIAC and arena records in winning the long jump with an 18-6½ leap. She also finished fourth in the 55-meter dash. Senior Sue Breternitz broke her own GLIAC record in the shot put with a 45-½ heave. Senior Jeanette Elwell won 55 and 400 titles and was runnerup in the 300; junior Becky Duda defended her 5,000 title and was second in the 3,000; and junior Suzanne Coventry won the high jump. The only men's champion was senior Todd Graham, who won both the 1,000 and 1,500. Runner-up All-GLIAC performers for SVSU included: freshman Julie Busch in the 600; senior Merritt Anderson in the shot put (also sixth in the 35-pound weight); junior Jack Dietrich in the 35-pound weight; junior Craig Fuerst in the 400; junior Tom Blanchard in the 600; freshman Paul Navarre in the 800; and sophomore Brady Simons in the 5,000.

-- The men's basketball team split a pair of games in Michigan's Upper Peninsula last weekend. The Cards defeated Michigan Tech Thursday by a 76-66 margin for their second straight win, but were downed by Northern Michigan, 76-60 on Saturday. SVSU has a 12-12 overall record and a 6-8 GLIAC mark.

An injury to leading scorer Roseann Rutledge hurt the women's basketball squad's chances for an upset last weekend. SVSU lost a 74-50 decision at NCAA II No. 20-ranked Michigan Tech, then fell by a 96-57 margin at Northern Michigan. The Lady Cardinals take a 13-12 overall mark and 6-8 GLIAC record into this week's final two games of the campaign.
"Efforts by just one person may not seem like much, but when you consider that you get up to 400 people in my community (Frankenmuth) bringing material for recycling, that amounts to a lot," says Claudia Anderson. "I am helping the environment."

Anderson, lead programmer/analyst for SVSU computer services, devotes many of her off-duty hours to the volunteer "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" program in Frankenmuth. She was instrumental in forming the group and serves as its treasurer.

Initially, specified products were accepted one Saturday each month at a collection site provided by the local school district, with volunteers arranging for recycling. The effort was supported by the local news media.

Response was so strong that a permanent collection site has been established at the city water works plant, with materials accepted each Saturday. "We are keeping a lot of trash out of landfills," Anderson says.

Before the volunteer group organized in Frankenmuth, Anderson took her recyclables to the SAVE collection center in Saginaw. She took turns with friends in transporting "car-loads" of materials to the centers.

These days Anderson attends periodic "summit" meetings involving representatives from all the volunteer recycling groups in Saginaw County. There are presently at least six such organizations, she says. They share data and progress notes.

Anderson also is a member of the SVSU Environmental Issues Committee. While the scope of the committee's work is broad, the University's recycling efforts are one component. "We would like to see Doan Center get into recycling," she said, "but there are things holding that back, such as lack of space to store recyclables before they can be taken to the market."

Although only a few months old, SVSU's effort already is generating a large volume of paper for recycling. The University also is purchasing more products made from recycled materials. "In order for recycling to work, you have to have the whole circle. We have to use the environmentally friendly products that are out there," Anderson asserts.

The current interest in reducing solid waste and in recycling represents a shift in attitudes, she feels. It also is something of a return to earlier practices. "We have become such a 'disposable' society," she says, "where 50 years ago it was common to reuse items."

While she is enthusiastic about the recycling effort, Anderson says the goal of volunteer groups "is to be out of business very soon. We want the government to take care of recycling by having it mandatory that the recyclable part of trash be recycled."

Until public policy dictates recycling or commercial firms offer curbside pickup of recyclables, volunteer efforts will continue. "The easier we make it for people, the more they will recycle," she says.

Chances are that volunteer efforts will continue even if recycling becomes mandatory, Anderson says. "We still will need to educate the public about how to sort and prepare materials for recycling."

"People are becoming aware that what we do really does affect the environment."

Anderson notes that at least one other SVSU employee is a volunteer in community recycling efforts. "Paul Safl is very active with SAVE. If others want to help, these groups always are looking for volunteers," she says.
Securing a bank loan generally means providing detailed information about your personal or business financial status. But today there’s a new twist to negotiating a loan or line of credit.

"Corporate treasurers are checking banks instead of the banks checking them," according to Dr. Jill Wetmore, associate professor of finance.

Today’s environment is replete with savings and loan failures and rumors of potential problems in the banking industry. "It’s a real pain if your bank goes under," Wetmore notes. "For a consumer, it’s a good idea to check the credit rating of the bank."

She adds that a bank failure doesn’t necessarily mean you will lose money you may have deposited, "but you may not be able to access it for several months." Losing a line of credit, even temporarily, can be a severe problem as well.

Wetmore is quick to point out that Michigan’s banking system is financially stable. "Most banks in Michigan and the midwest are in good shape," she says. "They tend to be relatively conservatively run."

Changes in bank regulations have placed pressures on the system, she believes. Those pressures are compounded by changes in the economy. And "some banks got into growth for growth’s sake," she says.

As financial institutions compete for business, banks may offer higher interest on savings and lower charges on services to attract deposits. Since low risk loans bring low interest, the banks "may go into high risk loans (bearing higher interest) to maintain ‘spread’ (the bank’s operating margin)," she notes. That strategy is risky.

There is an up side to the changes in the world of finance, Wetmore says. "The exciting aspect is that you have a new definition of risk. It teaches us that we should be thinking of risk."

"With speculative stocks, at least you know what risk you are taking." Now, with previously "safe" investments in question, Wetmore says people should consider a defensive investment strategy. "People always have to eat," she notes, "and health care is a growing area."

Wetmore is no stranger to change herself. As an undergraduate she majored in math and taught high school mathematics for four years before the birth of her first daughter. With teaching positions scarce when she was ready to resume her career, Wetmore opted to secure an M.B.A., graduating from SVSU’s program in 1979.

Later she was offered a temporary contract to teach marketing here, but was advised that a doctorate would be necessary for a tenure-track position.

Wetmore completed her Ph.D. at Michigan State University while maintaining a teaching schedule here. Because she found finance "intriguing," she selected that as her major field, with minors in accounting and production. Her dissertation was on asset/liability management in banking.

She has published two papers since obtaining her doctorate and is conducting research toward a possible third.
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