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SVSU to Greet Spring with "Valley Festival of the Fine Arts"

SVSU will celebrate the advent of Spring with East Central Michigan's first cultural arts festival of the season. The two-day *Valley Festival of the Fine Arts* will feature multi-faceted, family activities, including presentations of music, theatre and dance, displays and sales of visual arts and fine crafts.

The Festival's Arts and Fine Crafts Fair, Fun Arts Factory (for kids) and Fine Arts Center performances and displays are scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, March 21, and from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday March 22.

Among the Festival's musical offerings will be selections of renaissance, folk and minstrel songs by the Collecting Consort played on the harp, hammered dulcimer, wind and percussion instruments. Other performances will be staged by SVSU's Valley Wind Quintet; Flûte; and the University's Collegium Musicum, who will play selections on period instruments from the Renaissance era. Jazz ensembles also will be featured.

Performing arts presentations will feature a production of the multicultural children's play, "Newcomer," the story of an Asian refugee's struggle to adjust to the lifestyle in an American high school. Tickets for a "Showcase Supper," which includes dinner on the second floor concourse of Ryder Center and admittance to the play at the University Theatre at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 21, will be available for \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. A matinee showing of the play will be offered at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 22.

The University Dance Troupe is scheduled to perform in the Arbury Fine Arts Center. "The Lighthouse Puppeteers" will take part in the Fun Arts Factory, with a show at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. "Kids on the Block" puppeteers will present a show about disabled youngsters in the Fun Factory at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Other attractions include tours of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery and Gardens, a display of sculpture, ceramics and paintings titled "New Works" by expressionist artist Marsha Polenber, and demonstrations of silk screening, pottery making, pinhole camera photography and a "high tech" computer composition of music.

Volunteers Needed for Valley Festival of the Fine Arts

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Valley Festival of the Fine Arts on March 21 and 22. Interested faculty and staff members should contact Merry Jo Starrine, director of Residential Life, at ext. 4255.

Volunteers will help with reception tables, decorations, set up, clean up and more. Please support this all-campus showcase and celebration of the arts by donating some time.

Assistance Needed with Promotion of the Valley Festival of the Fine Arts

Flyers for the Valley Festival of the Fine Arts are available in the Office of Student Life, 117 Wickes. If you would like to distribute Valley Fest flyers to friends, at church, meetings or conferences, please notify Marilyn Boyd at ext. 4170.

There will be an opening reception for artist Marcia Polenberg in the University Art Gallery on Sat., March 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited.

Midland Artist's Work on Display

The University Art Gallery will feature the works of Midland artist Marcia Polenberg from March 10 to 25. Primarily a sculptor, Polenberg also works in painting, drawing and ceramics.

"Her work is very impressive," said gallery director Barron Hirsch. "It consists of large sculptures that reflect the deep emotions of the artist and create a strong impression on the viewer."

Some of her work is abstract and is influenced by monuments from the primitive world, such as Stonehenge. "These works are mysterious and bring a sense of the ancient past to the modern world," Hirsch said. "Her other pieces deal with contemporary life and modern experiences. These are figurative."

Polenberg's work has won awards at the Midland Center for the Arts, the Saginaw Art Museum, Flint's Buckham Gallery and the Art Center of Battle Creek. She served on the board of directors of the Tompkins County Arts Council in New York and currently is on the board of directors of the Michigan Potters' Association. She edits the association's newsletter.

SVSU Students Qualify for *National Dean's List*

The dedication of 54 students from SVSU was rewarded by their being placed on the 1991-92 *National Dean's List*. All of those receiving the distinction were full-time student who carried a 4.0 grade point average for both winter and fall 1991 semesters.

Recipients will be eligible to compete for \$25,000 in scholarship awards, as well as a *National Dean's List* College Loan Program, and other benefits.

The students will receive certificates for their accomplishments at the annual Student Leadership Recognition Dinner, which will be held April 7, 1992.

Students Participate in M3-PEP/GET SET Program

A group of 60 selected intermediate and high school students from the Saginaw Public School District got a close look at advanced

studies in science and engineering when they visited the SVSU campus February 21.

Raymond Foster, director of M3-PEP/GET SET, said the outing was part of an ongoing effort to interest more minority and female students in advanced studies and careers in engineering and science.

M3-PEP/GET SET (Mid-Michigan Pre-Engineering Program/Guide Education Track for Science Engineering Training) involved the students in nearly four hours of on-campus workshops, visits to laboratory facilities and viewing a video tape produced by Jaime Escalante.

Well-known for his success teaching advanced mathematics to Hispanic students in an East Los Angeles high school, Escalante's story was dramatized in the award-winning movie "Stand and Deliver." Also appearing on the video were film star Arnold Schwarzenegger, retired Los Angeles Lakers basketball star Kareem Abdul Jabbar, olympic decathlon champion Jackie Joyner-Kersey and her coach/husband Bob Kersey.

Nuclear Decontaminant Paying Dividends for SVSU

Richard Heiny, vice chairman of Omni Tech International, presented a check to the Saginaw Valley Research and Development Corporation (SVRDC) on February 25. The check represents royalties due from the first commercial sale of vanadous formate by the Midland-based company.

Each year between 90 and 130 nuclear power plants are shut down for chemical decontamination. Vanadous formate, developed and tested in laboratories at SVSU, is a preferred product used in the decontamination process. The proprietary laboratory process was subsequently converted to production unit design and Omni Tech began full scale production last October. Before SVSU joined forces with Omni Tech, the chemical compound was available from only one other supplier located outside the continental U.S.

Sharing the spotlight at the SVRDC meeting was a prototype, hand-held holographic camera. Mounted on a graflex camera frame, the camera was unveiled by Greg Wright, research associate with SVSU's Applied Technology Research Center.

Dow Chemical Exec Named to SVSU Board of Control

Donna J. Roberts has been named by Governor Engler to the SVSU Board of Control. She replaces Nancy G. Edmunds of Bloomfield Hills, who resigned after being appointed by President Bush to a seat on the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Edmunds joined the SVSU board last August. Roberts will complete Edmunds' term, which runs through July 1997.

Roberts is Secretary and Assistant General Counsel of Dow Chemical Company, positions she has held since November 1986. She also is manager of the company's Corporate and Securities Law Section, where she has served since 1989. She has been with Dow since 1973.

No stranger to the University, Roberts has been a member of the University Board of

Fellows since 1984 and served as Secretary-Treasurer and Vice Chair before becoming Chairperson of the advisory group last year.

A graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law and active in public service and community affairs, Roberts is a board member of the Dow Chemical Employee's Credit Union, a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Inc., an operating board member of the Midland Community Center, Inc., a member of the Corporate Advisory Committee of the League of Women Voters, and is a former member of the United Way of Midland, the Midland Public Schools Board of Education and several other organizations.

Roberts is a resident of Midland where she lives with her husband, Dr. Donald R. Peterson.



Donna J. Roberts

SVSU Children's Center Wins Reaccreditation

The SVSU Children's Center, located at 7540 Davis Road, has successfully completed the process of reaccreditation.

The National Academy of Early Childhood Programs awarded the distinction to the Center on Feb. 8, 1992.

"Accreditation helps answer the question, 'What is a quality child care program?'" said Dr. Marilyn Smith, executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which sponsors the Academy.

The Academy's standards were developed over a three-year period, with input from some 200 educators and administrators from around the country. The Center, which serves 45 children ages 2-6, was among the first child care programs in the United States to be accredited by the Academy three years ago.

Professional Profile

• **Dr. Steven C. Erickson**, associate professor of communication and theatre, served as an adjudicator for the regional M.I.F.A. One

Act Play contest held at Central Auditorium in Midland on February 8. Along with two other judges, Erickson viewed and critiqued plays presented by students from Midland, Boyne City, Charlevoix, Essexville-Garber and Ishpeming high schools.

• **Mr. Matthew Henderson**, studio art technician and adjunct faculty of art, recently exhibited three ceramic pots at the Saginaw Township State of the Arts Exhibition and currently is showing two works in the 4th Annual National Teapot Show at the Houbert Gallery in Milwaukee (WI).

• **Dr. Carrie Sorensen**, assistant professor of teacher education, has left for Shanghai International Studies University, where she will teach through the winter semester. She will return to SVSU in July 1992 to teach the summer session.

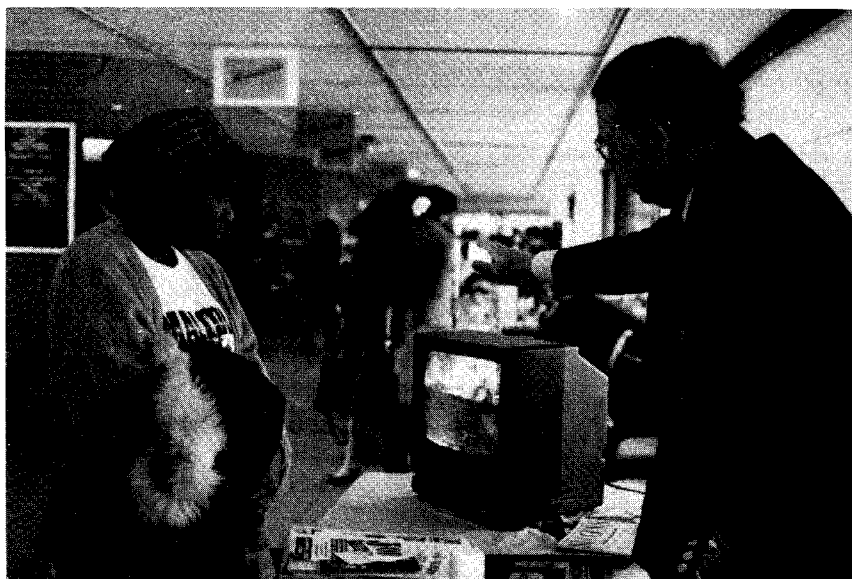
• **Dr. Dee Storey**, associate professor of teacher education, was the featured storyteller in Auburn (MI) for the Blue and Gold Banquet for the Cub Scouts of Pack 3150 (11 troupes) and their families.

The Technology and Human Values Study Group meets from noon to 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in the President's Conference Room (Wickes 302) for a brown bag, informal session. The meeting is open to the campus community.

The Bagel Wagon, Cafeteria and Snack Bar will be closed for Spring Break.

Events/Activities

- **Valley Film Society** — Friday, March 6, 7:45 p.m. in the University Theatre. "Throne of Blood," will be the feature film. Call ext. 5624 for details.
- **Lunchbreak Concert Series** — Tuesday, March 10, noon to 1 p.m. in Lower Level Doan Center. Jeff Hall, jazz musician, is the featured performer. Admission is free. Bring your own lunch or purchase one for \$2.
- **Organization Leadership for Lunch Series** — Wednesday, March 11, noon to 1 p.m. in Alumni Lounge. Kaye Ferguson, adjunct faculty in psychology, will discuss "Problem Solving and Decision Making." For more information, call ext. 4170.
- **Science Club Seminar Series** — Wednesday, March 11, 4 p.m. in Science 108. Gene Anderson of Dow Corning Corp. is the speaker. For information, call ext. 4144.
- **Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club** — Wednesday, March 11, in Lower Level Doan Center. The topic is "How to Impress the Press," with Eric Jylha of WNEM TV-5. It's also Show and Tell Night. Networking begins at 6 p.m. For reservation information, call the BIDI Office at ext. 4048.
- **Program Board Lecture Series** — Wednesday, March 18, 8 p.m. in Cardinal Gym. William Albert (Bill) Demby will present "Profile in Courage." Admission is \$3 for faculty, staff and community members.



Students at Career Exploration Day viewed displays and talked with representatives on hand from some 40 companies. The event was held on Brown Concourse on February 19.



Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred since February 4. Please make changes in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*.

New Staff

- **Lori A. Fisher** — Hired as Student Employment Specialist (new). Ext. 4070.
- **Janice L. Martz** — Hired as Reference Librarian (replacement). Ext. 4242.
- **Mr. Richard E. Priehs** — Hired as Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice (replacement). Ext. 4079.
- **Connie Schweitzer** — Hired as Buyer, Business and Auxiliary Services (replacement). Ext. 4101.

Left/Leaving

- **Dr. David Nelson** — Dean, College of Education.

Change in Phone Extension

- **Henry Pletscher** — new extension is 5676.

Across Campus

- The campus community extends its sincerest condolences to **Terry Ishihara**, professor of mechanical engineering and technology, for the loss of his brother, who died Thursday, Feb. 20 in California.
- **Mary Susan Reif**, instructor of nursing, is recovering at home after a brief illness. She hopes to return to campus in the near future.

High Five

- SVSU will be the site for the 1992 NCAA Division II National Indoor Track Championship, Friday and Saturday, March 13-14. Volunteers are needed to assist with this event. For more information, call ext. 7322.
- The Cardinal basketball team will participate in the post-season tournament following last Saturday's 65-59 win over Grand Valley State. The tournament will be held at Wayne State on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7. SVSU, which finished the regular season in third place, plays GVSU on Friday at 5 p.m.
- The Lady Cardinal basketball team finished their season 15-11 after defeating Grand Valley State 90-74 on Saturday. The win evened their GLIAC record at 8-8.



STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

William L. Healy

**Director,
Scholarships
& Student
Financial Aid**

March 1992

Ask Bill Healy what he's excited about these days, and he's likely to put his office's new CASHE system at the top of the list. SVSU won free use of this aid-search software when Melissa Ruterbusch's business card was drawn at a recent financial aid conference she and Healy attended.

"CASHE will perform a computer search for scholarships and financial aid based on an individual student's profile," he explains. "It will tell the student where to apply."

Healy plans to offer the service to interested students in eastern Michigan for a \$15 processing fee. He sees this as a positive alternative to services offered by some private firms for fees ranging from \$50 to \$900. Sometimes all the student receives for this fee is basic information that could be gotten free.

"We do not want to censor, but to protect students from those who would exploit. This will be a really positive thing for our community," Healy says.

Directing financial aid activities requires great flexibility, Healy notes. Federal guidelines change frequently, and the Higher Education Act of 1965 is reauthorized every election year. "As we look at 1993-94, all the

laws relative to financial aid are going to be rewritten. We will have to start over. Something as basic as what is an independent or dependent student will change."

The extension of unemployment benefits creates an example of the impact rules changes can have. To generate savings to help pay for additional benefits, Congress changed rules applying to the Guaranteed Student Loan program. "Now students over 21 years of age must pass a credit check," Healy explains.

The intent was to lower default rates on student loans. "In reality it discriminates against unemployed people over 21, or those who have had a family catastrophe that has damaged their credit rating. The requirement is particularly a problem here because we have so many older students and because unemployment is high."

Fortunately, Healy says, 1992-93 will be a relatively stable year. That will give his staff an opportunity to convert records to SVSU's new management information system.

Healy has a reputation for being sensitive to students' needs. He says his awareness of student concerns has been heightened by his wife and son, both of whom are SVSU students. His son will graduate this April, while his wife will complete degree requirements next year.

Healy credits use of the Single File form, which doesn't require a fee, with the upsurge in traffic in his office. "During 1990-91, applications rose 38 percent. This year they are up another 23 percent."

About half of all SVSU students receive some form of aid. The number rises to nearly two-thirds if you include student loans, Healy says. As costs rise, SVSU has increased institutionally-supported aid and has added scholarships to assist groups with particularly high financial needs. Examples are the Minority/At Risk and the Non-Traditional scholarships.





INNER VIEW

FEATURING FACULTY OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Literacy — the Shared Link

There may be a world of difference between the content of a class in organic chemistry and what's taught in, say, advanced acting. But the two — or any other pair — have a common link, Sally Cannon believes.

That link is literacy, defined as proficiency in reading, writing and critical thinking, Cannon says. Her conviction, shared by several colleagues and especially by Jenny Senft, has given birth to a new campus publication.

The first issue of *the SVSU Literacy Link* showed up in campus mail boxes last month, featuring articles on various aspects of writing. Cannon is handling editing chores, while Senft took on the tasks of design, layout and data entry on her home-based Macintosh.

"The idea for this type of publication originated with Phyllis Hastings," Cannon notes. "It was submitted to the Teaching Improvement and Innovation Team, but somehow never got off the ground. We thought it was a good idea and wanted to see it put through."

The purpose of the newsletter is to bring issues related to reading, writing and critical thinking to faculty across the curriculum. Cannon feels it is imperative to have broad-

based support if students in a variety of majors are to become more proficient in these skill areas.

As a teaching assistant in English, Cannon works with students in 100-level courses. She is somewhat surprised at the variety of skill levels she encounters. "Students still come in underprepared and with extremely varied writing experiences," she says.

To motivate her students, she asks them to think of a special problem and a special audience when beginning an assignment.

"I hope they will construct a meaningful writing situation for themselves. Focusing on why and who will help them with how they write.

"But we need to talk about writing in other disciplines. Coming from an English teacher is not always that effective. It is a lot more effective for chemistry majors to hear this coming from a chemistry professor."

And that's why Cannon and Senft are encouraging submission from all faculty for the *Literacy Link*. "We invite faculty from other disciplines to write articles and share information about what works in their classes, things they have tried, and how they have used writing in their classes."

Two more issues of the newsletter are planned during winter semester. The March and April issues will include articles on reading and thinking, as well as writing.

After that the *Link's* fate is somewhat uncertain, pending a source of funding for continuing. Since the first issue met with strong approval, Cannon is hopeful it will be funded for the next academic year.

Cannon's teaching duties allow time for her to enjoy her two children, ages five and 2½. She and her husband also enjoy scuba diving, and she is a runner, though that has been put on hold until the birth of her next child in about three months.



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WOMEN'S VOICES, WOMEN'S CHOICES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Delta College and	4 Saginaw Valley State	5 University Spring Break	6	7
8 International Women's Day	9 Anne Thomas, a member of Saginaw's Flying Melzoras, "Women in the Circus," and circus memorabilia; Judith Kerman, Dean, College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, SVSU, "Clowning," 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Zahnow Student Lounge, SVSU.	10	11 Catharine Rambeau, motorcyclist who toured South America, "One Woman to the End of the World," 11 a.m. to noon, Room S-105, Delta College.	12	13 Kathryn Rood, Women's Initiative Spokesperson, AARP, "Financial Planning for Women," 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Room B-9, Delta College.	14 1992 Girls' Conference, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Delta's Gifted and Talented Programs, pre-registration required, 686-9095.
15	16 Nancy Basket, Native American, papermaker, and resident artist for the North Carolina Arts Council, presents a Kudzu papermaking workshop, \$25 per person, supplies furnished, 6-9 p.m., Arbury Fine Arts Center, Rm. 122, SVSU, pre-registration required, 790-4056. Jody Bunce, Nurse Practitioner, Midland County Health Department, "Family Planning," 1-3 p.m., Viewing Rm., Delta College.	17 Rosemary Sarri, Prof., School of Social Work, U of M, "Feminization of Poverty" and Karin Hamling, Saginaw Co. Dept. of Social Services, "Infant Mortality," 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Alumni Lounge, SVSU. Nancy Basket, Native American, storyteller, basketweaver, Stories 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Display, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Viewing Room, Delta College.	18	19 Barbara F. Sloat, Ph.D., faculty member and research scientist in biology, U of M, "Women in Science," 4 p.m., Brown 126, SVSU. Kathy Constantinides, Michigan artist, discusses her installations, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room S-234, Delta College.	20	21 Marcia Polenberg, reception for the artist 2 - 4 p.m. University Art Gallery, SVSU. (See exhibits listed below)
22	23 Kenya Connection, panel of Delta College women who visited Kenya and will share viewpoints and experiences (jointly with Global Ed), 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Viewing Room., Delta College.	24 Women's History Month Lunch Break Concert, Saginaw High Jazz Band with Director Rivets Drummer, the SVSU dance students of Linda Smith and vocals by Elizabeth Tod. Make your own Taco Salad, \$2, noon, Lower Level Doan, SVSU.	25	26 Mignonette Yin Cheng, Michigan artist, discusses her paintings, 11 - 1 p.m., Room S-201, Delta College.	27 Carolyn Desjardins, Executive Director, National Institute for Leadership Development, "Leadership Workshop for Women," 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., pre-registration required, 686-9488, \$15 per person, Delta College.	28
DELTA COLLEGE GLOBAL EDUCATION WEEK						
29	30 Frederick Foltz, M.D., of Valley OB-GYN and Cheryl Dwyer, D.O., of Women's OB-GYN Clinic of Saginaw present "Women's Diseases," questions and answers, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Lower Level Doan, SVSU.	31 Kitty Geissler, MSU Professor of English, "The Risks of Literacy for Women," 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., S-105, Delta College. Reception for Outstanding Delta Women Students, with Kitty Geissler, "The History of Women's Literacy," 3-5 p.m.	<p>"Mirrors and Reflections," Michigan women artists' display, Delta College Galleria, March 16 - April 15.</p> <p>"Marsha Polenberg: New Works," ceramics, painting and sculpture, University Art Gallery, SVSU, March 10 - 25.</p> <p>"Tyranny of Women's Fashions," Display, lower level, east side, Delta College, March 9 - 31.</p> <p>Watch "Women's History Minutes," with Chris Lamar narrating events and people from the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention of 1848, Ch. 19/35.</p> <p>See Bibliographies of Books on Women's Issues at the Delta College and SVSU Libraries and look for Women's Hall of Fame T-Shirts and special selections of books on Women's issues at the SVSU and Delta Bookstores.</p> <p>Listen to WUCX Radio, 90.1 FM, highlighting women every Wednesday throughout the month at 9:20 a.m.</p> <p>"Women in the Circus," display from the collection of Anne Thomas, Zahnow Library, SVSU, March 9 - 31.</p>			