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## **Achievers Share Limelight at All-University Awards Banquet**

Outstanding faculty and staff members, students and community leaders all will be accorded a share of recognition for their service and achievement during SVSU's All-University Awards Banquet, Friday, April 2, in the Arbury Fine Arts Center.

The annual event will feature announcement of the winners of this year's Landee Teaching Excellence Award, as well as the Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research and the House Family Award for Teacher Impact.

Other recognitions scheduled for the

evening include presentation of the Ruben Daniels Community Service Award, a new honor that will be presented for the first time. Distinguished Service Medallions will be given to community leaders for their service to the University. Faculty and staff will be recognized for their years of service, and the names of student and faculty winners of the annual Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities awards will be announced.

The evening begins with a 6 p.m. reception, followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. and the awards program at 8 p.m.

## **Beauty and the Beast On Stage During Valley Festival**

Dramatization of the classic fairy tale *Beauty and the Beast* began attracting young theatre-goers 139 years ago. That was when Julia Corner wrote her first play.

The theatre production of Corner's *Beauty and the Beast* will be recreated by the SVSU Communication and Theatre Department at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27 and again for a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m., March 28, in the University Theatre. Directed by Janet Rubin, the production is among a variety of activities offered for the pleasure of children and adults alike at the Valley Festival of the Fine Arts.

Except for the title and the main storyline, audiences will discover *Beauty and the Beast* offers an experience quite different from that created by Disney animators. The play has been described as moving "gracefully and naturally from scene to scene." The actors' lines are written in rhyming couplets, with English pantomime used to support the character portrayals.

Each faculty and staff member may request two complimentary tickets to one of the

three performances. To reserve a ticket, call ext. 4492 or 5627.

Thousands of visitors are expected to attend Valley Fest this weekend. Sponsors for the Festival are The Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, The Saginaw Community Foundation, *The Saginaw News*, Target Stores and various SVSU organizations. Among them are the Campus Life Team, the Office of Evening Services, Office of the Dean of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Government.

Women's History Month events at SVSU conclude with a Library display of *Earth's Daughters*, the oldest feminist literary and arts magazine still publishing in the United States. *Earth's Daughters* was founded in Buffalo (NY) in January 1971 by Judith Kerman, dean of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, with fellow poet Mindy Aloff and graphic designer Judith Treible. The magazine, which still is published in Buffalo, is edited by a collective of feminist writers and artists.

## Music Department Presents Spring Concert Schedule

Among the concerts the Department of Music will present this spring are:

### Collegium Musicum

*Wednesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. in the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery*

The Collegium Musicum will present Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music on a combination of old and modern instruments.

### Valley Wind Quintet

*Thursday, April 1, 8 p.m. in the Theatre*

Guest pianist Catherine McMichael will join the Quintet for Poulenc's *Sextour for Woodwind Quintet and Piano*. A newly refurbished Steinway will be used by McMichael at this concert. The evening also will include the premiere performance of Tony Rongo's re-arrangement of Dave Brubeck's jazz classic, *Blue Rondo A La Turk*. Rongo, an adjunct music faculty member, will perform with the Quintet on the vibraphone for the Brubeck.

### SVSU Concert Band

*Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre*

The program will include various selections of traditional concert band literature.

Among them will be two marches, songs from the movie *Dances With Wolves* and parts of Holst's "The Planets."

### Jazz Ensemble

*Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre*

The Jazz Ensemble will perform Stan Kenton's "Peanut Vendor" and Glenn Miller's "Pennsylvania 6-5000," as well as Michigan composer John Moss's arrangement of "That September Feeling." A quartet composed of Jazz Ensemble members and guest artist Steve Frarey will play Miles Davis's "All Blues" and Thad Jones' "A Child Is Born." Frarey will join the entire ensemble for "Greasy," composed and arranged by Tom Garvin; "Countin' Them Long White Lines," composed and arranged by John LaBarbera; and "Mumbles Returns" by Ernie Williams.

Complimentary tickets for all concerts are available upon request to SVSU faculty and staff by calling ext. 4159.

## "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" Lecturer Jane Elliott Coming to SVSU

Imagine being labeled "inferior" because you have brown eyes, while the people sitting around you are called "superior" because of their blue eyes.

The feeling you experience is the point of an exercise in discrimination. Jane Elliott, who is the creator of the "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes" sensitizing exercise, will visit campus Thursday, March 25, 4-6 p.m. in Marble Lecture Hall.

The exercise, which has been called "the greatest thing to come out of American education in a hundred years," has been the subject of several television documentaries. Among them are "The Eye of the Storm," "A Class Divided" and "The Eye of the Beholder."

Elliott's work has earned her the Peabody Award, two Emmy Awards and a National Mental Health Association Award for Excellence in Education. She has appeared on "The Phil Donahue Show," "Today" and "Oprah Winfrey." She speaks on college campuses throughout the United States and Canada.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Programs and Dow Corning. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free of charge.

## WELLNESSEXTRAVAGANZA



The SVSU Employee Wellness Committee is busy planning a major wellness awareness program for all University employees on Friday, April 2. This activity has received the approval and encouragement of the Administration.

All interested administrative/professional, faculty and support staff are encouraged to attend. Release time has been approved for employees to attend the one hour lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and two hours of activities from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please coordinate departmental schedules so that all who are interested may attend while offices remain covered.

Detailed information is being sent to all employees. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 24. For further information, call Lynda Donner at ext. 4109.

## **New Service Makes PACE Membership Cards Available to SVSU Personnel at Discount**

As a service to employees, SVSU occasionally will make available office space for area businesses that wish to make special offers to the campus community.

The first company to participate in this option is PACE Membership Warehouse. SVSU employees and/or their spouses are eligible for a PACE Membership Card for only \$10 per year. The usual membership is \$25 per year. The PACE card will allow you to purchase items at the posted business prices and avoid a five percent surcharge paid by non-members.

**A PACE representative will be in the Alumni Lounge on Wednesday, April 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and also on Thursday, April 15 from 1:30 to 6 p.m.**

To purchase a membership, you must show either an SVSU identification card, an SVSU business card or a pay stub. You also will need to provide a driver's license and know your Social Security number. The PACE representative will answer any question you may have and will sign you up for your \$10 yearly membership.

If it is not possible for you to attend either on-campus session, you still may purchase a discount card at the \$10 fee by going directly to PACE's membership desk at the Bay Road location and providing the information indicated above to verify your SVSU affiliation.

## **Student Life Office Seeking Nominations for Student Leaders**

The Office of Student Life, which is sponsoring the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet, is extending the deadline for submitting names of students who are deserving of special recognition. Faculty and staff members who would like to honor students must submit the forms to the Office of Student Life no later than Wednesday, March 24.

The banquet will be held Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Doan Center cafeteria.

A reception begins at 7 p.m. in Lower Level Doan Center. Students who will receive special recognition include those listed on the *National Deans' List*, in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* and the Michigan Association of Governing Board Award recipients.

## **Service Awards Recognize Young Volunteers**

Nominations now are being accepted for the President's Youth Service Award and the National Youth Service Award, which both recognize young people between the ages of 18 and 22 who have demonstrated a high level of voluntary community service.

The President's Award is the highest honor awarded for outstanding community service, while the National Award recognizes meaningful community service. Winners of the President's Award will be eligible for selection to attend special state and national ceremonies.

Selection criteria include achievement, ongoing involvement or outstanding one-time service, service aimed at easing serious social problems and demonstration of initiative and leadership.

Deadline for all nominations is Monday, March 29. For more information, call Volunteer Services at ext. 4170 or 4167.

## **ECONOMICS SOCIETY 14<sup>TH</sup> FORUM**

**Tuesday  
April 6, 1993  
3:15 p.m.  
Ryder Center  
Rooms 256-257**

**Speaker:  
Carlos Cuadriello  
Consul of Mexico  
Minister of Foreign  
Affairs  
Detroit, MI**

**"North American  
Free Trade  
Agreement: The  
New Realities in  
Mexico"**

## **IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH COUNTERPANES AND COVERLETS**

**In the Wickes third floor display case through April 15.  
A variety of needle artwork by/of SVSU women, from quilts and dolls to soft sculpture and cross stitch. Display participants are:**

**Jane Anderson and her mother**

**Louise Dukarski**

**Janet Heinlein**

**Judith Kerman**

**Jan Lyddon and her parents**

**Valerie Taylor**

**Sue Welke**

## Personnel

The following position will be open to all regular employees of the University:

### Internal Auditor

(Posted 3/17/93) Part-time (replacement) position, .5 FTE. Bachelor's degree required. Prefer CIA or CPA with auditing or significant accounting experience.

For further information, contact the Personnel Office at ext. 4112. SVSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

## Did You Know? ...

- The DUMP YOUR PLUMP® contest is coming soon! This will be your opportunity to compete with a team in a fun-filled program to exercise and lose weight. Don't miss it! Watch for further announcements in future issues of *The Interior*.

- The Personnel Office is offering a payroll deduction plan for SVSU employees who wish to invest in U.S. Government savings bonds. A representative will be on campus to discuss the savings bonds on Tuesday, April 13. Stop by at your convenience during the following times to ask questions:

8:30-9 a.m.	Lunch Room, Third Floor Wickes Hall
9:15-9:45 a.m.	Faculty Lounge, Third Floor Brown Hall
10-10:30 a.m.	Faculty Lounge, Third Floor Science Building
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Personnel Office Conference Room, ASB

Please contact Alice Cornejo at ext. 5669 for further information.

- Electrical power on campus will be shut off for one day, Sunday, May 9, 1993, to perform necessary electrical system repairs. This shut-off will affect all buildings on campus.

# Directory Portraits

will be taken through the end of April.  
Call ext. 5641 to schedule an appointment.

## Campus Happenings

### Women Graduates Reception

*Wednesday, March 24, 4 p.m., Wickes First Floor Lobby*

In honor of women students who will be graduating in May. Refreshments served.

### Honors Thesis Presentation

*Wednesday, March 24, 4 p.m., Pioneer 158*

Robin Samyn will present "Purification of High Molecular Weight IgM Using Size Exclusion Chromatography and Affinity Chromatography. Refreshments served.

### Women In War

*Thursday, March 25, 2:30 p.m., Pioneer 158*

Margaret M. Flatt, associate professor of nursing, discusses her wartime experiences with the Army Nurse Corps at the 36th Evacuation Hospital from 1967-68. Refreshments served.

### Valley Film Society

*Friday, March 26, 8 p.m., Theatre*

"The Mad Adventures of 'Rabbi' Jacob," a crazy comedy about a disguised businessman who tries to escape from the secret police.

### Wickson-Nickless Business Lecture Series

*Monday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., Theatre*

Stuart Varney will discuss "Clintonomics: The First Glimpse." Free admission.

### Valley Film Society

*Friday, April 2, 8 p.m., Theatre*

"Gervaise" a tale of a young mother struggling to raise her children in the slums of Paris.

### Voices in the Valley

*Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m., Zahnow Student Lounge*

Paulette Childress White will read work published in *Memories of Kin* (Doubleday, 1991).

## High Five

### Basketball

Announced winners of team accolades at the Awards Banquet last night. For the men's team:

Michael Williams, Most Valuable Player  
Tom Corcoran, Most Improved Player  
Kevin Hankerson, Spirit & Hustle  
Chris Jacobi, Outstanding Defense

For the women's team:

Roseann Rutledge, Most Valuable Player  
Tracy Dohner, Most Improved Player  
Tracy Bruno, Spirit & Hustle  
Roseann Rutledge, Outstanding Defense



# INNER VIEW

FEATURING FACULTY OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

## An Illusion of Reality

For no apparent reason you find your thoughts turning to Aunt Minnie, though you haven't seen her for some time. Suddenly the phone rings — and it's Aunt Minnie, inviting you to a family reunion!

E.S.P.? Premonition? A manifestation of your psychic powers?

Probably not, according to psychology professor Gary Peterson. Instead, he believes, there's probably a rational explanation for coincidental happenings.

"I don't think there is any special psychic power," he says. "Research (to establish existence of such phenomena) hasn't held up; there is no scientific support.

"I do believe people are very sensitive to non-verbal behavior," he says. "Some are better at picking up clues than others."

In cases like the coincidental phone call, he says we are likely to be influenced by our culture and our specific environment. Thus, members of a close-knit family are likely to begin independently planning for the next gathering at about the same time.

People always are looking for ways to explain happenings, and that is why they are predisposed to believing psychic readers, mentalists or palm readers, Peterson says. His

research into such areas includes attending conferences on mentalism and magic.

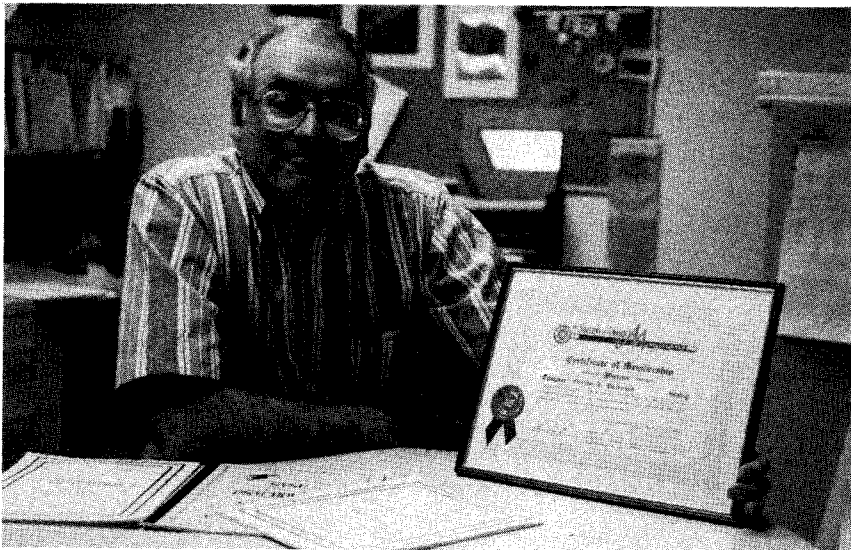
"It gives me the opportunity to bring in a lot of material to my classes," he says. "In general and social psychology we talk about how beliefs are formed; how attitudes are formed and how people make judgements and social decisions; what influences our personal judgements. What influences people when they are trying to make sense out of the mysterious?"

Psychics, he says, exploit the human desire to seek explanations for happenings. "I explain to students how we can be amazed (by psychics), but really should not be amazed." E.S.P. and other claimed occult powers often become self-serving, Peterson says.

He does, however, believe in the validity of so-called "out-of-body" experiences described by persons who have been near death. "I have talked to people who have had those experiences. I don't think they are lying. I try to show them what we know about what happens to the brain during trauma.

"I take the scientific approach to interpret the experiences. Most of us when we die are going to have a painless death. The brain releases chemicals that assure a kind of analgesic effect. This may explain the out-of-body experience." He notes reports of such experiences contain common elements, such as viewing a bright light, or a spiral, or seeing loved ones.

Peterson feels our dreams are rooted in reality. "A lot of things are going on in our lives. We are aware of the possibilities; we live and struggle with them. We are not talking about them, but they are present in our dreams. The feelings, the possible scenarios, play out in dreams. When an event matches a dream, it becomes very striking. When events don't match up, we probably don't remember the dream. We dream about 300 dreams a night," he says.





# STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

## Melissa Ruterbusch

Scholarship  
Manager,  
Office of  
Scholarships  
& Student  
Financial Aid

April 1993

Melissa Ruterbusch has a job that, at least on the surface, seems guaranteed to make her a popular person. She awards need-based scholarships and grants to SVSU students.

However, her happy task is complicated by the frequent changes in federal and state guidelines governing the issuance of financial assistance.

"My biggest challenge is just trying to keep up with all the changes," she says. "One small change can drastically affect what we do in this office."

"We are always dealing with new laws and changes that are coming through. I attend conferences and read materials coming from the federal and state offices that award financial aid."

At a conference she attended, Ruterbusch won free use of a software system (CASHE) that matches students with potential sources of financial aid. "We have been having lots of interest," she says, "and lots of applications."

Because the aid application process can be complex if not downright daunting, Ruterbusch spends much of her time counseling students. "I explain how to apply for financial aid, and may help them fill out

forms. We try to help them understand the formula that determines how much financial aid they will receive," she notes.

"We point out what money and assistance are available, and we also explain the consequences of dropping classes."

In addition to grants programs, Ruterbusch's office handles a significant number of small scholarships offered by the University. She also oversees the management of merit scholarships that are awarded by other campus offices, coordinating payouts with the Controller's Office, the SVSU Bookstore, Housing and other offices.

As college costs increase and SVSU enrollments grow, "We have seen a huge increase in the number of students applying for financial aid," Ruterbusch says. "Since we have a limited amount of grant and scholarship funds available, students generally have to resort to loans."

Prior to assuming her present position last August, Ruterbusch was student loan manager. During her tenure, which began in 1988, loan volume quadrupled and was projected at \$5 million for the current academic year. As loan manager, Ruterbusch worked effectively with lenders throughout the U.S.

In addition to her administrative duties, Ruterbusch has taught one or two classes a semester for the past five years. Most frequently she teaches marketing/economics 235 and 236, business statistics classes. "I love teaching," she smiles, "especially economics, which is my field."

Ruterbusch holds a bachelor's in marketing and a master's in economics, both from CMU. Currently she is working on a second bachelor's degree in math. "I just love working at a university and hope to always work in a university setting," she says. "I like the college atmosphere, and I enjoy all the fun activities that are available."



# VALLEY FESTIVAL OF THE FINE ARTS™

Saturday, March 27, 1993 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 28, 1993 - Noon to 5 p.m.



Fine Art Fair

Children's Fun Arts Factory

SVSU Performing and Visual Arts

Beauty & the Beast  
Theatrical Production

3/27 - 7:30 p.m. & 3/28 - 2 p.m.



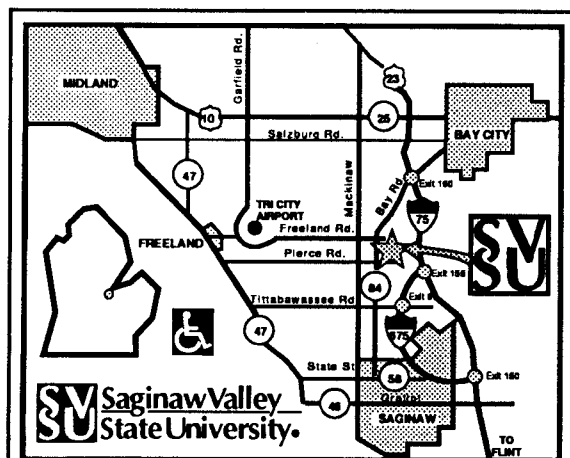
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