



THE INTERIOR

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December 14, 1993

Mid-Year Commencement Ceremony Set for December 17

Nearly 200 of the 372 students eligible to receive bachelor's or master's degrees will participate in Commencement ceremonies at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17 in O'Neill Arena.

The graduates, their families and friends will hear Rosalie Riegler Troester deliver a Commencement address titled "*Revenons à Les Moutons* (Let's Get Back to the Sheep)."

Rosalie Riegler Troester's professional affiliation with Saginaw Valley State University dates to 1969 when she began as a lecturer in English and Humanities. While teaching at SVSU, Dr. Troester completed graduate studies leading to a Master of Arts in humanities from Wayne State University and a Doctor of Arts in English language and literature from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor. Her experience combining the responsibilities of teaching, raising a family of four and commuting to graduate classes made her especially sensitive to the special needs of non-traditional students.

Dr. Troester's interest in language and literature frequently has been expressed through her own writing. In addition to publishing numerous scholarly papers, she is

the author of three published books. The most recent, published this year, is *Voices From the Catholic Worker*.

An advocate for women's issues, Dr. Troester was a founding committee member of SVSU's Chrysallis Center. She has served on several other University committees and chaired the Honors Program for six years, giving support and direction to talented students.

In May, Dr. Troester was accorded the Landee Teaching Excellence Award, recognizing dedication to her profession and concern for the intellectual progress of students. Her colleagues recognized her scholarly endeavors by awarding Dr. Troester the SVSU Faculty Association Award for Scholarship in 1992.

Dr. Troester speaks frequently on topics ranging from her research into the Catholic Worker Movement to African-American women writers.

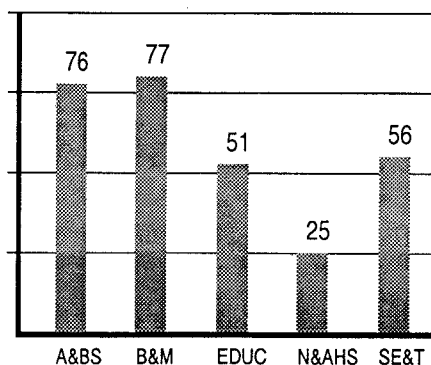
A reception for the graduates, their families, friends, University faculty and staff will be held in the east end of the O'Neill Arena immediately following the ceremony.

Faculty and staff may bestow the alumni scroll to graduating members of their immediate family. Call ext. 4052 to make arrangements.



R. Troester

Number of Students Expected Eligible for BACCALAUREATE DEGREES



The annual State of the University address is set for 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, in Marble Lecture Hall. A question and answer session will immediately follow the address. Later, refreshments will be served at a reception to be held in the registration area, first floor Wickes Hall.

Short Story Contest Winner Announced

Gregory R. McCann, a senior history major from Rhodes (MI), will receive a stipend for text books during winter semester for his winning entry in the third annual Short Story Writing Contest sponsored by Campus Dining Services and the SVSU Bookstore.

McCann's paper, titled "Buck Fever," is an imaginative account of an unusual deer hunting experience. Writing contest judges Sue Leonard, Fred Porterfield and Craig Snook selected McCann's work from a total of six entries. The winning short story is posted on a bulletin board near the Snack Bar in Doan Center.

The annual contest, which is open only to SVSU students, will be offered again next year. Deadline for entries is late October 1994. For further information, call ext. 4252.

BIDI Garners Grant for Guidebook

The Michigan Jobs Commission has awarded a grant to the SVSU Business and Industrial Development Institute (BIDI) to create a Workforce Development Guidebook.

The guidebook, which will be distributed to businesses in the tri-counties, will include all non-credit skills development training classes offered by public and private sector service providers in Bay, Saginaw and Midland counties. A half-day exposition is planned for February 28, 1994 to introduce businesses to the training providers.

Those who offer non-credit training programs that may be of interest to any sector of the local business community should contact the BIDI office for a survey form. Forms and further information are available by contacting Matt Hufnagel, BIDI research assistant, at ext. 4388 by Dec. 23, 1993.

VALCAT Replaces Card Catalog

The Melvin J. Zahnow Library will retire the card catalog system on Friday, Dec. 17. VALCAT, the new online catalog, will replace the cards. The library invites the campus community to stop by for a last look at the card catalogs and for a demonstration of the new system.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

SVSU alumni sweatshirts (navy with red and white imprint) are available in size XL from the Alumni Relations office. Cost is \$20. Call ext. 4050 to place an order.

A Christmas tree ornament featuring Marshall Fredericks' *Flying Wild Geese* is available from the Fredericks Gallery for \$5.50 each. Call ext. 5667 to place an order.

Did You Know? ...

- The SVSU Foundation is sponsoring its "Once-A-Year Faculty/Staff Campaign." Six different giving opportunities are available, with gift levels ranging from \$10 to \$10,000 and up. Fifty percent of your gift to SVSU can be deducted from the tax due on your Michigan tax return (up to \$200 credit for married and \$100 for single taxpayers). Gifts to SVSU also are deductible on federal tax returns for those who itemize deductions. For a brochure detailing gift giving options, contact the Foundation office at ext. 4075.
- Health Services and the Saginaw Valley Blood Program thank everyone who gave blood Nov. 17 (64 people registered, 52 pints donated, 16 first-time donors). The next blood drive will be Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994.

INTERIOR SCHEDULE

The next issue of *The Interior* will be distributed to campus offices on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1994. The deadline for articles for this issue is Thursday, Jan. 6, 1994.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The University will close for the year-end holiday break beginning 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 22. Except for offices that provide necessary student services, the campus will remain closed through Friday, Dec. 31, and will re-open for operations Monday, Jan. 3. The regularly scheduled holidays for employees are Dec. 23, 24, 30 and 31.

Additional paid personal days will be granted by the University to cover Dec. 27 and 28; Dec. 29 may be covered through the use of vacation leave, personal leave or unpaid time. Any employees required to work Dec. 27-29 because their office will be open will be granted additional personal time accordingly to be taken at a later date.

RYDER CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

DATES	BUILDING	POOL	FIT. CTR.
Dec. 22	8am-5pm	11:30am-1:30pm	11:30am-4:30pm
Dec. 23-26	CLOSED		
Dec. 27-29	Noon-6pm	1-5pm	Noon-5pm
Dec. 30-Jan. 2	CLOSED		
Jan. 3-7	8am-6pm	11:30am-1:30pm	11:30am-5:30pm
Jan. 8	CLOSED		
Jan. 9	RESUME REGULAR WINTER SEMESTER HOURS		

Professional Profile

• **Jean E. Brown and Elaine C. Stephens**, professors of teacher education, conducted a workshop titled "Being Prepared *Before* the Censor Comes," at the MAME Conference, Kalamazoo on October 22, 1993. Stephens presented a paper titled "Developing Rationales for Preparedness" and Brown presented a paper titled "Developing Policies and Procedures Before the Censor Comes."

• **Jean E. Brown and Elaine C. Stephens**, professors of teacher education, recently attended the fall conference of the National Council of Teachers of English in Pittsburgh where they interviewed nine authors of young adult literature. The information from these interviews will be included in their forthcoming textbook, *Literature for Young Adults Sharing the Connection*. (The book will be published by Wadsworth in fall 1994). During the conference, they also participated in the two day ALAN Workshop on young adult literature.

Brown completed her three year term as a member of the SLATE (Support for the Learning and Teaching of English) Steering Committee at the conference. SLATE is the political and action arm of NCTE. Although her term has concluded, Brown was asked to remain as the editor of the SLATE Starter Sheets, pamphlets—each of which explores the political and social implications of a single issue of concern to English teachers. During the last three years as a member of the Steering Committee, she developed and implemented the referee process for this NCTE publication. She agreed to continue for a two year term.

Also at the NCTE conference, Brown served as a consultant for the SLATE workshop on "Effecting Change in the Classroom and the Community," as well as chairing a meeting of the Conference on English Education's Commission on Intellectual Freedom.

• **Jean E. Brown**, professor of teacher education, was notified recently that the National Council of Teachers of English has accepted the spring 1993 issue of *Focus: Teaching English Language Arts*, (Vol. XIX, #2) for national distribution. Her article, titled "Advocating Reduced Class Size," appears in the issue.



ECONOMICS SOCIETY HOSTS BRITISH ECONOMIC EXPERT AT 16TH FORUM — Enjoying himself at a meeting of the SVSU Economics Society is R.B. Saunders, counsellor (economic) for the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. Saunders appeared at the society's 16th forum on Dec. 6 to speak on the economics of health care in Great Britain. Saunders' role at the embassy is covering macro economic and financial issues that include taxation and banking.

• **Gladys Hernández von Hoff**, director of the Bilingual Education Center and campus administrator of the Macomb Graduate Program, served on the selection committee for the Michigan Association of Bilingual Education Mini-Grants Program. The grants will enable bilingual teachers to enhance and develop new approaches to instruction that will make a positive impact on their students. Funds were awarded this year to 10 educators representing different Michigan school districts.

• **Janet E. Rubin**, professor of communication and theatre, presented a paper titled "English Pantomime and the Traditional Fairy Tale: The Staging of Beauty and the Beast" at a meeting of the Speech Communication Association in Miami Beach (FL), Nov. 18, 1993.

• **Rosalie Riegle Troester**, professor of English, presented a paper titled "Protest and Resistance in the Catholic Worker Movement — 1965 to 1980" to the national conference of the Oral History Association, held in Birmingham (AL), Nov. 6, 1993.

Across Campus

- Congratulations go out to **Charles Garrison**, associate professor of computer science, and his wife, Renee, on the birth of a son. Jesse Aaron was born November 30 at 8:49 p.m. (7 lbs., 14 oz., 20 in.).
- The campus community extends sincerest condolences to **John Plachta**, programmer/analyst in Computer Services, on the death of his father, John, who passed away Dec. 10. Funeral services were held this morning in Standish.
- The campus community extends sincerest condolences to **Alexander Ross**, professor of sociology, on the loss of his father, Richard M. Ross, of Columbus (OH). Richard Ross passed away Sunday, Dec. 5. Services were held Dec. 8 at Schettoedinger Funeral Home in Columbus.

Campus Happenings

- The **Valley Film Society** will screen *The Red Shoes* (Britain: Michael Powell, 1948) at 7:45 p.m., Friday, Jan. 7, in the Theatre.
- Program Board will welcome **Kevin Hughes** to campus Wednesday, Jan. 12, to speak on "The Language of Love." The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre.

The Bagel Wagon and Snack Bar will close December 17. Both will reopen January 10.

Transitions

Please note the following in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*:

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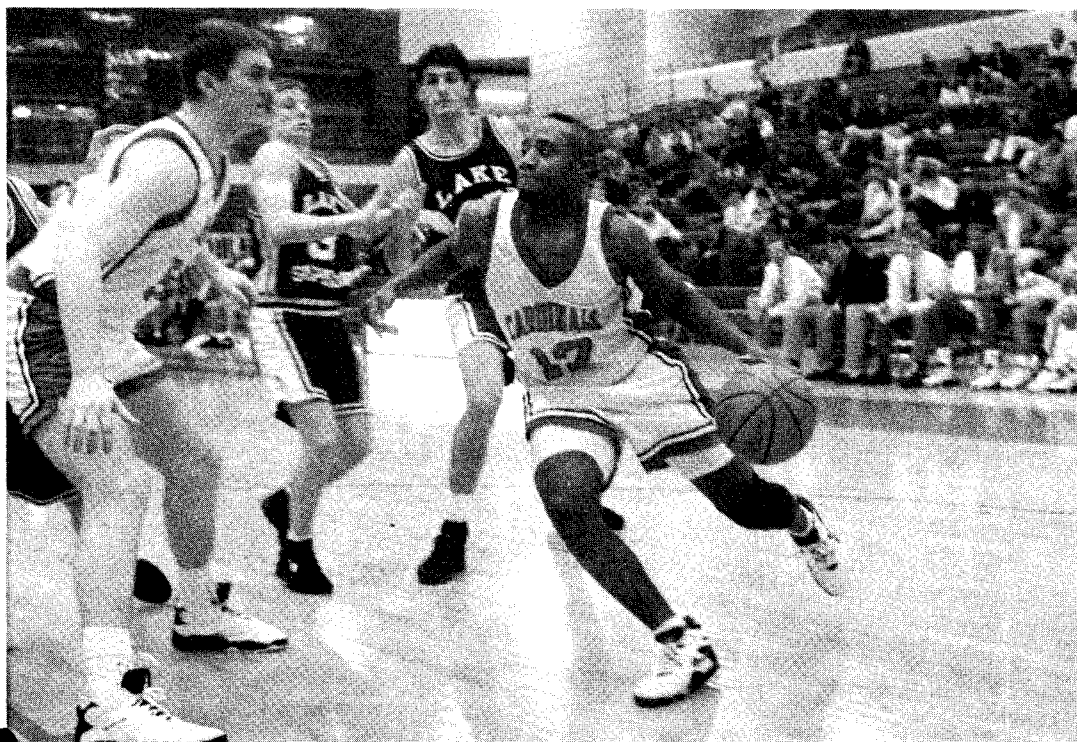
- **Ruth Garske**, senior secretary, Business Services, ext. 4102.
- **Kristine Gay**, microcomputer technical assistant, Computer Services, ext. 4225.
- **Linda Gloden**, coordinator of Counseling Services/Student Affairs Generalist, ext. 5600.
- **Trish Welke**, senior secretary, CON-CERN (Nursing Grant), ext. 5608.

PROMOTED/TRANSFERRED

- **Diane Brimmer**, promoted to associate dean of Student Life and Counseling Services, ext. 4170.
- **Amy Browning**, transferred to payroll clerk, Controller's Office, ext. 4216.
- **Debbie Martin**, promoted to senior accounting clerk, SVSU Bookstore, ext. 4180.
- **Melissa Ruterbusch**, promoted to assistant director of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, ext. 4107.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

- **Lori Kranz**, senior faculty secretary, Ryder Center West, 791-7356.



High Five

- Sophomore guard **Daniel West**, left, drives to the basket for two of his 26 points in a 94-81 win over Lake Superior State University on Dec. 11. The Cardinals have a 6-1 overall record, 2-0 in the GLIAC. The team will play its next home game Jan. 6 against Northwood at 7:30 p.m.
- The **Lady Cardinals** suffered their third consecutive loss to a GLIAC opponent, an 83-72 decision to LSSU. The team will try to improve its 4-3 overall record (0-3 in GLIAC play) against Hope College, which will visit O'Neill Arena Saturday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m.



INNER VIEW

FEATURING FACULTY OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Savoring God's Gifts

"I believe in God," says Terry Ishihara. "I feel that He has watched over us all our lives."

Further, Ishihara feels there was a large element of divine guidance in his decision to retire next May. "I had planned to teach until I was 70," he says.

However, last summer, with the aid of friends who formerly lived in Saginaw, the Ishiharas found a house in Sedona, Arizona. "I thought housing in Sedona would be beyond our means," he smiles. He was pleasantly surprised to find an attractive yet affordable home tucked in the mountain city.

"I feel that God told me, 'Here is your promised land, Terry,' and I said, 'I'll take it!'" Ishihara explains that Sedona, because of its elevation, has four seasons. "But none of them are severe. We will see snow, but I don't have to shovel it. We will not have to endure really hot summers."

Ishihara notes that his new property has a small lawn, which he plans to tear out and replace with landscaping that requires little maintenance.

Another appealing feature of the new home, he says, is its proximity to two colleges. "Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff is about an hour's drive, and Yavapai Community College in Clarkdale is even closer,"

he says. "I plan to be involved with those campuses, either teaching part-time or taking courses."

Ishihara's higher education teaching career spans more than three decades, beginning with a post at San Jose City College in 1959. He joined the SVSU engineering faculty in 1980 after a 10-year stint at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

"One of the reasons I came to SVSU was to help establish the engineering program," he explains. "It's not often in a lifetime that you get to establish something." Ishihara is pleased that the program has achieved ABET accreditation and expects that reaccreditation will be granted next July.

He believes that an important part of education takes place outside the classroom. "Students are number one," he says. "We should be good examples to them. Our example teaches far more than what we lecture." That philosophy is expressed through Ishihara's commitment of time and his dedication to his students and his academic discipline. He hopes to influence students to become dedicated, committed members of society.

Ishihara cherishes the seven months he spent as an exchange professor at Shikoku University in Tokushima, Japan. "It helped me understand my Japanese heritage a little better. I have benefitted from the best of two worlds," he says. "The Japanese culture stresses the importance of education, the role of families and respect for elders. I'm also thankful for people who founded the U.S. and for the freedom that we have."

Ishihara's retirement plans definitely don't include resting on his laurels. In addition to teaching or studying, he expects to read many of the classic and detective books he's collected over the years. He'll explore the canyons, woods and hills close to his new home. And he plans to do volunteer work and perhaps tutor in a nearby elementary school. Retirement, he says, "is going to be great. It's another phase of my life, and this will be even better than the past."





STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

Debwin Roberts

**Administrative
Secretary,
Office of
Scholarships
and Student
Financial Aid**

January 1994

In 1971, two years out of high school and after completing courses at Saginaw's O.I.C., Deb Roberts interviewed for a job at Saginaw Valley College. She was hired into her first and, as it turns out, only place of employment.

"I began in the Registrar's Office as a transcript clerk," Roberts recalls. "Dr. Ann Dickey was Registrar then."

In 1973 Roberts transferred to the Financial Aid Office and has been there ever since. She has witnessed many changes during her 20-year stint there.

Initially, all processing of financial aid forms was done manually, she says. "There was just one secretary—me—and about four students. We all worked together on National Direct Student Loan and other financial aid forms and tasks. We came in on Saturdays to get all the award letters mailed out on time."

The first computers were put into use in the office in "about 1976, and we were able to process records electronically. That was a great day!" she smiles.

Since that time, the computer systems have become more sophisticated, enabling Roberts and other Scholarships and Student Financial Aid staff to cope with increasing work loads.

Today she functions as an office manager.

"I make sure that everything is going smoothly and that we have everything we need," she says. She also handles verification duties for Pell Grants.

"That entails gathering tax forms and other financial documents to verify income that is coming into the household and entering that data into the computer. The information is transferred to Central Processing in Washington, D.C. and electronically sent back to us to create an accurate document for Pell Grant applicants."

Asking people to share personal financial information requires tact. "You have to be sensitive to their concerns about revealing income information," Roberts says. "A lot of times parents don't even want their dependent children to know about their salaries. Everything is confidential."

Roberts also verifies aid and course load information required on Social Services forms for people who are on public assistance.

A difficult part of her job is informing students that all available funds have been awarded. "We try to serve everyone that applies by the April 1 deadline," she says. There is emphasis on informing students about deadlines and any change in federal guidelines so they maximize their chances of receiving assistance.

Mostly, though, Roberts enjoys her contacts with students. "Talking with students and parents and answering questions is the most rewarding part of my job. Students come in with a lot of questions about filling out forms. I tell them, 'It is not as difficult as it may seem.' By the time I go through everything with them, they relax and are more comfortable. They want to be assured that everything has been completed correctly and the form will go through the system."

While working here, Roberts has completed a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and currently is enrolled in the master's degree program in CJ/PS. She counts singing in the Zion Baptist Church choir among her favorite off-duty activities.



Saginaw Valley State University

Melvin J. Zahnow Library

Library Main Phone Number 790-4240

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Regular Hours

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

January 10 (Classes Begin)
March 7-April 1

Regular Winter Hours
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Exceptions to the above schedule

December 13-17 (Final Exams)
December 18-19 (Weekend)
December 20-22 (Mon-Wed)
December 23, 1993-Jan. 2, 1994 (Holiday)

Regular Fall Hours
CLOSED
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED

January 3-7 (Mon-Fri)
January 8-9 (Weekend)

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED

February 26-28 (Sat-Mon)
March 1 (Tues)
March 2-3 (Wed-Thur)
March 4 (Fri)
March 5 (Sat)
March 6 (Sun)

SPRING BREAK
February 27-March 6

CLOSED
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

April 2 (Sat)
April 3 (Easter)
April 30-May 1 (Weekend)
May 2-6 (Mon-Fri)
May 7 (Saturday-Commencement)
May 8 (Sun)
May 9 (Begin Summer Term)

FINAL EXAMS
April 25-30

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
CLOSED
Regular Summer Hours

Reference Desk Hours (phone 4242)

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Audio Visual Services Hours (phone 5657)

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.