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Festival of Unity to Focus on Variety of Issues

The 1994 “Festival of Unity” examines a variety of issues ranging from a discussion of racism to the experiences of a Japanese expatriate who recently returned to her native country as an exchange professor.

Sachiko Claus, associate professor of nursing, opened the festival by sharing her experiences as an exchange professor at Shikoku University in Tokushima, Japan. The brown bag lunch presentation Monday featured slides and photos brought back by Claus, who has taught at SVSU since 1981.

Today from 2 to 4 p.m. Cassandra Bailey-Ealy, director of minority services, and Damon Tempey will facilitate a discussion on "Racism: Let’s Talk about It." They will encourage participants to explore what racism is and how it is perpetuated and discover how to build positive relationships among races. The event takes place in the Zahnow Student Lounge; beverages will be served.

From 5 to 6 this evening dancers between the ages of 6 and 18 will perform a repertoire of Hawaiian and Tahitian dances using authentic instruments. The group, under the direction of Linda Oehrlein, has performed in local ethnic festivals, at the Michigan State Fair and elsewhere. Hors d’oeuvres will be served.

Joseph Ofori-Dankwa, associate professor of management, leads a Wednesday, Nov. 9 discussion on "Ethnic Issues around the World." He will focus on valuing similarities and differences of individuals from different nations. The event takes place from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge.

Festival activities close Thursday, Nov. 10 with a presentation on "Great Lakes Indians and the European Experience." Gerald Gould, adjunct professor of history and president of the Swan Creek Black River Confederated Ojibwa Tribes of Michigan, will discuss contact between Native Americans in the Great Lakes, the French, the British and the Americans. Background on the pre-existent people in the Great Lakes also will be presented. Hors d’oeuvres will be served at the 2:30 to 3 p.m. event in Lower Level Doan.

For more information, contact the Office of Minority Services at ext. 5663.
Area High School Students Winners at Annual Foreign Language Day

The language skills of 16 individuals and groups were selected as the best from among 484 area high school students who participated in the 19th Annual Foreign Language Day, Nov. 2 at SVSU. The event, sponsored by the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, included skits, musical contests, cheers, song/dance contests and a poster competition.

Participating high schools included Bay City All Saints, Bridgeport, Caro, Carrolton, Midland Dow, Frankenmuth, Essexville Garber, Bay City John Glenn, Mayville, Owosso, Midland, Central Intermediate and Northeast Intermediate of Midland.

First place winners in each category were:
- **Poster Contest**: Tiffany Shields and Ryan Woody, Caro H.S. (French)
- **Song Contest**: John Glenn H.S. (French)
- **Dance Contest**: Carrolton H.S., Rhumba (Spanish); Bridgeport H.S., Mexican Hat (Spanish)
- **Skit/Musical**: John Glenn H.S., Cats (second to fourth level Spanish)
- **Display Contest**: Essexville Garber H.S., “French is Your Passport”
- **Cheerleading**: Bridgeport (Spanish)

Trophies and prizes were awarded to contest winners in Cardinal Gym. For further information about Foreign Language Day, contact Lynn Herkstroeter at ext. 4333.

Public Safety to Hold Self Defense Course for Women

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) is America’s fastest growing self defense system for women. Created by University of Virginia Police Officer Larry Nadeau, R.A.D. is a comprehensive approach to women’s safety that heightens a woman’s awareness, improves her alertness and encourages avoidance.

When a confrontation is inevitable, R.A.D. develops and enhances the options of self defense as viable considerations to a woman who is attacked. The course, which is designed to last from nine to 15 hours, combines education with a self-realization of physical ability.

Classes are offered from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on November 18, December 2 and 9. To register for the course or to request more details, contact Public Safety Officers Beth Rusch or Marc Strain at ext. 4250.

Alumni Board Elects 1994-95 Officers

The Board of Directors of the SVSU Alumni Association recently re-elected Gerald W. Survant as president for the 1994-95 academic year. A 1975 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in English, Survant is a counselor at Carrolton High School. His wife and daughter also are SVSU graduates.

Others elected to one-year terms are Vice President Kimberly A. Grew, a 1983 graduate who holds a Bachelor of Arts and a 1988 Master of Arts degree. Grew works for the Department of Social Services, Foster Care in Saginaw. Cynthia K. Morley, who was elected secretary, earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1980 and a Master of Arts in 1990. Morley is Traffic Intake and Adoption Officer for the Saginaw County Probate Court.

Two members were elected to the Executive Committee. William A. Hart, a 1974 graduate with a Bachelor in Business Administration, is manager of Zehnder’s Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. Kevin J. Schultz, a 1992 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree, is an account executive with Heritage Insurance Agency of Saginaw.

Quintet, Marching Band to Present Concerts

The Valley Wind Quintet will be joined by guest harpist Jackie Henninger when the group presents its first concert of the season at 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 14 in the SVSU Theatre.

The program features Comedy for Five Winds by Paul Patterson and Quintet in E minor, Opus 67 No. 2 by Franz Danzi. Other selections include Serenade for Wind Quintet and Harp by John Addison and Deux Chansons Populaires Francaises by Marcel Grandjany.

The Marching Band will present its 19th annual indoor concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16 in the SVSU Theatre. The band, in full uniform, will perform selections from their 1994 football halftime shows. Highlights include music from Jurassic Park, The Flintstones, and Eye of the Tiger. Marches and Broadway musicals also will be performed.

SVSU faculty and staff may receive a complimentary ticket to each concert by contacting the Department of Music at ext. 4159.
More Parking Adjustments and Additions Near Central Campus

About 100 parking spaces for students and visitors were added to K Lot last week when a temporary fence was erected, dividing the lot into north and south sections. Students may park in the south section, while the north section continues to be reserved for faculty, staff and others with authorized parking permits.

Jerry Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs, said construction of another 150 spaces—to be called L Lot—is underway west of K Lot. The new lot will extend from the south side of Pioneer Hall to Collings Drive and will wrap around the east and south side of Pioneer Annex. The new parking area will have a gravel surface during the winter months and will be paved next spring.

Visitors attending meetings in Lower Level Doan Center may be somewhat befuddled now that Lot C has become the building site for the West Complex. To prevent confusion, signs will direct visitors to parking at the south end of J Lot, which will be cordoned off for visitor parking. Signs also will direct them along a new path through the pine grove and across Fox Drive to the west entrance of Lower Level Doan Center.

High School Students to Receive College Credit in New Program

About 50 eleventh graders are expected to earn college credits this winter under a new program established jointly by SVSU, the Averill Career Opportunities Center and the Bay-Arenac Skill Center.

Called "Scholarships for Future Engineering Professionals" (SFEP), the program provides two credit hours to talented high school juniors interested in engineering careers. Funded by NASA through the Michigan Space Grant Consortium, the scholarships are restricted to use for the Engineering Careers and Concepts course (EE/ME 101). Credits earned may be applied toward SVSU degrees or transferred to other institutions.

Ray Foster, coordinator of the program, says students applying should have a keen interest in engineering.

Classes begin January 9, 1995 and convene from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays. For more information, contact Foster at ext. 5653.

Professional Profile

- **Michael Panhorst**, director of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, will give a lecture on artist Marshall Fredericks on Jan. 29 at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum. Works by Fredericks will be on display at the museum from Nov. 16-Jan. 29. The museum is located on N. Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

   Panhorst also accompanied outdoor sculpture expert Virginia Naude to St. Joseph in October to examine the condition of the city's bronze sculptures. To bring Naude to Michigan, Panhorst applied for and received a grant from the national Save Outdoor Sculptures project. Naude is president and sculpture conservator with Norton Art Conservation Inc. near Philadelphia.

- **Jo Peterson**, director of BIDI, recently completed the Leadership Midland program, which is an intensive three-day overview of Midland issues and community agencies and leadership training.

- **Tirumale Ramesh**, associate professor of electrical engineering and a regular reviewer for the *International Journal of Computers & Electrical Engineering*, recently reviewed a paper titled "Testability Measures Reduce Test Generation Time in Sequential ATPG." The journal, which is a publication of Pergamon Press (London), serves as a forum for addressing the many facets of the relationships between computer technology and electrical engineering, with an emphasis directed toward the technological issues with the design and development of new generation computers.

- A number of SVSU faculty have been included in the 1994 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. All of the professors honored were selected by former students who were asked to nominate teachers who made a difference in their lives by shaping values, inspiring interest in a particular subject or challenging them to strive for excellence.

Those selected were: **Thomas Hearron**, professor of English; **William Hoffman**, professor of history; **Matthew Margres**, associate professor of psychology; **Paul Munn**, associate professor of English; and **Gerald Peterson**, professor of psychology.
Holidays Set

The University will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25 for Thanksgiving. The campus will close for the year-end holiday break beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22. Except for offices that provide necessary student services, the campus will remain closed through Monday, Jan. 2, and will re-open for operations on Tuesday, Jan. 3. The regularly scheduled holidays for employees are December 23, 26, 30 and January 2.

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

Campus Happenings

- **Career Presentation:** Wednesday, Nov. 9, 4 p.m., Alumni Lounge. Dean Judith Kerman will present “Information Interviewing: Grow Your Own Job Market.” Free admission.

- **Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club:** Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m., Lower Level Dean Center. Robert Fuehrer, president of Business Management Services Inc., will discuss “Hire the Best—Avoid the Rest.” Admission is $16 at the door. Call ext. 4048 for details.

- **Theatre:** Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 & 12, 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m., SVSU Theatre. The Department of Communication and Theatre presents “The Adding Machine.” Faculty and staff may receive a complimentary ticket by calling ext. 4492.

- **Program Board Lecture Series:** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., SVSU Theatre. Humorist Steve Trash will present a lively presentation titled “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.”

- **Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop:** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Studio K Cafe. Local poets invited.

- **Career Series:** Wednesday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m., Alumni Lounge. Chris Looney’s topic will be “Careers for Liberal Arts Majors.”

- **CHEERS Educational Series:** Thursday, Nov. 17, 12 noon, Alumni Lounge. Patti Colpean, counselor and legal advocate of the Saginaw County Sexual Assault Program, will discuss sexual assault issues.

- **Center Stage Performance Series:** Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., SVSU Theatre. Ken Richters will portray Mark Twain.

- **Valley Film Society:** Friday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., SVSU Theatre. The featured film will be *A Taxing Woman* (Japan, 1987). Admission by season ticket or at the door. Call ext. 4332 for further information.

- **Children’s Concert Series:** Saturday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m., SVSU Theatre. On stage will be Jean and Martin Gal, storytellers of original and folk stories.

- **Thanksgiving Potluck:** Tuesday, Nov. 22, 11:30 a.m., Wickes Hall registration area.

Did You Know?...

- Health Services and the Saginaw Valley Blood Program are sponsoring a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16 in Brown Concourse.

- Ron Bonggren, area manager of the U.S. Savings Bonds Marketing Office, will be on campus Thursday, Nov. 10, to answer questions about savings bonds. Effective Nov. 1, 1994, the market-based rate is 5.92 percent, up from 4.70 percent. Bonggren will be in Brown Concourse from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, then in the Personnel Office conference room from 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Alice Cornejo at ext. 5669.

- An Open House for area high school students and their families will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12 in Ryder Center. Representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid and Housing offices will be on hand, along with SVSU faculty and staff and coaches from the Athletic Department. Participants will receive a tour of campus and information on academic programs. For further information, contact the Admissions Office at ext. 4200.

- This evening, Tim Allen, the star of the ABC television situation comedy "Home Improvement," will wear an SVSU sweatshirt on the show. Allen had worn the shirt during an October 11 episode after John Fallon, vice president of public affairs, sent the shirt to Walt Disney Studios in Burbank (CA), where the show is taped.

- SVSU faculty from any discipline are encouraged to participate in a Writing Project Summer Institute. For further information, contact Kay Harley, ext. 4354, or Ruth Sawyers, ext. 4156.

High Five

- **Soccer:** the first annual Alumni-Varsity Challenge match ended in a 2-2 draw. The oldtimers were led by Raji Mondol's header (which tied the score at 1-1), Gabriel Soto's goal keeping and coaches Nate Blecce and Luis Canales midfield play. Both varsity teams had strong opening seasons. The men's record was 4-9, while the women finished with a 1-3-5 mark.

- **Men's and Women's Cross Country:** completed their season at the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Saturday. The men placed 12th of 21 teams, while the women finished in 20th.

- **Volleyball:** dropped a 15-4, 15-9, 15-5 decision to Michigan Tech Saturday.

- **Football:** were stung by Grand Valley State 27-20 Saturday.
If Alice Cornejo's name springs to mind when you think of the Personnel Office, there are some very good reasons. First, she was the first employee hired after the office was created and a director named in 1973, and she's been there in various capacities ever since.

Then, there's the fact that she is one of the first people prospective and new employees see upon coming to SVSU—and she also does an exit interview with employees who retire or depart. In between, she is available to answer questions or help with problems related to employee benefits.

Cornejo notes that the original personnel director also was housing director and affirmative action officer. “We started from scratch with the personnel functions,” she says. “The personnel duties started to expand, and it was too much for one office to do all three things.”

Although she missed the contact with students, Cornejo says it was necessary to concentrate just on employees. “It was a challenge to start up the office. A co-worker from Purchasing helped me to get set up.”

By 1976 the growing need for personnel services required adding another secretary. Cornejo's responsibilities changed as the office grew and diversified. Today she concentrates on employee benefits.

“I enroll new employees in their insurances,” she says, “after explaining options and forms. I enjoy meeting the new employees, welcoming them to campus. Many have a surprised look when I give them the big packet of forms, but I explain each one and ease their anxiety.”

She notes that SVSU has an excellent benefit package. “It includes choices of health coverage, plus vision and dental, as well as retirement, sick leave and vacation. October is a busy month because of open enrollment for insurances,” she says.

Among other duties, Cornejo files reports to the worker's compensation carrier when there is a work-related injury. “I follow up until medical treatment is complete and the employee returns to work.”

Cornejo has enjoyed seeing SVSU's physical growth since she joined the staff. “At first there was just Wickes Hall and the ‘66-'68 building. Many things have changed since then. I've also seen quite a few people come and go just here in our office,” she smiles.

As part of a large family, Cornejo developed an early love for sports. “My sisters and I often would fill in to make a team when my brothers needed extra players,” she says. The extended family still gathers for volleyball games at her home in Saginaw. Cornejo also enjoys bowling and a variety of spectator sports, especially football.

And she devotes volunteer time to SVSU activities. “The Valley Fest (Cornejo has been a committee member since the event originated) made me realize how much time is needed. Volunteering gives me a chance to become more involved within the University and work with employees in a different setting.”
Exploring Social Services: Eastern Style

Imagine completing a social work program that taught you to deal with clients one-on-one, or perhaps in a family setting. But when you graduated, the social services agencies focused instead on community organizations and social welfare administration.

That is exactly the situation Ann Rae found when she traveled to the People’s Republic of China this summer with the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People.

“The social work program at the University of Beijing is only a year old,” she says, “and offers BSW and MSW degrees. It is very similar in terms of curriculum to our program, and is modeled after the Council of Social Work Education curriculum policy guide.”

Despite its youth, the program already has graduates, Rae says. And, to maintain its prestige, university officials helped place grads in China’s civil ministries, since the nation does not have social work positions equivalent to those typically found here.

Rae explains that social services are provided through three major governmental welfare organizations in China: the Civil Affairs Ministry, the Women’s Federation and the Communist Youth League. All are geared toward group, rather than individual, programs.

During the excursion, which included 10 days in mainland China with stops at Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou, Rae’s entourage was constantly in the company of guides. “We learned not to press them too hard for information,” she says. “We had to keep their trust, or they would retreat to answering only with the party line.”

“The most honest, open conversation I had was with the director of the Women’s Federation in Beijing,” Rae notes that among the social problems challenging Chinese society are an increase in the juvenile delinquency rate and an increase in adolescent suicide—“especially in the urban areas, which are vastly different than the countryside.”

Much of the rise in these phenomena can be attributed to the “one child per family” policy, Rae believes. China’s exploding economy is another factor, she says. “Families are better off economically and children are getting spoiled. They aren’t interested in the traditional family types of activities such as caring for the elderly or participating in the Communist Youth League.”

In fact, the one child per family rule is beginning to cause concern among some intellectuals, as they see a growing number of older people to be cared for by fewer and fewer young people.

Rae says the rapid change in China from an agrarian to industrial society also is causing social stress. “There is a tremendous problem with homelessness because of the influx of people from the country who seek jobs in the factories. But the infrastructure is so poorly developed that the factories cannot accommodate all the people who want work.”

She says there is an enormous amount of construction underway to close this gap. “It is everywhere you look—you can’t escape it.”

Rae also found many strengths in China. “The people appear to be very strong and well educated. They have long life expectancies,” she says.

Later Rae’s group spent five days in Hong Kong, where she presented a paper at the Hong Kong School of Social Work.
Across Campus

- The campus community extends sincerest condolences to Barb Jaski on the loss of her father, Stephen Jaski, who passed away Oct. 26. Funeral services were held Oct. 29.
- Condolences also go out to Joyce Payne whose father-in-law recently passed away.
- Sincere condolences are offered to Elaine Schnepf, whose mother-in-law, Irene Loeffelbein, recently passed away.
- Alice Cornejo would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to those at SVSU who provided support, prayers, cards and donations following the loss of her mother.

Transitions

Please note the following personnel changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory:

NEW

- Emmie Busch, senior secretary, Office of Minority Services, ext. 5631.
- Elizabeth Demand, shuttle bus driver, student shuttle service, ext. 4267.

- Robert McPeak, shuttle bus driver, student shuttle service, ext. 4267.
- Debbie Miller, shuttle bus driver, student shuttle service, ext. 4267.

- Timothy Rex, shuttle bus driver, student shuttle service, ext. 4267.
- Thomas Schuetz, shuttle bus driver, student shuttle service, ext. 4267.
- Ralph Wilga, shuttle bus driver, student shuttle service, ext. 4267.

LEFT/LEAVING

- Rick Dalzell, educational statistician and school improvement specialist, GSVREC.
- Ruth Garske, senior secretary, Business Services.

NEW OFFICE/EXT.

- Alfred Bracciano, ext. 7355.
- James Sullivan, 107 Ryder Center West.
- Tom Zantow, ext. 4238.
- Tom Zerger, ext. 4314.

Through the efforts of Dial Tent and Awning, the SVSU Cardinal Club has a new tent for hosting club members and guests at home football games. Mark and Etta Rieffel, who are loyal Cardinal fans, own and operate Dial Tent and Awning.

James E. O'Neill Jr. expresses appreciation to his colleagues, staff and friends during a retirement party hosted by SVSU in O'Neill Arena November 4. O'Neill, who devoted 28 years to public service, was noted for his strong support of education.
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