March 7, 1995

The Secret Garden on Stage for Festival of the Fine Arts

A young English girl, born when the British Empire encompassed the vast territories of India and Pakistan, is the main character in The Secret Garden. Originally written in book form by Frances Hodgson Burnett, it was adapted for the theatre by Helen P. Avery.

With a $2,000 mini-grant from The Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, costumes for the production were created by Susan Naum, a graduate of the Wayne State University Theatre Program.

As in years past, the theatre presentation coincides with the Valley Festival of the Fine Arts, which will be presented from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 18. Festival activities will be located in the Ryder Center and the Arbury Fine Arts Center.

The O’Neill Arena again showcases the Art Mart where more than 40 artisans and craftpeople will display and sell jewelry, wall hangings, basketry, pottery, paintings and other work in wood, pastels, glass, clay, oil, batik, fiber and mixed media artifacts.

The Fun Arts Factory, a popular feature of the Festival, returns with a wide variety of activities for children including appearances by Ronald McDonald and McGruff the Crime Dog. In addition to face painting and other events, “Not Just Vanilla,” an acclaimed children’s dance company from Midland, will perform.

Across campus in the Arbury Fine Arts Center, 35 staff members and students from the University community will exhibit drawings, paintings, photographs, ceramics, mixed media, basketry and sculpture as part of the Festival presentation. Mark Johnson, a senior art major from Linwood, will demonstrate pottery throwing.

Live vocal and instrumental performances will be presented in the Arbury Lobby throughout the day. The SVSU Shuttle Service will provide free transportation every 15 minutes between parking lots and activity centers across campus throughout the day.

An added feature of the 1995 Festival is the Empty Bowls sale at the Arbury Center. The sale is designed to raise as much money as possible to feed the hungry, make people aware of the existence of hunger and to use creativity to bring about positive social change. Ceramic bowls—including some fashioned by SVSU staff members—will be offered for sale at $5, $7.50 and $10. The bowls, which will be sanitized and enclosed in plastic containers, may be filled with soup and served with bread between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Bistro dining area in Ryder Center.

Proceeds from the Empty Bowls project will go to “Hidden Harvest,” a joint program of the Saginaw Community Foundation and the Good Neighbor mission. Hidden Harvest, which rescues food that would otherwise be wasted and makes it available to agencies that feed people in Saginaw, will use the cash to buy gasoline and for recyclable aluminum pans and dishes to transport food.

Volunteers from the SVSU Student Social Work Organization are working to package the sanitized bowls, and will serve the soup and staff the sales table during the Festival.

Faculty and staff may obtain complimentary tickets to the theatre performance by calling 4492. For more information on the Festival, call ext. 4170.

The Secret Garden Cast

Dickon
Shane Baranek

Mrs. Medlock
Jill Hemann

Mary
Melissa Hemann

Martha
Kristine Ferrio

Colin
Matt LeMay

Dr. Sturgis
Mark Harbec

Ben
Dan Segura

Craven
Jacob Kolinski
95 SVSU Students Named to the 1994-95 National Dean’s List

Some 95 SVSU students who registered 4.00 grade point averages during the 1994 winter and fall semesters have been named to the National Dean’s List.

Richard Thompson, dean of student affairs, said the nominees are eligible to compete for $25,000 scholarship awards, a National Dean’s List College Loan and other benefits. National Dean’s List students will receive certificates at the annual Student Leadership Recognition dinner on Thursday, April 13.

Art Exhibit Commemorates Women’s History Month

Two prominent women artists from the Saginaw Valley are featured in an exhibit commemorating Women’s History Month. Works by Michelle Courier and Julia Roecker will be featured at the University Art Gallery from March 7-30.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Michelle Courier observes people in their day to day world. Her strongly composed paintings serve as visual records of contemporary life. She has exhibited extensively in Midland, Bay City and Mt. Pleasant. She currently teaches at the Midland Center for the Arts.

Courier has won many awards for her work. Some of the most recent awards she has received are first place in 1993 at the Studio 23 Annual Area Award Show, and in 1990 Best of Show and First Place Painting at the Women’s Work Show. Some of Courier’s works are on display at the Artisen Gallery and the Art and Frame Gallery, both in Saginaw, and the Northwood Gallery in Midland.

Julia Roecker, perhaps Saginaw’s most popular artist, taught at Alma College and Saginaw High School and served as director of the Saginaw Art Museum. Best known for her landscapes and still life, she worked in painting, printmaking and all forms of drawing. This exhibit represents her work in watercolor, printmaking and pastel.

The annual meeting of Valley State Employees Credit Union (VSECU) is set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. This meeting, which includes election of board members, will take place at the Valley State office building, 2886 McLeod Drive, Saginaw (just east of Fashion Square Blvd.).

SVSU employees who are members of VSECU are urged to attend the meeting to support re-election of Norm Sterchele, who currently represents SVSU on the credit union board.

"It is important that SVSU be well represented at this meeting," said Jerry Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs. "Valley State is the University’s credit union, and we need to support our representative on its board."

Woodcock stressed that those attending should arrive promptly at 5:30 p.m., since board member election is one of the first items on the agenda.

Bay Valley
“COLLEGE NIGHT”

Thursday, March 23
5-7 p.m.
Complimentary refreshments and hors d'oeuvres
For SVSU and Delta College faculty and staff
Friendship, food and conversation in a relaxed setting
RSVP to Bay Valley by March 17, 1995
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EarthVision Gains International Attention

EarthVision may not have become a household word since its introduction on the campus of SVSU in 1993, but a number of mid-Michigan high school students and teachers participating in the program have caught the attention of environmental researchers and educators across the country and around the world.

When Vice President Gore led the U.S. delegation to the G-7 Information Society Conference in Belgium on February 24, EarthVision was one of four U.S. projects identified as outstanding by Global Observation to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE), the environmental organization Gore chairs.

Supported by a $1.6 million, three-year grant from the Environmental Protection Agency and linked with the National Environmental Supercomputing Center (NESC) in Bay City, teams of high school students with their math and science teachers are not only tackling complicated local environmental issues but are changing their schools' teaching curricula as well.

The Caseville School District is one of EarthVision's participants. The district has only 295 K-12 students, all housed in one building with only one math and one science teacher. Nevertheless, a team of students joined their teachers for the Saturday tutorial sessions in the fall of 1993. They worked with professional researchers and specialists in computational sciences at SVSU to gain substantial hands-on experience accessing the high speed computer in NESC.

Selected to continue their work in EarthVision's three-week Summer Research Institute, the Caseville team was awarded a powerful Silicon Graphics work station for their school and a link-up with the supercomputer. The link is being used to analyze 30 years of solar radiation data. The team works closely with local farmers and Michigan State University agricultural extension agents as mentors. From their research they hope to determine how and whether to irrigate corn, beans and sugar beet crops in the area.

Because of its outstanding effort, the Caseville team was awarded a Macintosh computer and modem by GLOBE.

Another of the 1993-94 teams whose research promises to have significant local impact is Saginaw High School. Also awarded a Silicon Graphics computer and link to the supercomputer, the team chose development of seven flood water/sewage retention basins by the City of Saginaw as the subject of its research. Specifically they selected the Webber Street Basin from which to develop a prediction and evaluation model for the system.

The team expects to determine whether the basins have sufficient capacity to handle a worst case flood run-off or if an additional 30-million gallon basin should be added to insure the integrity of the system.

Working with mentors from the Spicer Engineering Company, the Saginaw High team uses equipment more sophisticated than that available to the professional engineers. Now in their senior year, student team members are helping to change the way science and math are taught in their school.

"Both projects have a significant impact on local public policy," according to Ralph Coppola, Director of SVSU Office of Sponsored Programs that operates the program. He says EarthVision has begun to attract attention from high schools and recruiters from prestigious universities in other parts of the country.

"The 1994-95 Saturday tutorials are underway now," Coppola says. "We have six applications from Michigan high schools and three from Cleveland for the Summer Research Institute. We've also had requests from schools in Washington, D.C., New York and Wisconsin.

"Although high schools not in Michigan haven't taken part in the Saturday Tutorials, they're still eligible to apply for the Summer Research Institute," Coppola added.

"Unfortunately, we only have five openings for the Summer Institute.

"EarthVision has exceeded our expectations," he said. "We've had about 50 applications since the program began in 1992 and 18 schools have actually participated. All students and teachers have published the results of their work. A number of students have been offered scholarships to attend colleges with highly regarded math and science programs, but the benefits haven't been limited to area high schools.

"Perhaps the greatest impact has been on the SVSU faculty involved in the training. Many have altered the content and methodology of their courses as a result of their work with high school students," Coppola said.
Professional Profile

- William K. Barnett, professor of anthropology and sociology, is presenting a paper titled “A Method for Assessing Police Workload and Police Budgets in the Merger of Police Departments” at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences March 9 in Boston.

- Gerald Peterson, professor of psychology, had a paper titled “Challenges of Qualitative Inquiry and the Need for Follow-up in Descriptive Research” published in the Journal of Phenomenological Psychology, volume 25, number 2. His book review of Issues of Validity in Qualitative Research (Steiner Kvale, ed.) also is forthcoming in the same journal, volume 26, number 1 (spring 1995).

Campus Happenings

- Career Lecture Series: 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, Alumni Lounge. The scheduled topic is “ Marketable Work Habits.”

- Entrepreneurs Club: 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, Lower Level Doan Center. Show and Tell night. Call ext. 4048 to make reservations.

- CHEERS Educational Series: 12-12:50 p.m., Thursday, March 9, Alumni Lounge. Linda Goden, personal counselor at SVSU, will present “Learning to Love Yourself.”

- Club Night: 8 p.m., Friday, March 10, Lower Level Doan Center. The Incredible Boris, a mentalist/hypnotist, uses humor with a fantastic demonstration of mind control. Admission is free of charge.

- Women’s History Month Award Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, Lower Level Doan Center. Rosalie Riegel Troester, professor of English, will be honored by the SVSU Women’s History Month Committee. Reservations are $5 per person. Call ext. 4075 for more information.

- Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop: 7:30 p.m., March 15, Studio K. Caffe. All serious poets welcome. Call ext. 4062 for information.

- Composition Study Group: 12-1:30 p.m., Friday, March 17, third floor Science Lounge. Janice Wolff will lead a discussion of Mary Louise Pratt’s “Arts of the Contact Zone” (Profession 91) as it applies to writing theory and practice. Copies of the article are on file at the secretary’s station on third floor Science Building. Call Sally Cannon at ext. 4022 for more information.

- Women’s History Month Film: 12-1 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, Lower Level Doan Center. “Rigoberta Menchú: Broken Silence” will be screened. Admission is free of charge. Brown bag luncheon, beverage provided.

- Saginaw Valley Manufacturers Association: 1-4 p.m., Thursday, March 23, Theatre. William E. Conway, author of The Quality Secret: The Right Way to Manage and Winning the War on Waste, will discuss management issues. For reservation information, contact the BID Office at ext. 5647.

Transitions

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

NEW

- James E. O’Neill, Jr., coordinator of state relations, Public Affairs, ext. 7736.

- Craig T. Tatum, director of affirmative action/multicultural programs, ext. 4397.

RETIRED

- Albert J. Beutler, executive director of development and SVSU foundation.

EXTENSION CHANGE

- Mary Aumann, computer services, ext. 8595.

Accent on Alumni

- Amy L. Endersbe (’91) passed the Certified Public Accountant exam from the State Board of Accountancy. Endersbe is associated with the firm of Weinlander, Fitzhugh, Bertuleit, & Schairer, P.C. The firm has offices in Bay City, East Tawas, Clare, Gladwin and West Branch.

- Chris D. Ferguson (’73) was appointed director of the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Library on the University of Southern California campus. Ferguson also has a master’s degree from the University of Texas and a doctorate from SUNY-Binghampton.

Barbara and I want to thank the SVSU faculty and staff for the many kind expressions of appreciation, their good wishes, and the cards and letters that were shared over the past several weeks. We are especially grateful to those who planned and attended the receptions held in our honor.

—Albert J. Beutler
Monday, March 13, 1995

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Zahnow Student Lounge

CONNECTING WOMEN

Second in a Series of Presentations on Women's Studies

Speakers:
Marcia Ribble, English-Communication/Theatre, SVSU
Janice Wolff, English, SVSU
Teresa Marshall, SVSU Undergraduate

Brown Bag

Light refreshments will be provided, compliments of the Melvin J. Zahnow Library.
NOMINATION REQUEST
FOR THE
RUBEN DANIELS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Background

Saginaw Valley State University's Ruben Daniels Community Service Award is named in honor of Mr. Ruben Daniels, whose life exemplified the highest levels of volunteerism and service to community. The award represents the University's highest recognition of employee community involvement and service to community. The award is supported by Michigan National Bank.

Mr. Daniels let his personal philosophy of community service guide his life. He served as a positive role model and mentor for many and his contributions to his community were exemplary. It is fitting, therefore, that Saginaw Valley State University's highest recognition for community service be named in his honor.

Date of Award

Friday, April 7, 1995 - All-University Awards Banquet

Amount of Award

$500.00

Eligibility

All University employees

Selection Considerations

1. Noteworthy and uncompensated contributions to the community in general.

2. Active and long-term involvement in one or more community, civic, educational, business, fraternal, recreational, religious or service organizations in the greater SVSU service area.

3. Leadership positions in such organizations.

Nominations Format

Letter or memorandum describing nominee's qualifications. Please give names of organizations, years active, offices held, involvement in special projects, etc. Be as specific as possible.

Nominations should be sent to:

Eldon Graham
Chairperson, Selection Committee
Pioneer Hall, SVSU

Deadline

March 15, 1995
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