



# THE INTERIOR

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## Duo Piano Recital to Help Raise Funds for Educational Trust

A casually elegant evening of music and visual art is in store for those who attend "Pianos at an Exhibition," a special collaborative fund-raising event sponsored by the Saginaw Choral Society and the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery.

Locally prominent pianists Tamara Grefe and Catherine McMichael are the featured performers at the event. The pair will present a rare treat—a duo piano recital.

The fund-raiser will take place Tuesday evening, July 25 at the Arbury Fine Arts

"We are delighted to have this opportunity to work with the Saginaw Choral Society in presenting a fresh approach to viewing the works of Mr. Fredericks in our gallery and sculpture garden," said gallery director Michael W. Panhorst.

"This combination of visual and musical arts provides arts patrons a unique opportunity to have a wonderful evening and a chance to support our organizations at the same time," Panhorst added.

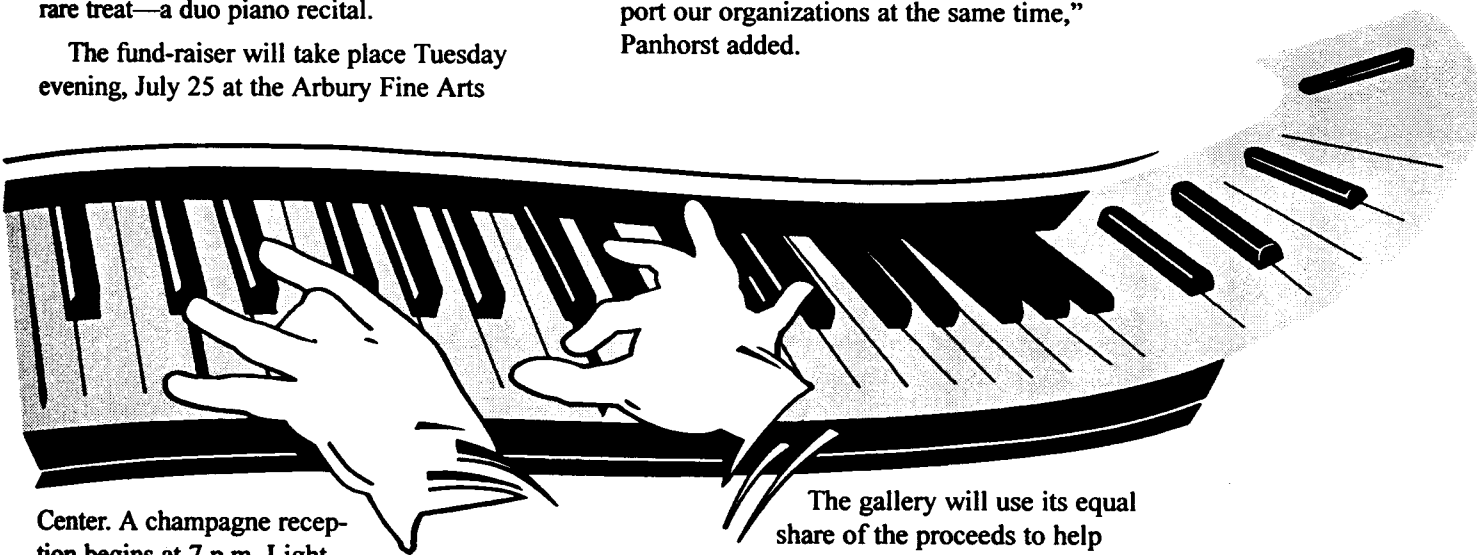
Center. A champagne reception begins at 7 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served as guests view the works in the gallery and outdoors in the sculpture garden.

Grefe and McMichael will start performing at 8 p.m. Their light and varied program will feature works of Mulhaud, Scarlatti, Brahms, Prokofiev, Copland, Gershwin and Debussy. They plan to conclude the program with "Great Gate of Kiev" from Mussorgsky's famous "Pictures at an Exhibition." The evening will wrap up with dessert under the stars in the sculpture garden (weather permitting).

The gallery will use its equal share of the proceeds to help match the \$250,000 challenge gift establishing the Rosalind C. Fredericks Educational Trust, an endowment fund begun in 1994 to expand the gallery's audience and to increase its service to that audience.

Stevens Van Lines is the major underwriter for the July 25 event. Additional support has been pledged by Michigan Sugar Company and its growers, and Centennial Technologies, Inc.

Admission to "Pianos at an Exhibition" is \$50 per person. Reservations are required and seating is limited. For further information, please contact the gallery at ext. 5667.



## SVSU Students Lead Group Discussions on Diversity

Some 20 SVSU students and several community volunteers recently discovered that managing diversity in the workplace or in community organizations requires more than book learning.

The students were enrolled in a "Managing Diversity" course taught at SVSU by Joseph Ofori-Dankwa, associate professor of management, and assisted by Lyle A. Kleman, interim director for the Bridge Center for Racial Harmony.

The group facilitation was the students' final exam for the course. For the community volunteers, the facilitation marked the end of the first step of a process leading to a certification program that Ofori-Dankwa and Kleman are developing.

"The program was intended to give students and volunteers hands-on experience in facilitating discussions about diversity issues in the workplace and community," Ofori-Dankwa said. "The fact that community volunteers, not classmates, made up the discussion groups meant the students had a realistic experience leading such discussions."

Each team of students and volunteers discussed topics that included race, gender, age, sexual preference, handicap or religion.

"This was one more example of the kinds of activities the Bridge Center wants to encourage—use existing community resources and people to enable rational conversation about race and diversity issues with the purpose of encouraging the appreciation of the strength we find in the diverse population in Saginaw County," Kleman said.

## Hamrick Bolsters ESL and International Programs

Jim Hamrick has been appointed Assistant Director of International Programs and Director of English Language Programs at SVSU.

Hamrick's primary responsibility will be to develop and implement non-credit programs for students studying English as a Second Language (ESL). He will direct two existing programs with sister universities in Japan and develop new ESL programs for other students.

According to international programs director Woody Pelton, most of the students in the new ESL programs would be from overseas, and some will enter SVSU when they have attained proficiency in English.

Hamrick will work with other offices on campus to provide additional language support for international students enrolled in SVSU's academic programs. He also will teach English 101, a four credit-hour ESL course.

Hamrick earned a B.A. (with honors) in English Literature from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and holds a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Georgetown University. He is completing requirements for a Ph.D.

Prior to joining the SVSU staff, Hamrick served as associate director for administration, English Programs for Internationals, at the University of South Carolina since 1989. He has presented and published a number of scholarly papers and was Academic Coordinator, Summer English Institute, Guangzhou Junior Teachers' College in the People's Republic of China in 1987.



**Jim Hamrick**

The graphic features a large, dark, irregular shape that resembles a splash or a cloud. Inside this shape, the text "1995 Community Corporate Challenge" is written in a large, white, serif font. The year "1995" is at the top, followed by "Community" and "Corporate Challenge" in a larger, more stylized font.

**Join your colleagues in the pursuit of good health, personal fitness and campus spirit. Mark your calendar for September 15-23. Sign up for the team by calling ext. 7710.**



Norm Sterchele, professor of educational leadership, assists two of the 40 seventh and eighth graders from Texas and Saginaw County who visited the campus recently. As participants in the Saginaw Public Schools Migrant Students Summer Program, the group learned about accessing the Internet in the computer lab in Brown Hall. This is the first year SVSU has participated in the program.

## Professional Profile

• **Jonathan Leonard**, associate professor of electrical engineering, is participating in a research project studying the glacial history and paleoclimates of northern Canada. He will spend July doing field work on Baffin Island in the Canadian Arctic. Leonard will be applying image processing techniques from engineering applications to the analysis of geologic samples. The project is supported by a National Science Foundation grant to Dr. Philip Davis of Bentley College, Waltham, MA.

## Have You Heard...

• A series of colloquiums designed to enhance student retention are scheduled throughout the fall semester. Faculty are requested to consider announcing these events in class and possibly listing them on the course syllabus. For more information on the "**Freshmen FIRST**" colloquiums contact Diane Brimmer, ext. 4170; Kim McDonald, ext. 4005; Merry Jo Starrine, ext. 4289; or Dan Strasz, ext. 5661.

• The **Shannon M. Thompson Memorial Golf Classic** will take place Monday, August 7 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Bay Valley Golf Course. The cost is \$75 per player with proceeds going to fund the memorial scholarship. Faculty and staff interested in playing or donating to the scholarship fund are asked to contact Jim Dwyer at ext. 4209.

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• SVSU again will welcome students from **Shikoku University** studying English this summer. The Office of International Programs is seeking volunteers to host one or two of these Japanese college women for one or both of the following weekends: July 29-30 or August 19-20. Homestay families are not expected to provide any special entertainment for their guests, but are asked only to include them in their normal activities for the weekend. Contact Barb Cohen or Woody Pelton at ext. 4473 to volunteer.

• The first annual **Thomas H. Busch Memorial Golf Classic** will be Saturday, September 9 beginning at 12 noon at Valley View Farms Golf Course. Entry fee is \$60, with all proceeds contributed to a scholarship fund for SVSU students. For further information, contact Emmie Busch at ext. 4052.

• A campus-wide shutdown of electrical power will take place from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight on Sunday, August 13. Be sure to remove perishable items from refrigerators and make other plans as necessary. Pine Grove Apartments, Public Safety and all buildings east of Davis Road will have power as usual during this period. Contact Jerry Stuart or Stephen Hocquard at ext. 4074 for further information.

## Across Campus

- The campus community extends sincerest condolences to **Cynthia Bala**, grant accountant, whose brother recently passed away.
- **Tish Drexler**, senior secretary in Admissions, recently mourned the loss of her grandmother.
- Condolences also go out to **Debwin Roberts**, student loan manager in the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, on the loss of her brother, James Williams III, who passed away July 2.
- Congratulations go out to **Debbie Martin**, senior accounting clerk in the Bookstore, who gave birth to a daughter on July 6. Madison Marie was 6 lb., 11 oz., and 20 inches.

## Transitions

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

### SVSU WELCOMES .....

- **Craig Bell**, part-time police officer, Public Safety, ext. 2087
- **Pat Beyer**, manager of custodial operations, Physical Plant, ext. 4314
- **Jim Hamrick**, assistant director, International Programs, ext. 4473
- **Karen Klundt**, assistant professor of sociology, ext. 4149
- **David Pugalee**, assistant professor of teacher education, ext. 7734
- **Karen Selby**, assistant professor of teacher education, ext. 4189
- **George Velasquez**, custodian, Physical Plant, ext. 4279

### SAME FACE, NEW PLACE .....

- **Emmie Busch**, administrative secretary, SVSU Foundation, ext. 4052
- **Tish Drexler**, senior secretary, Admissions, ext. 4200
- **Carl Dueweke**, custodian, Physical Plant, ext. 4279
- **Susan Manke**, grant clerk, Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, ext. 4106
- **Cindy Munger**, grant manager, Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, ext. 4106
- **Gabriel Soto**, shipping/receiving clerk, Bookstore, ext. 4262

## THEY'RE MOVING ON .....

- **Claudia Beechuk**, instructor, teacher education
- **John Carr**, assistant professor of biology
- **Jeffrey Erickson**, police officer, Public Safety
- **David Jensen**, assistant professor of chemistry
- **Margaret Rorke**, assistant professor of music
- **Roy Schroeder**, program manager, Midwest Manufacturing Technology Center, BIDI
- **David Slaven**, assistant professor of physics
- **Jina Thalmann**, instructor of social work

## WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER .....

- **Jan Kimmel**, new ext. 7053
- **Scott Mellendorf**, new ext. 7052

## High Five

SVSU alumnus Ted Chapman has accepted the head softball coaching position that was vacated by Claudette Charney.

Chapman brings impressive credentials from Pinconning Area High School where he posted a 288-44 record in nine seasons. He won nine North East Michigan Conference league titles, six district crowns, five regional championships and state titles in 1989 and 1993.

An accounting and economics teacher for 28 years, Chapman received his bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University in 1967 and completed his master's degree at SVSU in 1985. He becomes the ninth softball coach in the sport's history at SVSU.

Chapman, who has seven of his former players currently competing at the college level, will take over a program that finished with a 24-21 over-all (10-11 GLIAC) mark last season.

## Accent on Alumni

- **David W. Pike** ('80) recently was promoted to dealer sales representative and a member of Second National Bank's management group. A native of Bay City, Pike has a degree in business administration from SVSU.
- **Scott Zimmer**, C.P.A., (B.B.A. '90) was appointed director of the finance and operations group of the F.P. Horak Co., a Bay City-based distributor of printed products.

**The next issue of *The Interior* will be distributed Tuesday, Aug. 8. Deadline for articles is Thursday, Aug. 3. For more information call ext. 4055.**

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# INNER VIEW

FEATURING FACULTY OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

## A Close-Up View of the World

Most of us have difficulty even saying "electromicroscopy." But to Sally Shepardson, it's familiar territory. She has polished her techniques in the highly specialized field for much of her professional life.

Her interest in the field was triggered during study leading to her master's degree in biology. "I was studying a plant virus, and that involved using electromicroscopy. I found I really loved it. I spent the next 15 years running electromicroscopy research facilities," she says.

Eight of those years were spent at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. She would perform experiments for other researchers. "I was exposed to all areas in biology; that was really wonderful!" She says her exposure to outstanding scientists raised her own standards.

When she arrived at SVSU, the University had a transfer electromicroscope donated by The Dow Chemical Company, and David Dalgarn had secured a grant to buy support materials. Dean Kullgren also had purchased a scanning electromicroscope. Shepardson was able to assemble all these components into a fully equipped lab.

"That offers a tremendous opportunity for our undergraduate students to be involved in research. It is unusual in an institution like SVSU that is primarily a teaching institution."

More recently Shepardson has acquired an image analysis system for her office computer that allows the transfer and analysis of information from the electromicroscopes. "It can perform analysis in a few days that might have taken years when all measurements had to be transferred manually," she explains.

Currently she is working with her husband, Jon Leonard (associate professor of electrical engineering), on a research project involving the effect of microwaves on glutaraldehyde. Some results have been published and more will be published soon, she says.

This summer Shepardson is teaching a course in Environmental Dynamics. "Gail Kantak developed the course for our General Education program," she notes. "I have really come to enjoy the challenge of teaching in the General Education program. It is a real challenge to make the material not only understandable, but interesting to people who do not have a strong interest or background in science.

"I stress how everybody needs to understand science principles so they can vote intelligently. I really like this role." The course examines, among other things, various issues related to pollution and the effect that human actions have on the environment.

Shepardson collaborated with Kathy Pelkki to revise the workbook used for the Biology 220 lab. "We wanted something that was more scientific and analytical." She says the results have inspired them to consider updating the Natural Science lab manual.

She credits her entry into a relatively non-traditional field for women to several factors: her childhood in a very rural part of Maine, a K-12 education in a school with an outstanding science program, and a strong mother. "She encouraged my sister and me to follow whatever interested us."

Shepardson says more women are becoming interested and involved in science careers. However, she says, "It still is very difficult for women in science if they want to raise a family at the same time. The field does not readily accommodate people who may want time out."





# STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

## Brian E. Gano

Assistant  
Director,  
Housing &  
Residential  
Life

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You might say he grew up with the campus. "When my Mom dropped me off here (from Niles, MI) in 1970, I didn't know a soul and there were all fields around us," Gano says. "She confessed recently that she cried all the way home, wondering if she had done the right thing," he laughs.

Obviously, attending SVSU proved to be a good choice for Gano. He graduated in 1975 with a degree in music. "I was playing in a rock band at the time," he says, "but I was offered a permanent position in the housing office because I had been a student manager while living in the dorms. So I had to make a choice."

The decision to stay at SVSU has been a happy one for Gano. "I really feel at home at Saginaw Valley," he says. "I lived here for nine years, first as a student, then as an employee."

Although he now lives in Bay City, he notes that his responsibilities as assistant director of housing and residential life keep him on the campus for long hours. "Most days we work with students during office hours. I don't really get started on my office tasks until 4:30. Then you can make a lot of progress."

Gano doesn't mind the long hours. "We work really hard to try to take care of students. That is why we are here," he says. "We have a

small staff; there are three other permanent people. I could never get by without them; we all work really well together. And we have a whole lot of student workers who help us get by."

The changing campus has triggered several office moves for Gano. After several years in Doan Center, the housing office occupied temporary quarters in the dorms last summer. Today they are located in the former Bookstore. With Gano's input, the space has been converted to an airy, inviting place for students to relax or take care of housing-related business.

"Next year we will be moving to West Complex," he notes. "It will be nice to be by other student services."

Gano is pleased that he was able to work on the planning process for the Pine Grove Apartments. He also is involved in discussions for possible future housing units at SVSU. "We are studying some 'clustered' housing options that will appeal to freshmen," he says, adding that current residence halls could be updated for other students.

After several years of coping with overflows, the residence halls experienced a decline in the past two years. Gano believes problems created by people coming from off campus caused the situation. "We put gates back up and started an escort program for people who had guests at night. We also implemented a no-alcohol policy in Great Lakes Hall.

"Some students felt this was too restrictive and dropped out of the dorms. But the group we had last year really enjoyed living in the halls." Gano notes that the halls are filled for fall, "and we are starting a waiting list."

The hours away from the office find Gano bonded to his home computer. "I run a local BBS," he explains. About a hundred people from the tri-cities participate in the service, which has capabilities for phones, games and file transmission. "I make it fun," he says, "and I've met a lot of people that way. We now have monthly meetings."

