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SVSU to graduate 374 at December 13 Commencement

Commencement ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 in O’Neill Arena with 374 summer and fall semester graduates expected to participate.

Eligible for graduation are 276 students who completed bachelor’s degree requirements in fall semester and 60 who earned master’s degrees. Students who completed degree requirements during the summer semester also may participate in the December event.

Faculty and staff may bestow the Alumni Scroll to graduating members of their immediate family during Commencement. To make arrangements, contact Emmie Busch in the Foundation office at ext. 4052.

“Musical Chairs” to begin December 13

A flurry of sorting, packing and cleaning is underway in preparation for the first wave of moves to West Complex, scheduled to begin Friday, Dec. 13 with relocation of several administrative and student services units. Departments included are Continuing Education, Conference Bureau, BIDL, the Manufacturing Improvement Center, Campus Life Center, Student Association, Valley Vanguard, the Dean of the College of Business and Management, and Housing and Residential Life.

According to Crystal Lange and Dale Irish, who are coordinating the relocation effort, moving for these offices should be complete by the close of business Tuesday, Dec. 17. The next two days have been specified for moving the faculties of the Department of Communication and Theatre and the College of Business and Management. “Friday, Dec. 20 is reserved to clean up any moves that weren’t completed during the first five days,” Lange said.

All those directly involved in the moving process received memos informing them of the schedule and providing instructions for packing items to be moved.

The offices that will be vacated by relocating faculty and staff will be cleaned and refurbished as necessary before the second round of moves takes place at a future date. When plans are in place, they will be announced to the campus community.

The Office of Information Services plans to issue another temporary Faculty/Staff Directory early in winter semester. However, phone numbers will remain the same for all those who currently have their own extensions.
Dr. Alice A. Tait, award-winning professor of communication, addressed an SVSU audience on “African Americans in the Media” on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Tait outlined the pervasive influence of the media, particularly television, as a means of communication. Because a large majority of people rely on television as their primary source of information, Tait believes that inaccurate portrayals and emphasis on sex and violence have a negative impact. She is especially concerned about the detrimental effects on children and adolescents. Tait’s appearance was part of the King/Chavez/Parks (KCP) Lecture Series.

SVSU jazz concert features Holland as guest artist

Mr. Holland is coming to Saginaw Valley State University.

The SVSU Jazz ensemble concert scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 in the Theatre will feature guest artist Rick Holland on trumpet. He has been described as “a master trumpeter who uses his fluid and mellow flugelhorn to advantage in intimate club settings.”

Holland has a B.A. from Berklee College of Music and an M.M. from DePaul University. Currently he is pursuing a D.M.A. at Michigan State University.

Holland has appeared with Herb Pomeroy’s Studio Orchestra, Phil Wilson’s International Dues Band and the Makoto Ozone Big Band. He also performed with Phil Wilson in the 1985 Boston Globe Jazz Festival. That same year he appeared with Makoto Ozone on Japanese National Television.

Holland has performed with many of the jazz greats, including Herb Ellis, Frank Mantooth, Joe Venuti, Rob McConnell, Buddy DeFranco, Jon Faddis, Natalie Cole, Marvin Stamm, Bobby Shew and others. He was a regular member and soloist with the Rob Pard on and Mike Pendowski Big Bands from 1988 to 1991.

From 1989 to 1991, Holland served as a graduate assistant for Frank Mantooth, leading the Second Jazz Ensemble at DePaul while teaching jazz improvisation privately for DePaul University and the DePaul Community Music School. In 1995 he was a winner of the Brass Quintet Competition at the International Tuba Conference, and in 1990 was named “Outstanding Soloist” at the Elmhurst Jazz Festival.

Currently, Holland freelances in the Michigan area, doing a variety of work ranging from classical chamber music to jazz combos and professional shows.

The December 5 concert at SVSU will feature a variety of music, including some holiday selections, such as “Sleigh Ride” by Glenn Miller. Also on the program are “Lil Darlin” and “April in Paris” by Count Basie and “My One and Only Love,” arranged by Michigan native John Moss.

SVSU faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets by calling ext. 4159.

Whittaker joins SVSU choirs, collegium for Holiday Pipes III

Leslie Whittaker, professor of English, will be the guest artist with the SVSU chamber and concert choirs, Collegium Musicum and Early Music Collegium for a seasonal concert.

“Holiday Pipes III” will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 in the SVSU Theatre.

The concert will feature a collection of holiday favorites performed by outstanding solo voices. A number of selections also will include music of the Renaissance played on ancient instruments. Whittaker will offer three recitations of Christmas works.

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Professional Profile

- Diane Boehm, Sally Cannon, Lynne Graft, Bob Lane, Leslie Whittaker and Carol Wolfe, members of the Epiphany Project team, presented "Teaching, Learning and Technology: Risk-taking in Cyberspace" at the Regional Conference on Learning Communities and Collaboration in Frankenmuth on November 15. The Epiphany Project was created to develop "strategies and structures for pedagogical change in the age of electronic text." The presenters shared teaching/learning strategies, student work, and discussion of classroom dynamics, focusing on the risks and the rewards—for both students and faculty—of stepping out into cyberspace in composition, education and political science.

- Janet Rubin, professor of communication and theatre, had a book published recently. The second edition of Creative Drama and Music Methods: Introductory Activities for Children was published by Linnet Professional Publications in November. The text was co-authored with Margaret Merrion, dean of fine arts at Ball State University.

Across Campus

- The campus community extends condolences to the family of Shelly Ann Berger, an SVSU alumna who passed away November 17. Funeral services were held November 21 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Frankenlurst.

- Congratulations go out to Daryl Bernard, center clerk in the Regional Mathematics and Science Center, who announces the birth of a son. Daniel Russell (5 lbs., 14 oz., 18 in.) was born November 15 at Saginaw General Hospital. Daniel is Bernard's fourth son.

Have You Heard?

- Health Services thanks all those who donated blood November 13. The Saginaw Valley Blood Program drew 63 pints. The next blood drive will be January 22, 1997.

- Donald C. Himmelspach expresses his appreciation to those who contributed to Writers' Harvest, which raised more than $500 for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. The amount surpassed the organization's goal by $100.

Campus Happenings

- Holiday Open House — 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Pine Grove Apartments. Units open for view are 7640-3, 7620-1, 7620-3. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, call ext. 4255.

- Math/Science Workshop — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 in Lower Level Doan Center and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 108 Science Building. For more information call the SVSU Regional Mathematics & Science Center at ext. 4118.

- Center Stage Performing Arts Series — 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Curtiss Hall Banquet Room. "Mr. Rudy" will present a multicultural holiday experience. Admission is free for SVSU students, $3 general admission. For more information call ext. 4170.

- Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, Studio K Cafe. Call ext. 4062 for more information.

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Friday, Dec. 13 • 12 noon
Lower Level Doan Center

Holiday Menu Includes:
Wassail Punch
Cranberry Vinegarette Salad
Portuguese Sweet Rolls with Butter
Chicken Breast with Dijon Sauce
Warm French Potato Salad
Julienne Carrots and Snap Peas
Dessert
Coffee and Brewed Tea

$6.75 per person
Reservations due Monday, Dec. 9
Call ext. 4052 for more information
Winter semester Faculty/Staff Directory to be published

The Office of Information Services will be publishing another temporary Faculty/Staff Directory early in winter semester. This will reflect new office addresses for faculty and staff who move before the beginning of the semester. In most cases phone numbers will remain unchanged, but there may be added extensions in certain cases.

Faculty and staff who have e-mail should be aware that their e-mail addresses will be published. Those who do not wish to have their e-mail addresses listed with their office number and phone number should contact John Guettler in Computer Services, ext. 5666, regarding procedures to close their accounts.

Accent on Alumni

- Teresa M. Gill (B.S., nursing, 1982) has been named nurse manager of the neuro intensive care unit at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Saginaw.
- Alison Walker (B.B.A., accounting, 1996) has joined the Audit Department at Yeo & Yeo as a staff accountant.

High Five

- Men’s Basketball (0-0, 2-1) — competed in the Calvin College Tip-off Tournament last weekend in Grand Rapids. The Cardinals became the first team in the tournament’s 11-year history to claim the championship trophy after defeating the host school 77-74 in overtime Saturday. SVSU advanced to the championship game by beating GLIAC rival Ferris State University 76-74 in overtime Friday evening. Junior guard Brandon Fisher took home Most Valuable Player honors after scoring 56 points, including a career-high 32 in the championship game. Also named to the all-tournament team for SVSU were sophomore forward Kevin Dielman and point guard Brian Vaughn. Vaughn, a 6-1 freshman, scored 13 points, had two assists, a steal, a blocked shot, nine rebounds and only two turnovers in 38 minutes of action on Saturday.

Eight students represented SVSU in the November 9 Michigan mathematics competition for colleges and universities. Teams were limited to a maximum of three members, and SVSU’s top entry placed eighth among the 40 teams entered. Another SVSU team took 13th place. Six of the SVSU students who participated in the contest are shown in the photo above, along with SVSU Math Club co-advisor Patrick Pan. They are (top row, L-R) Shawn Grannell, Don DeGroat (club president), Brian Stumpf, Scott Izzo (vice president); (bottom row, L-R) Paul Brown (treasurer), Michael Gubodey and Pan, assistant professor of mathematical sciences. Missing from the photo are students Kristina Varga and Lei Wang.