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Campaign's University Division gathers momentum

Just two weeks into its effort, the campus committee for the "Campaign for Distinction" is reporting significant progress toward its goal of $225,000 in contributions from University employees. The committee coordinating the campus effort is pleased with response to date.

"The success of the campaign starts with us," said Gene Hamilton, part of the 24-person committee. "In campaigns of other higher educational institutions, the rate of employee participation has had a profound impact on supporters outside of the University family."

The group, including faculty and staff, is working to reach the University Division goals. They would like everyone to contribute, and point out that people can choose a method best fitting their circumstances. Cash gifts may be made by check, credit card or payroll deduction.

Many people find that a three-year pledge works well for them and allows them to take full advantage of the Michigan Tax Credit, according to the committee. Gifts of stock or securities also are accepted.

While unrestricted gifts are preferred — they can be applied to the area of greatest need — donors may choose to direct their contributions toward specific programs. A listing was included with the mailing received by each employee, or may be obtained from the Foundation office by calling ext. 4052.

The committee has established several ways to recognize campus donors. Each contributor will receive a specially designed recognition pin, and all contributors’ names will appear in the Foundation’s annual report. They also will be included in a memorial booklet published when the campaign concludes.

Additionally, the names of all who contribute $1,000 or more will be inscribed on a plaque commemorating the campaign. A three-year pledge of $400 per year would qualify for maximum tax credit as well as inclusion on the plaque.

"Now is the time to look to the future," said committee member Bob Braddock. "Our combined effort can make our work more rewarding, our future more promising and our University more distinctive."

The committee is encouraging members of the campus community to turn their pledges in by March 10.
Director of Judaic Center to give Edwards Lecture

Some fear that anti-Semitism again may be on the rise. A noted scholar who has studied historic expressions of anti-Semitism throughout the world will examine issues related to persecution of Jewish people at a lecture set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 11 in Founders Hall.

Weinberg

The 1997 "Edwards Lecture in Philosophy and Religion," part of an annual series open to the campus community free of charge, will feature Dr. David Weinberg, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University. Using images of Jews drawn from medieval and modern European art and propaganda, Weinberg will examine the development of anti-Semitism from its beginnings in Christianity to its culmination in Nazi racism.

"In so doing, Dr. Weinberg will explain why it was not until the 20th century that anti-Semites devised a 'Final Solution' to the 'Jewish problem,'" said Judith Hill, professor of philosophy.

The title for the Edwards Lecture is "The Emergence of Modern Anti-Semitism."

Weinberg, a professor of history at Wayne State, has published extensively on the Holocaust. His work includes emphasis on the assimilation of Jewish refugees, particularly during the period between the World Wars, and on the shaping of modern Jewish identity and Jewish culture. He serves on several editorial and advisory boards and committees involving Jewish issues, and is a referee for numerous scholarly presses.

The Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies was established in 1988 as a cooperative venture between Wayne State University and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit/United Jewish Foundation.

In addition to the Edwards Lecture, Weinberg will be speaking to three SVSU classes, discussing Holocaust literature, French attitudes and public policy regarding Jewish refugees in the 1930s, and the Nazi use of anti-Semitic propaganda.

Weinberg’s appearance is supported by a generous grant from the William and Julia Edwards family.

For more information about the Edwards Lecture call Hill at ext. 5692.

International economist to present Wickson-Nickless Lecture

Professor Ganesh Kumar Nidugala, a Ford Foundation Fellow who is conducting post doctoral research at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, will present the 1997 Wickson-Nickless Distinguished Lectureship in Business. The luncheon-lecture meeting takes place Monday, March 10 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Curtiss Hall Banquet Room A.

Nidugala teaches international finance, export management and economic environment and policy courses at T.A. Pai Management Institute in India. His research papers have appeared in Economic and Political Weekly, Business Line, Indian Economic Journal, Indian Economic Panorama and other publications.

Currently on leave for post doctoral work, Nidugala has studied international trade theory, development economics and international macro economics. He is involved in research examining the impact of liberalizing capital flows by developing countries.

Nidugala will discuss "Economic Liberalization in India Since 1991: Achievements, Problems and Prospects" at the March 10 lecture.

The Wickson-Nickless Distinguished Lectureship in Business offers the opportunity to study and debate contemporary events and issues that influence business policies and behavior. The annual series honors the late James E. Wickson and Allen E. Nickless of Frankenmuth, who played key roles in the development of Universal Engineering (now Tooling Systems Div. Universal-Microbore) and were noted for their civic contributions.

Reservations are required by March 5 for the luncheon-lecture, which costs $11 per person. To reserve a seat, call SVSU’s Continuing Education Office at ext. 4475.

Public Safety steps up traffic enforcement laws on campus

The Department of Public Safety is conducting an aggressive traffic enforcement program on campus in response to citizen concerns regarding pedestrian safety. Police officers stopped several hundred cars on campus during the fall semester, and more than 150 citations were issued for moving traffic violations.

This enforcement pattern will continue for the foreseeable future, with special emphasis on speed violations, failure to obey traffic control signs and signals, and equipment violations.
Arts and science merge in SVSU lectures

The beat turns you on, but do you know why? Or you find a particular guitar riff appealing, but do you understand what is happening to produce those sounds and what differentiates them from the same notes played on, say, a piano?

Dr. Thomas D. Rossing has researched the physics of music and musical acoustics extensively, and he will be sharing his insights with local audiences in a pair of SVSU lectures on Thursday, March 13.

A 7:30 p.m. presentation titled “Perception of Sound and Music” is targeted toward people who may not have a strong scientific background. The presentation, which takes place in the Marble Lecture Hall located in Wickes Hall, is free of charge.

Earlier in the day, Rossing will present a semi-technical talk on “The Physics of Guitars.” This 2 - 3 p.m. lecture will be presented in 108 Science Building. It is aimed at an audience with some scientific background, and is open to the campus community. There is no admission fee.

A member of the physics faculty at Northern Illinois University since 1971, Rossing’s research interests encompass many areas of musical acoustics. He has studied psychoacoustics, speech and singing, and vibration analysis. He is the author of some 250 publications, including 10 books, and he holds 19 U.S. and foreign patents. Rossing earned a B.A. degree from Luther College. He holds master’s and Ph.D. degrees from Iowa State University.

Rosing is visiting SVSU under the sponsorship of the American Institute of Physics’ Visiting Scientist Program in Physics. University co-sponsors are SVSU’s Physics Department, the SVSU Science Club, the SVSU Physics Club and the Dean of Science, Engineering & Technology.

For more information about Rossing’s visit, contact Marian Shih, assistant professor of physics, at ext. 4135.

Cancer and the African-American male topic of March 12 lecture

George Thurston Rowan will present “Prostate Cancer: One of the Top 10 Killers of African-American Males” at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 in Founders Hall. Admission is free of charge and refreshments will be served.

Rowan will address the topic of prostate cancer and will touch upon the top ten killers of African-American males and what can be done to address these problems. He will recommend ways to increase early detection of prostate cancer and will comment on faith-based organizations, unconventional ways of promoting prostate screening and assistance from significant others.

Rowan is the director of the David Walker Research Institute, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University. He also is associate professor in the Department of Resource Development, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

For more information please call the Multicultural Programs Office at ext. 4397.

Have You Heard?

- SVSU employees are being offered a discounted rate of $49 for a series of workshops titled “How to Resolve Co-worker Conflict in the Workplace.” Dates for the sessions are March 6, 11, 18 or 27. For more information or to make a reservation, call BIDI at ext. 4048.

- The Community Corporate Games start March 1 and run through September. For more information on participating in the games, contact Mike Holliday at ext. 5683. Anyone interested in representing SVSU should sign up at least four weeks in advance of a specific event.

SVSU preparing for sixth annual Valley Festival

The Campus Life Team will be sponsoring the sixth annual Valley Festival of the Fine Arts Saturday, March 21-23. A campus-wide festival of the performing and visual arts, Valley Fest features many different activities that will be held in Curtiss Hall, the Performing Arts Center and the Arbory Fine Arts Center. Among the activities are the Fun Arts Factory for children, an Empty Bowls benefit, and exhibits and performances by the SVSU art, theatre and music departments.

Everyone is invited to participate in Valley Fest by exhibiting, performing, or helping staff the event. Visual art by SVSU students, faculty and staff will be displayed in the Arbory Fine Arts Center. Security will be provided for the art exhibition. Performances of music, drama, poetry, etc., will take place in the Performing Arts Center and should be limited to 15-30 minutes. Performances will be scheduled throughout the day.

If you are interested in showing your art or fine crafts, giving a musical performance, or doing a reading or dramatic presentation, contact Nancy Whalen by calling ext. 4159.
Campus Happenings

• Valley Film Society — 8 p.m. Friday, March 7 in Marble Lecture Hall. Murder My Sweet and Touch of Evil will be screened. Admission by season pass, available at the door.

• University Art Gallery — March 12-31. "Intimate Scenes: The Works of Laura Strowe and Julia Roecker" will be on display. Free admission. For gallery hours call ext. 4159.

• Entrepreneurs Club — 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 in Curtiss Hall. Topic will be the annual "Show & Tell Expo." Admission is $14 in advance, $16 at the door. To make reservations, call ext. 4388.

• Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 at Studio K. For more information call ext. 4062.

Across Campus

• The campus community extends condolences to the family of David E. Barker, professor of French, on the loss of his sister, Doris Ernestine Barker, who recently passed away.

Transitions

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

SVSU Welcomes

• Cheryl Easley, dean, College of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences, 790-4145

Moving On

• Lynda Donner, assistant to the director, Personnel Office

Directory Revisions

• Crystal Lange, 790-4024 (W365)

• Brian Mudd, 249-1932 (Curtiss Hall), 790-4246 (Zahnow Library)

• Deborah Peruski, teacher assistant, Instructional Technology Lab, 249-1934 (C154)

• Richard (Tony) Thomson, personal counselor, 790-5600

The Rhea E. Miller Recital Hall officially was dedicated in a brief ceremony Saturday, Feb. 22. Donna J. Roberts, right, secretary of the SVSU Board of Control, presents a framed resolution to Jane E. Brenner, left, who represented Rhea Miller at the event. Following the ceremony, cellist Peter Rejto gave a performance for the capacity crowd. Rhea Miller, who passed away two days after her 100th birthday on February 13, was director of music education for the Saginaw Public Schools from 1926 to 1965. In recent years, she established a music scholarship program and a concert series at SVSU.
Professional Profile

• William K. Barnett, professor of anthropology and sociology, traveled to Washington, D.C. February 9-14 to evaluate proposals for the Department of Education in the Minority Institutions Science Improvement Program. The focus of the program is to increase the number of minorities pursuing graduate careers in science and engineering. Barnett has been a regular reader in this program since 1975 when it was housed in the National Science Foundation.

• Al Bracciano, associate professor of occupational therapy, was appointed as a member of the Institutional Review Board at St. Mary’s Medical Center.

• Jane Girdham, assistant professor of music, contributed an essay titled “Black Musicians in England: Ignatius Sancho and his Contemporaries” to Ignatius Sancho: An African Man of Letters. The book includes a collection of four essays about different aspects of this 18th-century ex-slave who was painted by Gainsborough. It was published in January 1997 to coincide with an exhibition of the same name in the National Portrait Gallery in London. The exhibition runs until May.

• Donald C. Himmelsbach, an adjunct faculty member in the English Department, had a short story titled “Loss” published in The Beloit Fiction Journal (vol. 11, no. 2). A copy of the journal, which is one of the most prestigious literary journals in the country, is on file in the English Department. Two other stories are scheduled in the near future for publication in The South Carolina Review and The Bridge.

• Drew Hinderer, professor of philosophy, presented two continuing medical education workshops February 27 and 28 at Alpena General Hospital. The subject of these presentations was ethical issues in “futile” care.

Hinderer was interviewed February 25 by TV12’s Phillip Hendricks for an evening news story on the ethics of cloning.

A bassoonist with the Valley Wind Quintet, Hinderer and his musical colleagues are in the midst of performing a cycle of nearly 50 concerts in the Midland Public Schools. Sponsored by the Midland Symphony Orchestra and the Midland Public Schools as well as SVSU, the program “Shall We Dance?” explores how dance music forms the basis for most classical art music while introducing students to the instruments of the Quintet. The Quintet finish-}

es each performance with an audience participation version of the “Macarena,” led by flutist Lauren Rongo.

• Gary M. Lange, assistant professor of biology, presented a paper at the 44th Annual Michigan Science Teacher’s Association Conference February 22 in Detroit. The paper, titled “An Economical Physiograph for Anatomy and Physiology Courses,” describes construction methods and presented exercises for use in the classroom of a device designed to show muscle and nervous system function. This work was supported in part by the SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center.

• Gerald Peterson, professor of psychology, collaborated with another science educator to recently establish the “Tri-Cities Skeptics.” This organization seeks to promote the development of critical thinking and educate the community regarding paranormal and pseudo-scientific claims. Recent meetings have involved discussions of psychic reading, dowsing and alternative health treatments. Peterson has made several presentations dealing with the psychology of belief in the paranormal.

• David K. Pugalee, assistant professor of teacher education, presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Mathematics Teacher Educators in Washington, D.C. “Facilitating Change: The Role of Reflection in Pre-Service Teacher Education” highlighted findings from a qualitative study involving the reflective writings of approximately 200 pre-service K-8 teachers. Analysis of the data indicates that reflection can be a positive influence in focusing cognitive processes on aspects related to teaching and learning in a manner that promotes philosophical change related to mathematics education. Pugalee also was named to the 1998 Annual Meeting Program Committee.

• Elaine Stephens and Jean Brown, professors of teacher education, made a presentation to teachers, students and community representatives at the Midland Public Schools. Their presentation was titled “Teaching Diversity through Young Adult Literature.”

The food court at the Doan Café will reopen at 7:15 a.m.
Monday, March 10.

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Rep. Barcia becomes "Prof for a Day" at SVSU

When Congressman James A. Barcia returns to his alma mater Monday, March 17, he will get a different perspective of SVSU classrooms than the one he gained as a student in the '70s. Barcia will be leading classes as "Professor for a Day" in a new program sponsored by the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences.

The program identifies outstanding graduates from the college and invites them to discuss their careers with students, according to Judith Kerman, dean of arts and behavioral sciences. "They will explore the relationship between their undergraduate education and their professional success," Kerman noted.

A Bay City native who graduated from SVSU with a bachelor's degree in political science, Barcia will meet with students in Political Science 123, "American Government," in the morning and with an "Introduction to American Politics" class in the afternoon. He also is scheduled to discuss politics and careers over an informal lunch with students, faculty and administrators.

Barcia's interest in public office first was whetted when, as a college student, he served as staff assistant to U.S. Senator Philip Hart. Later Barcia was elected student government president at SVSU.

From 1976 to 1982 Barcia served as State Representative, 101st District. In 1982 he began a 10-year stint as State Senator, elected from the 34th District. He was elected to the 5th District, U.S. House of Representatives, in 1992 and again in 1994 and 1996. He serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and belongs to the Rural Caucus. Barcia is considered a fiscally conservative Democrat who supports the Balanced Budget Amendment.

Barcia is the recipient of numerous awards, including Michigan Jaycees' "Five Outstanding Young Michiganders," the "Golden Eagle Award" for outstanding support to Law Enforcement from the American Federation of Police, and Safari Club International's "Legislator of the Year" award. He received SVSU's "Distinguished Alumni Award" in 1977.

A committee of six faculty from the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences selected Barcia as the initial "Professor for a Day." His visit to SVSU is being coordinated by Robert Lane, associate professor of political science. For more information, call Lane at ext. 4366.

High Five

- **Women's Basketball** — on Sunday, March 2 received an invitation to the NCAA II national tournament following a 71-64 victory over 24th-ranked Michigan Tech in Saturday's consolation game of the GLIAC tourney. Angie Peterson was named Most Valuable Player for scoring 74 points during the three-day tournament. The Cards will play Oakland University at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 6 at Northern Michigan University.

- **Men's Basketball** — finished its season with an 18-11 overall record and third place in the GLIAC. In Saturday's consolation game of the conference post-season tournament, the Cards defeated Hillsdale College 81-69. Julian Taylor and Josh Ode earned all-tournament honors.

- **Track** — captured both the men's and women's 1996-97 GLIAC Indoor Track Championships Saturday, Feb. 22 at Hillsdale College. The Cardinals won their first men's indoor title since 1988 over last year's champi-

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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 18, 1997 - 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 21, 1997