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SVSU Commencement ceremonies set for May 3

A record number of SVSU students are expected to participate in Commencement, which will take place in the O'Neill Arena beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Some 546 people who expect to complete degree requirements this semester or during the spring/summer semesters have indicated they plan to don regalia and march in the ceremony.

They are part of a graduating class that includes 412 who will receive bachelor's degrees and 113 who will be accorded master's degrees earned during the current semester. About 226 students plan to complete degree requirements during the summer months.

Among the graduates are two students who completed requirements in SVSU's rigorous Honors Program. To meet program requirements, these students write and present a thesis. Donald A. DeGroat, a computational math major from Saginaw, wrote on *Modeling the Trajectory of a Surveillance Satellite*. His advisor was Garry Johns, professor of mathematical sciences.

Lois E. Lee of St. Charles researched *Building a Community: Dutch Immigrant Women of Holland, Michigan 1847-1890*. Lee, an elementary education major, worked with faculty advisor Mary Harmon, associate professor of English.

In addition to conferring degrees, University administrators will recognize 1997 recipients of the Landee Award for Teaching Excellence and the Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research. Mary Mullin Graiver, associate professor of nursing, was selected for the Landee Award, while the Warrick Award went to Jill L. Wetmore, professor of finance. (See article, pages 2 and 5.)

The ceremony also features presentation of the annual Distinguished Alumni Award, which honors outstanding accomplishment by University graduates from prior years. (See article, page 3.)

For more information about the schedule of events at Commencement, call Norma Zivich at ext. 4075.



1997 SVSU Commencement Graduate/Alumni Brunch

Saturday, May 3 • 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Doan Center Dining Room

Adults: \$6.49 • Children under 10: \$2.50



M. Graiver



J. Wetmore



L. Kickham

Outstanding faculty, staff and community leaders recognized at All-University Awards Banquet

SVSU recognized the achievements of outstanding faculty and staff as well as community leaders during its annual All-University Awards Banquet, held April 18 in Curtiss Hall.

Heading the list of faculty honorees was **Mary Mullin Graiver**, associate professor of nursing, who received the prestigious Landee Teaching Excellence Award. The Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research went to **Jill L. Wetmore**, professor of finance. The House Family Award for Teacher Impact was presented to **Lawrence J. Kickham**, professor of accounting. **Barbara A. Kennison** was accorded the Mary H. Anderson Adjunct Faculty Award for her part-time teaching role in the nursing program.

The Ruben Daniels Community Service Award, SVSU's highest recognition of community service and involvement by an employee, was presented to **Ava Lewis**, assistant professor of nursing. Co-recipients of the Terry Ishihara Award for Outstanding Co-Curricular Involvement were **George W. Eastland**, professor of chemistry; and **John A. Flores**, interim director of Minority Services.

An SVSU Distinguished Service Medallion was awarded to prominent Saginaw entrepreneur and community leader **Richard V. Wolohan**. He joins a distinguished list of leaders who have demonstrated exemplary service to the University and to their communities.

Another highlight of the evening was presentation of the first Stuart D. and Vernice M. Gross Award for Literature. The annual award, which recognizes exceptional works in regional history or historical fiction/drama, was established by the Gross family prior to Stuart's death at age 82 on December 26, 1996. Gross enjoyed a long career in journalism with *The Saginaw News* before joining the SVSU staff in the school's early years. He served in various public affairs roles for the University, and retired as assistant to the president.

Another Michigan historian and author, **Daniel Fountain**, was named first recipient of the Gross Award for Literature. His book, *Michigan Gold: Mining in the Upper Peninsula*, covers stories of determined prospectors who searched Michigan's Upper Peninsula for gold after the discovery of Lake Superior's mineral wealth in the 1840s.

Eugene J. Hamilton, special assistant to the president for government and community relations, presided over the event, which also recognized 58 faculty and staff who each have provided between 10 and 25 years of dedicated service. In addition three faculty were honored for 30 years of service to the University. They are **Berner J. Gordon** and **Albert C. Plaush**, professors of chemistry; and **David R. Weaver**, professor of political science.

- **Mary Graiver** joined the SVSU nursing faculty in 1978. She has done research related to epilepsy and is a member of the National Epilepsy Association, as well as the American Nurses Association, the Michigan Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing and the Transcultural Nursing Society. Since joining SVSU, Graiver has engaged in many professional development activities and has studied nursing practices in Japan and Israel. She presented "Nursing in America" to the nursing staff of Jinan University Hospital, Guanzghou, People's Republic of China in 1990.

- **Jill Wetmore** began her teaching assignment at SVSU in 1981. She also serves as acting assistant dean of Business and Management. She has served as chair of the Law and Finance Department and taught in SVSU's Taiwan M.B.A. program. Wetmore has been awarded several grants for study and research, including a \$77,658 U.S. Department of Education grant in 1996, designated for preparing faculty for the study of international business. She also garnered \$1,000 in 1994 for submitting the winning entry in the Outstanding Paper Award (Financial Institutions) Midwest Finance Conference. Articles on finance by Wetmore have been published in a number of journals. Currently she is working on monographs titled *Mortgages and Consumer Lending*; *Investment Management Process and Strategy*; and *Commercial Loans, Loan-Related Services, Legal Environment, and Policy Implications*.

- **Larry Kickham**, professor of accounting, has taught at SVSU since 1974. During his tenure, Kickham served as chair of the Department of Accounting from 1982 to 1990 and from 1994 to the present. He also has served three terms as vice president of the SVSU Faculty Association (SVSUF) and eight terms as treasurer of that organization. Kickham is co-author of *Instructor's Manual for Accounting Principles* as well as book reviews and refereed papers. He presented a

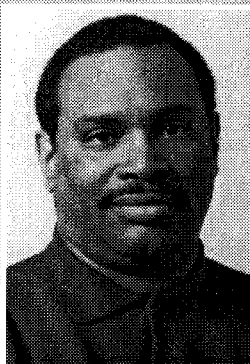
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Norwaine Reed named 1997 Distinguished Alumnus

Norwaine D. Reed has been selected as recipient of SVSU's Distinguished Alumni Award for 1997. Reed will be recognized at Commencement Saturday, May 3.

Reed has been a Saginaw resident since his graduation from SVSU in 1972. He used his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology to pursue a career as a probation officer at the Saginaw County Juvenile Court. This August will mark the completion of his 25th year with the court, where Reed estimates his career case load to number some 800 juveniles.

A Detroit native, Reed also is noted for his success as a basketball player and coach. He earned All-State honors at Detroit Southwestern High School and played at SVSU from the 1968-69 season through 1971-72. An NAIA All-American his senior season, Reed's name also appears in the Cardinal record book several times. He still holds the single game record for most consecutive free throws (13); single season records for most points (742); best scoring average (30.9); most field goals made (299); most field goal attempts (664); and the career record for best scoring



average (27.8). Reed ranks fourth in points scored (1,645) among Cardinal career leaders. He is listed in seventh place among career rebounders (612), third in field goals (656), and fourth in free throws (333).

Reed served as boys basketball coach at Saginaw St. Mary's Cathedral for seven years and at Buena Vista High School for 12 seasons. By the time he retired from coaching in 1995, Reed had amassed numerous achievements, including Class B State Championships in 1986,

1989, 1992 and 1993; and Class B State Finalists in 1984, 1985 and 1990. His 1992-93 Buena Vista High School team was ranked seventh in the nation by *USA Today*. He has been presented "Coach of the Year" awards 15 times during his career. Reed's teams won more than 50 championships, including a string of 11 consecutive district titles.

In addition to his duties as a probation officer, Reed acts as a consultant in the area of youth development. Reed and his wife, Ceci, spend their free time following the college basketball career of their daughter, Erinn, who is a junior Jayhawk Scholar at the University of Kansas.

Student Association officers elected

SVSU students have elected Shawnette Moll, a sophomore political science major, their Student Association President for the 1997-98 academic year.

Elected representatives were Shawn M. Adrian, Andrew Booms, Stephen D. Galloway, Marris S. Honeycheck, Gretchen L. Kaiser and Vicki L. Morgan.

Also elected as representatives were Thulani Moyo, Joy M. Petiprin, Chad Phillips, Scott Rodriguez, Daniel P. Segura and Tracey J. Sierras.

Campus Happenings

• **Roosevelt Ruffin Documentary** — 10 p.m. Monday, May 5 on Delta College television, Channel 19/35.

Have You Heard?

• **Doan Cafe** will be closed from Saturday, April 26 through Sunday, May 11 and will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, May 12. Summer hours will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

• The **TriSource Business Expo**, sponsored by the tri-county chambers of commerce, will be held Wednesday, May 14 on the SVSU cam-

pus. Further information and a complete list of exhibitors is available on the Internet at <http://www.Trisource-Expo.com>.

Across Campus

• The campus community congratulates **Gail Kantak**, professor of biology, on the birth of her son. Bryce Edward (8 lbs., 2 oz.) was born April 16, 1997.

• **Sue Schmidt**, senior faculty secretary, expresses her appreciation to those who sent plants, flowers and cards following the loss of her mother-in-law on April 10. "Their thoughtfulness was really beyond words," Schmidt said.

Transitions

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

Same Face, New Place

• **Sue Welke**, faculty secretary, second floor Wickes Hall, Nursing Education, 790-5654
• **Pat Latty**, senior secretary, graduate admissions, Student Services & Enrollment Management

Moving On

• **Major Leckie**, admissions specialist

Name Change

• **Monica (Ollendorf) Carr**, reference and instructional librarian, 790-7054

The third annual **Executive and Celebrity Golf Scramble** will take place Saturday, May 17 at Swan Valley Golf Course. Registration fee of \$45 includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, door prizes and T-shirt. For more information contact the College of Business and Management at ext. 4064.

Professional Profile

- **William K. Barnett**, professor of anthropology and sociology, was awarded a Sasakawa Fellowship to participate in the 1997 Faculty Development Institute on "Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum" at San Diego State University between June 4 and July 3, 1997. The fellowship covers tuition, housing, meals and transportation. The funds come from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the Sasakawa Foundation of Japan. Barnett will be studying Japanese culture and Japanese language.
- **Tai-Chi Lee**, professor of computer science, presented a paper titled "An Algorithm for a Special Graph," at the 35th Annual ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) Southeast Conference, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, April 2-4, 1997.
- **David K. Pugalee**, assistant professor of teacher education, had an article appear in the April 1997 (Vol. 90, no. 4) issue of the *Mathematics Teacher*. The article, "Connecting

Writing to the Mathematics Curriculum," presents a discussion of why writing can be a powerful force in the assessment and development of metacognitive behaviors related to mathematics performance. Examples from secondary mathematics classes are incorporated into the article to demonstrate key points being made by the author. *Mathematics Teacher* is a national publication of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

- **Jill Wetmore**, professor of finance, has had an article accepted for publication in the *Journal of Economics and Business*. "The Basis Risk Component of Commercial Bank Stock Returns" is coauthored with John R. Brick of Brick and Associates, East Lansing.

SVSU professor encourages undergraduate research

Tirumale K. Ramesh, professor of electrical and computer engineering, is encouraging his students to get involved in scientific research. While such research is commonplace at the graduate level, Ramesh is involving undergraduate students in the study projects.

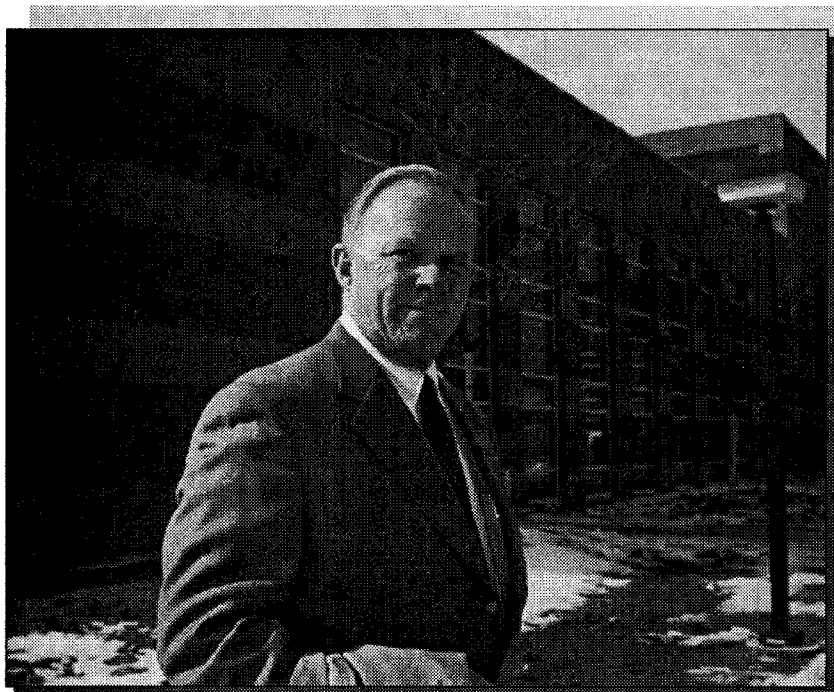
"I am optimistic that with the caliber of some of these really motivated students, we can integrate research at the undergraduate level into the curriculum, thus enhancing the quality of our programs," he said.

With financial support from the SVSU Research Foundation, Ramesh has established a research team consisting of five students: Oswald Baasch, Ben Bright, Philip Bright, Michael Gubody and Deborah Zyrowski. Under Ramesh's direction, the team is working on various aspects of design, analysis, simulation and rapid prototyping of a single reconfigurable cluster. Baasch is conducting a capstone senior design project titled *FPGA and VLSI Synthesis for a Computing Element in a Reconfigurable Cluster Array*.

According to Ramesh, the study of reconfigurable cluster arrays aids technological advances in computing. "It provides a deeper appreciation of the power of reconfiguration and better understanding of computing in time and in space," he said.

"A new trend is now emerging for general reconfigurable computing paradigms and what is termed as 'configurable computing.'" Ramesh's research in this field is highly regarded and his findings have been presented at national and international conferences.

Students in the research team all are majoring in electrical engineering.



SVSU officially dedicated Curtiss Hall, which was named for Charles B. Curtiss, a member of the original group of community members who founded the University. Curtiss also served for 32 years on the school's governing board. At the April 16 dedication program, University officials described how the new facility has impacted campus life. Historical perspectives were presented on the establishment of SVSU as well as Curtiss' role in the development of the institution. Curtiss began serving in 1996 as a small business development counselor for the Michigan Small Business Development Center headquartered at SVSU.

Awards (Continued from page 2)

professional paper at the American Accounting Association Annual Midwest Meeting. In 1993 Kickham received the SVSUFA University Service Award.

- After earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from SVSU in 1987, **Barbara Kennison** returned to teach part-time beginning in 1989. Kennison holds national certification in psychiatric/mental health nursing from the American Nurses' Association. She has served as Nursing/Program Director for the Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Programs at Bay Medical Center since 1992. She also has prior employment experiences with St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw and the Caro Regional Mental Health Center.

- **Ava Lewis**, assistant professor of nursing, displays a remarkable record of community involvement. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta and has served as treasurer for the graduate chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. Lewis is a member of the Top Ladies of Distinction, and serves as secretary of the organization. She is co-advisor for Top Teens of America. Deeply active in the religious community, Lewis is children's director for the Saginaw Valley District Congress of Christian Education, an organization involving about 60 churches. She has served as superintendent of Christian Education for Truevine Baptist Church, and as a Sunday School teacher there. Since 1995, Lewis has been Youth Director and a Sunday School Teacher for Prince of Peace Baptist Church. She is a teacher for the Wolverine State Convention, which includes some 200 churches across the state. On campus, Lewis has served the Minority Mentorship Committee as a mentor for pre-nursing students.

- **George Eastland**, professor of chemistry, has been teaching at SVSU since 1969. He is a past recipient of both the Landee Teaching Excellence Award and the Michigan Association of Governing Boards Distinguished Faculty Member Award. During his tenure at SVSU, Eastland has secured numerous grants for scientific research. Eastland has served for many years as SVSU's Faculty Athletic Representative and has represented the University at NCAA conferences. His record of service to the University includes many campus committees and teaching in Project SOLVE. In 1995 Eastland was named Outstanding College Chemistry Teacher by the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society (M-ACS).

- As coordinator of the Michigan College and University Partnership (MICUP) program, **John Flores** is responsible for assisting minority students who transfer to SVSU after finishing their associate's degree at Delta College. Flores' involvement in campus committees includes work with the All-University Freshman Retention Committee, the Minority Student Outreach Committee, the Student Affairs Professional Development Committee, the Bilingual Advisory Committee, the Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee and the Recognition Scholarship Selection Committee. He serves as advisor to the Student Alliance for Latino Support Activities (SALSA) and as treasurer for the Advocates for Latino Student Advancement in Michigan Education. He also works with the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).

- A native of Saginaw County, **Richard Wolohan** joined the family grain, bean, feed and lumber business in 1932. Following military service in 1944, he became manager of a Davison elevator purchased by the family firm. He used the opportunity to add a lumber division to the business and restore operations to financial soundness. Wolohan was vice president and general manager of Wickes Lumber Division before he founded Wolohan Lumber Co. in 1964.

Wolohan has served on the boards and committees of such organizations as the City Rescue Mission, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Stephen's Church, the Profit Sharing Council of America and Serra International Trust Fund. Wolohan is a long-term member of SVSU's Board of Fellows. He has participated in many University initiatives, including fund-raising campaigns. SVSU awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 1985.

- Contest judges cited **Daniel Fountain's** work for being a regional history that contributes in a unique way to knowledge of Michigan history. "*Michigan Gold* is a reflection of Stuart Gross's avocational interest and love of historical research," they stated in a letter informing Fountain of his selection. They also praised the book for being well documented and organized around a central theme expressed in a graceful narrative style.

A native of the U.P., Fountain grew up in an area where mining continues to be the livelihood of most residents. He resides in Negaunee and has served on the board of directors and as president of the Negaunee Historical Society.



A. Lewis



B. Kennison



G. Eastland



J. Flores



R. Wolohan



D. Fountain

Campus campaign continues to receive contributions to the Campaign for Distinction

With contributions received recently, the campus division of the Campaign for Distinction is "within striking distance of our goal," according to Chuck Graham, executive director of the SVSU Foundation. "The campus portion of the campaign continues," he noted.

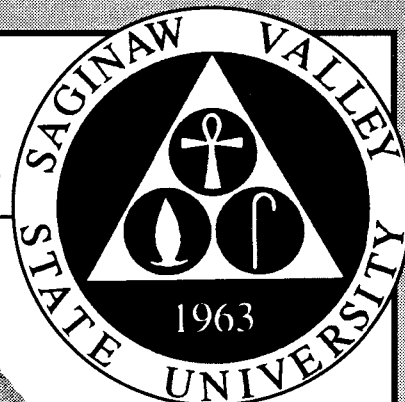
Faculty who have not already done so are invited to contribute to the "Chrysalis Endowed Scholarship Fund" established by the SVSUFA executive board. The Fund, which supports non-traditional students at SVSU, will be part of the Campaign for Distinction.

For more information about the Chrysalis Fund, contact Harriet Tillock, professor of sociology, at ext. 4373. To obtain contribution forms or to pledge to the Campaign for Distinction, call the Foundation office at ext. 4423.

Campaign for Distinction

"Intellectual Bricks and Mortar"

University Division Goal:
\$225,000



As of April 25:
\$169,420 = 75%

As of February 28:
\$40,178 = 18%

Accent on Alumni

• **Mary B. Frank** (B.B.A., finance, 1982) joined Michigan National Bank as a business services associate. She has 12 years of banking experience in the Saginaw area.

• **Teresa M. Gill** (B.A., nursing, 1982) has been named nurse manager of St. Mary's neuro intensive care unit. Previously an educator and staff nurse at St. Mary's, she has 15 years experience in neuro surgery and holds national certification from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses.

• **Phillip M. Heyn** (B.B.A., accounting, 1992) was promoted to customer service manager at Central Warehouse Co., Saginaw. He joined the company in 1995.

• **Barry Schafer** (B.S., chemistry, 1990) recently was promoted to senior biochemist at Dow Elanco of Indianapolis.

High Five

• **Golf** — finished third (303-609) at the 25th Annual Bay Valley Intercollegiate Golf Tournament Saturday. The Cardinals were led by junior Brian Eggleston, who finished tied for fifth with a 150 total (72-78). Senior Matt Baker was ninth with 151 (77-74); freshman Dave Tokarsky was tied for 13th with 153 (79-74); junior Dave Allyn was 23rd with 156 (78-78); and junior Brett Baranek was 29th with 157 (80-77). Oakland University won the two-day event (301-605), with Spring Arbor coming in second (303-607).

The Cardinals also got word late Friday confirming their first-ever berth in an NCAA II regional tournament, which will take place May 5-7 at The Links Golf Course in Indianapolis.

• **Softball** (15-9, 6-8) — dropped a double-header to Northwood University Thursday. Lisa Hillman and Shelley Moenaert were the pitchers of record for the Cardinals.

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STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

**Deborah
L.
Albrough**

**Faculty
Secretary,
Third Floor
Brown Hall**

May 1997

Deb Albrough definitely enjoys the atmosphere of a college campus. That's why she looked for a job at SVSU when she and her husband, David, moved here several years ago.

"I had worked for 13 years at Lake Superior State," Albrough says. "When Dave found work in this area, I started looking at SVSU. That's the kind of work I had done forever," she smiles.

Albrough started with a part-time secretarial position in the College of Business and Management in 1986. "I started on the third floor of Wickes and moved to first floor while they were renovating third floor," she recalls. "When that was done, we moved back upstairs."

In 1989 Albrough took a 40-hour-per-week, 10-month position as faculty secretary in the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. That required a move to the second floor of Wickes Hall, where she occupied room 202 until recently.

"In March I became a full-time faculty secretary in the office area on the third floor of Brown Hall," she notes.

Her duties encompass such tasks as typing exams, handouts and course syllabi for faculty members, as well as providing other support they may need. "I also deal a lot with students," she says, "helping them connect with faculty members."

"Especially at this time of year, I may be involved in taking term papers from them and getting them to their instructors. At the end of the semester, students are stressed because of exams and trying to complete papers."

Albrough enjoys being around students. She also likes the interaction with faculty and other people on the campus.

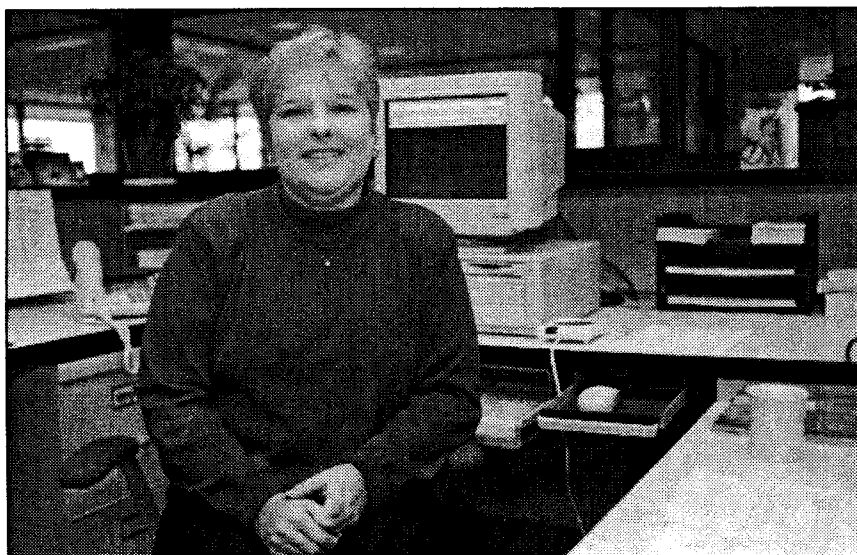
"I really like the variety of people that I deal with," she says. "You come across a lot of different personalities—it's very interesting. I don't think I could ever enjoy being in an office where the secretary only worked with one person. I like meeting people."

When away from the office, Albrough says she enjoys being outside in the warmer months. She works in her garden and especially likes raising a variety of flowers. She also walks regularly for exercise and recreation.

"In the winter I like to curl up and watch a good movie," she says.

She also attends such campus events as the Home Builders Show and the G.M. Car Show held each year in Ryder Center. Family Festival Day is another of her favorite events. She takes in the Country Crafts show and other activities that take place during Family Festival Day.

The Albroughs are the parents of a son, Jason, who just finished his first year at Delta College. They reside in Saginaw Township.





INNER VIEW

FEATURING FACULTY OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Have krumhorn, will travel

A tattered napkin on the bulletin board in Eric Nisula's office reads, "This isn't a dress rehearsal—this is IT!"

Without question Nisula has had ample opportunity to repeat that phrase during his 19 years of teaching, conducting and performing music at SVSU.

As professor of music, Nisula teaches courses in conducting, and music theory and history. In addition, he directs several choirs and performing ensembles. Among them are the SVSU Chamber Choir, SVSU Concert Choir, Early Music Collegium, SVSU Collegium Musicum, Bay Chorale and the First Presbyterian Church Choir of Bay City. Nisula also is a member of the Early Music Ensemble, which consists of music faculty from other universities and is based in Grand Rapids.

While most of the performances by these ensembles are given before local audiences, Nisula's choirs have toured internationally, including stops in Seville, Spain this year; Florence, Italy in 1995; and St. Petersburg, Russia in 1993.

"The trips overseas have been great opportunities to make music abroad and explore the cultures of the countries that we have visited," says Nisula.

"It's a lot of work, but it's well worth it," he

noted. The choirs number approximately 130 vocalists, including up to 30 SVSU students who are joined by community members. After each overseas tour, Nisula arranges "homecoming concerts" for local audiences. Since 1993, Nisula estimates the choirs and Collegium have performed 15 concerts for audiences totalling 5,000 people in Michigan and other countries.

"I have to do a lot of behind-the-scenes work to make this happen," Nisula says. "In addition to countless hours of rehearsal, I handle trip planning, music selection and arranging, and fundraising. As soon as one tour finishes, I almost immediately begin laying the groundwork for the next one."

Nisula has accepted an invitation to travel in March 1999 to Shrewsbury, England. There the choirs will perform in Shrewsbury Cathedral, which currently is the location for a popular British mystery television series.

In addition to teaching and organizing concert appearances, Nisula keeps busy enhancing his own musical knowledge and skills. "For the past four years I have been studying voice with Dr. Julie Meyer in Ann Arbor," Nisula says. "And for two years I've been studying the Gamba (an early music instrument) with Enid Sutherland in Ann Arbor."

"I've flown to Connecticut three or four times a year for the last seven years to study the Lute with Joseph Iadone, a great musician in a line of great musicians."

Nisula also has traveled every year during the last decade to the Bach Festival in Eugene, Oregon, to reunite with a former teacher, Helmuth Rilling, who Nisula studied with in 1974 in Frankfurt, Germany.

Along with music, Nisula is devoted to writing poetry. "This fall I am publishing several of my poems in a book titled *Manville Corporation*," Nisula says. "The title piece deals with the thousands of workers who were exposed to asbestos at Manville Corporation."

Three years ago Nisula married Xu Wen Jie, a native of the Peoples Republic of China. The Nisulas have an eight-month-old daughter, Kristine Xu.

