

# Interior

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## Chemical Bank Endowed Scholarship rewards academic achievement

In an effort to reward academic achievement and promote the continuing advancement of students from their service areas, Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of Midland, Chemical Bank Bay Area and Chemical Bank Thumb Area-Caro created the Chemical Bank Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is designed for students pursuing a degree in business or finance at SVSU.

"Chemical Bank has always been a part of the mid-Michigan region," said Aloysius J. Oliver, President and CEO of Chemical Financial Corp. "Our headquarters are located in the Tri-City area, neighboring Saginaw Valley State University. This is where we started and this is where our base of operation remains.

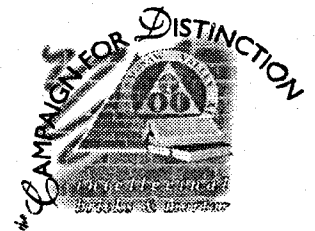
"Chemical Bank and its employees wanted to invest in our future and we found this scholarship a tremendous opportunity to do so," Oliver said. "We and our employees take pride

in a strong tradition of involvement in our local communities and strive to make a positive impact on the communities we serve."

Scholarship recipients will be full-time students in a program leading to a degree from the College of Business & Management with a business or finance major. Returning students and first-year students will be considered. Eligible students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and demonstrate the qualities of leadership and community involvement. Candidates must be mid-Michigan residents.

Through the establishment of this endowment fund, Chemical Banks are investing in the futures of the scholarship recipients as well as the mid-Michigan area, Oliver said.

"We are providing scholarship assistance for those students who have excelled academically and who plan to major in business or finance in hope that they will return to their community and become leaders in their chosen field."



### SVSU dedicates bell tower —

Following a brief ceremony Oct. 17 in Groening Commons, William and Julia Edwards unveil the engraved stone plaque on the Julia Stacey Edwards Bell Tower. The four bronze bells, which were cast in The Netherlands, are stationary with electro-magnetically controlled clappers that play Westminster Chimes on the hour. The musical notes, dimensions and weight of each bell, from largest to smallest, are: F3, 46 inches, 2,100 pounds; A sharp 3, 35 inches, 900 pounds; C4, 31 inches, 650 pounds; and D4, 27 inches, 470 pounds. The new addition to SVSU's campus was made possible by a generous donation by the Edwards.



**Robert C. Koons**

## **Religion and science topics of Edwards Lecture**

The relationship between science and religion will be investigated during the 1998 Edwards Lecture in Philosophy and Religion. Dr. Robert C. Koons, associate professor of philosophy at the University of Texas-Austin, will discuss "Post-agnostic Science: How Physicists are Reviving the Argument from Design" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 in Founders Hall.

During his lecture, Koons will examine what philosophers have traditionally called "the design argument for the existence of God," and what physicists have more recently called "the anthropic principle."

Koons also will speak in SVSU classes and participate in a roundtable discussion with SVSU faculty members from the departments of philosophy, history and biology. The roundtable will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 in Curtiss Hall Banquet Room A.

Koons received his Ph.D. in philosophy from UCLA, a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology from Oxford University (First Class Honours), and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Michigan State University. Cambridge University Press in 1992 published Koons' book, *Paradoxes of Belief and Strategic Rationality*. He has received research grants from both the National Science Foundation and the National Research Council. Koons has many publications across a diverse range of topics and is an active member of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

Koons' appearance is supported by a generous grant from the William and Julia Edwards family. For more information about the Edwards Lecture, call ext. 7751.

## **Harassment subject of series showcase**

Human resource professionals can learn how two recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings and three settlements in issues of harassment place a greater burden of responsibility upon employers.

A showcase of the Sexual/Racial Harassment series, sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education, will take place Nov. 9 through 12 at four locations throughout the state. The first will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 9 in Curtiss Hall. The program will feature three distinguished management and human resource professionals.

Joseph Ofori-Dankwa, professor of manage-

ment and marketing, and Wayne Mackie, professor of finance, will join Ann Shulte, founder and president of Associates for Human Resource Solutions, as seminar leaders.

The showcase will show human resource professionals how to exercise reasonable care to prevent and correct offensive behavior. The showcase presenters will provide an outline of the financial risks associated with noncompliance, steps to take to reduce your company's exposure to lawsuits, development staff training and establishing methods to handle grievances.

Future showcases will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn-Gateway in Flint (Nov. 10) and Grand Valley State University's L.V. Eberhard Center (Nov. 12). A showcase at Wayne State University's Oakland Center in Farmington Hills will take place from 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11.

For additional information on the showcases, contact the Office of Continuing Education at ext. 4048.

## **Polish Students Club plans Wigilia**

The Polish Students Club will present *Wigilia*, a traditional Polish observance of Christmas, at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 in the Banquet Rooms in Curtiss Hall. The event focuses on unity and is open to people of all faiths and cultures.

A musical performance will follow a five-course dinner, featuring some traditional Polish dishes. This year the *Wigilia* will feature the musical talent of Deanna Popielarz and Stanley Kuczynski. Popielarz, who has a degree in flute performance, is principal flutist with the Saginaw Eddy Concert Band and Saginaw, Bay, Midland Symphony Orchestra. She also is a member of the Saginaw Choral Society. Kuczynski, a pianist with a master of arts degree in music from Poland, is music director at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Bay City. He has been an organist and choir director since 1975, working in Catholic churches in Poland and the United States. The duet will perform selections from Bach, Chopin, Moniuszko, Lutoslawski and Borowski.

Reservations for *Wigilia* are due Nov. 30. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children under 12; children under 4 years will be admitted free. Tickets are available only through the SVSU Polish Students' Club; they will not be available at the door.

To obtain tickets, call 686-5925, 793-7903 or 790-6691.

## Professional Profile

• **Robert C. Braddock**, professor of history, presented a paper, "Who's In Charge? Court Appointments Under the Tudors," at a Conference on 16th Century Studies, Oct. 23 through 25 in Toronto. At the conference, Braddock was named "Fellow of Early Modern Studies," an honor received for services to the conference as an author and reviewer.

• **Clifford Dorne and Kenneth Gewerth**, criminal justice faculty, received notification that their manuscript, "Mercy in a Climate of Retributive Justice: Interpretations from a National Survey of Executive Clemency Procedures," was accepted for publication in the *New England Journal of Criminal and Civil Confinement*. The article also will be placed on both LEXIS and WESTLAW computerized research systems.

• **David M. Hall**, executive-in-residence, College of Business & Management, delivered a paper, "How to Make Foundations Grow," at the National Council on Foundations, Oct. 12 in Miami Beach, Fla.

• **Drew Hinderer and Judith Hill**, professors of philosophy, presented the Valley Scholars Lecture, "Playing God: The Ethics of Assisted Suicide," Oct. 20 in Founders Hall. Hinderer's guest editorial, "Assisted Suicide in Michigan?" appeared in the *Midland Daily News* on Sunday, Oct. 18. In addition, he presented a continuing education workshop, "Confidentiality in the Operating Room in the Era of AIDS," Oct. 12 at Hurley Medical Center, Flint.

• **Janet Nagayda**, associate professor of occupational therapy, presented a short course at the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Annual Fall Conference, Sept. 25 in East Lansing. "From Classroom to Clinic: A Pediatric Model" described a joint venture with the Saginaw Intermediate School District's Millet Center wherein students receive hands-on experience with children to clarify and reinforce classroom learning. An additional theme stressed that this integrative model could be developed within a variety of settings and courses.

• **Janet E. Rubin**, professor of communication and theatre, recently presented a workshop, "Modeling the Creative Process Through Improvisations," at the Odyssey of the Mind Second International Creativity Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The juried workshop focused upon using drama techniques for creative problem-solving.



Gabe Savino

**Dick Thompson**, dean of student affairs, adds his signature to a banner endorsing healthy and responsible alcohol-related behaviors on campus. The campus community turned out at the Oct. 19 inaugural event for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. This year's theme, "Not Here," was geared toward preventing alcohol-related deaths and tragedies on college campuses.

• **Marian Shih**, associate professor of physics, had a paper accepted for publication in *Applied Optics*, a peer-reviewed journal. The title of the article is "Spectral Holography for Imaging Through Scattering Media."

• **Elaine Stephens and Jean Brown**, professors of teacher education, have received a grant from the ALAN Foundation for a research study, "Exploring the Impact of Conflict and Violence in Today's Society through Young Adult Literature."

## Across Campus

• **Bob Becker**, athletic director, was among three inductees into the Arthur Hill Letterwinners Association's Hall of Fame. Becker was an all-state basketball player in 1952 before playing collegiately at Eastern Michigan University.

• The campus community extends condolences to **Gail E. Kantak**, professor of biology, on the recent loss of her father.

• **Scott Mellendorf**, reference and Internet librarian, gave an invited talk at the Online World Conference and Expo in Washington, D.C., Monday, Oct. 12. His presentation was titled "Beyond the Home Page: Additional Web Based Services That Promote Your Library and Increase User Opportunities."

• Congratulations go out to **Ron Portwine**, staff accountant, and his wife, Heidi, on the birth of a son, Nickolas Ronald, Sept. 6.

# Fourth Friday

Friday, Nov. 20  
4:30 p.m.  
President's  
Reception Area

Refreshments  
served

Come and enjoy  
the company of  
your colleagues  
and friends!

## Campus Happenings

• **Valley Film Society** — *Shanghai Triad* will be screened Friday, Nov. 13. *The Full Monty* will be the featured film Friday, Nov. 20. Both films begin at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre.

• **Valley Scholars Lecture** — Gerald Peterson will present "How We Know What Isn't So: How People Come to Believe in the Paranormal" at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Founders Hall. Light refreshments will follow the lecture, which is sponsored by the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences. Admission is free of charge.

• **Marching Band Indoor Concert** — William Wollner, director of bands, will present the 23rd annual indoor concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets by calling ext. 4159.

• **Jazz Ensemble Concert** — Kelly Hengy on trombone will join the SVSU Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets by calling ext. 4159.

## Have You Heard?

• Dr. Christine Shafer, assistant dean of admissions at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, will discuss "Continuing Your Education in the Sciences? Successful Application to Graduate and Professional Schools" at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Shafer's presentation is sponsored by the Health Professionals Society. Refreshments will be served.

• Faculty and staff have the chance monthly to dine with their colleagues and experience lunch "from around the world." **Faculty/staff lunches** will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Room on Monday, Nov. 9 and Thursday, Dec. 3. Cost of the lunches is \$3.95.

• The deadline to order **regalia** for the Dec. 18 Commencement Ceremony is Friday, Nov. 13.

• **Sprinkler systems and pull stations** will be tested from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 8 in Wickes Hall, Brown Hall, Zahnow Library and the Science Building.

• Faculty and staff may bestow the **Alumni Scroll** to graduating members of their immediate family during Commencement on Friday, Dec. 18. Please contact Emmie Busch at ext. 4052 to make arrangements.

• **U.S. Savings Bond** representatives will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10 in Brown Concourse. For more information, contact Human Resources at ext. 4108.

• Representatives from **Valley State Employees Credit Union** will be on campus from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 19 in Brown Concourse. For more information, contact Human Resources at ext. 4108.

• A recently-formed **string orchestra** is seeking new members. Current players include students, faculty and members of the local community. Meetings take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sundays in 102 Arbury Fine Arts Center. For more information, call ext. 4386.

## High Five

• **Football (7-2)** — defeated Mercyhurst College, 69-0, Saturday.

• **Track & Field** — the women's team and senior Mike Barker from the men's team received NCAA Division II All Academic Honors for the 1998 season. The women had a team grade point average of 3.21.

**The 1998-99 Faculty/Staff Directory is included in this issue of the Interior. For extra copies of the Directory, contact the Mailroom at ext. 4466.**

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## No free lunch, just a free dinner

Maybe there is no such thing as a free lunch; but there is such a thing as a free dinner — for faculty and staff of Saginaw Valley State University and their guests.

Mark Friday, April 16 on your calendar and make plans to attend the 10th annual All University Awards Banquet in Curtiss Hall. There are plenty of surprises and no long speeches!

Not only is the dinner free, but you will have the opportunity to win yet another free dinner! Many regional restaurants provide dinner certificates for a drawing. In addition, each of the last three years has included a drawing for a trip for two somewhere in the United States. Last year it was Atlantic City, N.J. Other trips have included Toronto and Chicago.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to give recognition to your friends and colleagues being honored for years of service and several other awards. Oh, and for a free dinner!

Watch future editions of *The Interior* for more information!



# Staff Member

## OF THE MONTH

### Tammy Elliott

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When Tammy Elliott says she lives in the fast lane, she's not joking.

"I'm a real fan of auto racing," Elliott said, adding that racing is a family affair. Elliott and her husband, Larry, and stepson, Michael, often travel by RV with her parents and siblings for races at a track in Crystal, Mich. There she'll join her father, brother and sisters in competing for the checkered flag.

"This year I raced my brother's car in a Powder Puff," Elliott said. "Only, I spun out on the fourth lap and my sister ended up winning."

Going at a faster speed is an asset for Elliott on the job as well as on the track. As administrative secretary in the Office of Information Services, she often is required to complete tasks quickly due to tight deadlines.

Among her daily projects is responsibility for clipping articles about SVSU from four different daily newspapers.

"We cut out more than 200 articles a month, including news, sports, features and campus events," she said. The biggest challenge comes on Mondays when Elliott and her student helpers must clip articles from the Friday, Saturday and Sunday editions of each paper.

After the articles are pulled from the pages of the dailies, they are copied and distributed to several campus offices, and filed for future reference. Some of the articles appear on a bulletin board between Wickes Hall and Brown Concourse.

Elliott also organizes mailings of press releases, which includes updating several different mailing lists for print, radio and television media. She estimates that some 20 or more news releases are mailed each month.

According to Elliott, many projects require the use of computer technology. "I've created data bases for tracking the hometown newspapers for students and faculty," she explained. "I also keep computer records of expenses that show up on the department's monthly budget reports, I update the *Faculty/Staff Directory* and I typeset all business cards and memo pads ordered by faculty and staff."

Elliott said she also makes extensive use of E-mail and frequently will perform Internet searches to track down information. She proofreads and submits the Weekly Update to Computer Services for electronic distribution to campus E-mail addresses.

Working in an office responsible for different types of information about the University requires Elliott to maintain several filing systems. In addition to the news clips, she creates files for publications requests, news releases, biographical information on SVSU faculty and staff, Board of Control meeting minutes and various budget-related items such as purchase order and check requisitions, Graphic Center forms and photography orders to outside labs.

Elliott transferred to her current position in May 1996 after joining the University in January 1994 as duplicator operator in the Graphics Center. An alumna, she earned a B.A. in design (1996) and presently is enrolled in SVSU's new Master of Arts in communication and multimedia program. She commutes to work everyday from her home in Beaverton.



# InnerView

Featuring Faculty of Saginaw Valley State University

## Teaching suits him to a "T"

He sings opera. His students sing the praises of his teaching. And Jim Royle enjoys both.

*"The thing I loved most about your class is it's real,"* read one student's evaluation. Many more made similar claims: *"Informative . . . enjoyable . . . would recommend to others . . ."*

"Education has to be something that is life-long — hopefully the thirst is always there," Royle said. "You have to have theory — it might not be interesting — but you take it and illustrate it with real life."

Royle maintains his own "thirst" for knowledge in his avocation — music. He and his wife, Tammy, sing in their church's choir. Royle has performed solo for concerts with the Saginaw Symphony and at the Germania Club. He also is part of the Saginaw Opera Company. Royle has even hooked up with SVSU's Concert Choir for a trip to England in the spring.

The professor of elementary and special education is in his second year as a member of the faculty at SVSU — his first on the tenure track. During 1997-98, Royle was a visiting professor of teacher education. However, Royle really was one of the earliest instructors here. He first started teaching in 1965 as an adjunct.

"I get with my colleagues, and I feel like the grandpa," Royle said. He remembers Wickes

Hall being built. "All that was here was the '66 Building — I've seen all the buildings go up."

When SVC held its first Commencement on campus, in the '66 Building, Royle was there as an adjunct instructor in psychology. He began his "first career" as a clinical child psychologist, but after 12 years became frustrated because there was little money for mental health. He was approached by Foster Gibbs, superintendent of Saginaw Public Schools, to become director of a comprehensive special education center under construction in Bridgeport.

"They had the foundation and floors in. I had to build the building and programs, get into the neighborhoods and get the people to like me!" Royle said of his charge from Gibbs. Royle became the "general contractor" for the \$5 million building project. He retains a "T" from the building — named for Melvin G. Millet. A mistake was made when the letters were mounted on the center and two "Ts" were put on the end of Millet's name. Royle corrected the error and kept the extra "T."

Maybe it's that extra "T" — as in "teaching" — that most inspires Royle.

"I love teaching. I think I was always supposed to do this," Royle said. "Last year when I started full time, it became obvious I should teach.

"What I enjoy most are the 'A-Has' — the lights that come on in people's eyes when we're talking . . . to see someone experience a paradigm shift."

Royle describes an "A-Ha" as a new bit of vital information: "A new revelation, a new enlightenment, a new understanding."

Beyond teaching, Royle does all he can to promote special education in Michigan. He was instrumental in SVSU becoming the repository for archival materials for the Society for the Preservation of Special Education History in Michigan. In September, the SEAC group met on campus. Royle is president of Phi Delta Kappa, a professional organization for educators that recently met here for a dinner and presentation.

"I want to put SVSU and special education here in front of the state," Royle said.

