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Endowment from alumnus to benefit engineering majors

Scott Carmona sees the contributions of him and his wife, Nancy, to the Campaign for Distinction as more than support of Saginaw Valley State University and its students. Carmona said it is an investment in the community.

"I believe in investing in our community," Carmona said. "SVSU is a community-minded college and it's local."

Scott and Nancy Carmona developed the Carmona Endowed Engineering Scholarship to help SVSU attract outstanding students, recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide support to engineering students. The Carmonas employ many SVSU graduates in their business and have realized the benefits of hiring accomplished students from SVSU — most of whom come from the region and remain after graduation.

A 1981 graduate of SVSU, Carmona and his wife are owners of Sunrise National Distributors Inc., a distributor of after-market automotive products. While a student pursuing his bachelor of science degree in engineering, Carmona worked full time and attended school full time. His business efforts have not gone unnoticed, either, as the Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club named Carmona an Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997.

The scholarship will be made to full-time students enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in a program leading to an engineering degree in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. Grants may be made to new or returning students. Students must have a 3.00 grade point average and demonstrated potential for leadership. The scholarship may continue from year to year.



The Barstow Humanities Seminar: Excellence in Teaching

The College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences is accepting proposals for moderator of the Barstow Excellence in Teaching Humanities Seminar. The program is designed to provide excellence in teaching and recognition of scholarship within the humanities. An SVSU faculty member in the humanities will be selected — by virtue of excellence in teaching and scholarship in the humanities, and the strength of a proposal — the Barstow Moderator for the year.

Faculty members interested in submitting a proposal may contact the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences for guidelines by Dec. 4, at ext. 4062.

The Barstow Moderator will be responsible for planning and conducting the annual Barstow Seminar, which will include three

components: a keynote presentation by a nationally-recognized humanities scholar and teacher, joint participation with the Barstow Moderator, and an invitation to regional K-12 humanities educators, SVSU students, faculty, staff and members of the larger community.

With the approval of the Steering Committee, and under the oversight of the dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences, the Barstow Moderator will have great latitude in the development of the seminar.

The dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences has appointed a Steering Committee to recommend the Barstow Moderator for the next academic year. The Steering Committee is soliciting preliminary proposals for the Barstow Excellence in Teaching Humanities Seminar.

SVSU musical performers present concerts

The SVSU Music Department will present a trio of concerts. Faculty and staff may reserve complimentary tickets to all three performances by calling ext. 4159.

Cardinal Marching Band

The Saginaw Valley State University Marching Band will perform its 23rd indoor concert at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 in the Performing Arts Theatre.

The concert will feature selections from this year's halftime shows and will include performances by the Flag Corps. Featured music includes selections from the *Titanic*, the music of Paul Simon and the Monkees and tunes from the Big Band Era. The show will include highlights from several soloists and sections of the band.

The SVSU Marching Band consists of students from throughout the university and includes both music and non-music majors. The band performs at all home football games and other fall events on campus. The band is under the direction of William Wollner, associate professor of music. Doug Burtch, a junior from Standish, completes his second year as drum major.

Jazz Ensemble

The Saginaw Valley State University Jazz Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 in the Performing Arts Theatre.

The concert will highlight music by Woody Herman, "The Good Earth," Stan Kenton, "Out of Nowhere," and Nat King Cole, "Straighten Up and Fly Right," to name a few.

Kelly Hengy on trombone will be this year's featured guest artist. A Vassar resident, Hengy is director of bands at Millington Community School. He attended Mott Community College and received his Bachelor of Music from Western Michigan University and a Master of Music from Eastern Michigan University.

Hengy has performed in many different professional settings, including with such jazz artists as Bill Berry, Billy Mitchell and Dizzy Gillespie. He also has performed with The Temptations, The Fifth Dimension, Hall Linden, Diane Carol, Franki Vallie and Lou Rawls. In 1997, Hengy played jazz trombone while appearing with the Jeff Hall Big Band at the Flint Jazz Festival.

Concert Choirs

The Saginaw Valley State University Early Music Collegium, Collegium Musicum and the SVSU Concert and Chamber choirs will team

up to perform "Play the Musette Play the Tuneful Oboe," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 in Founders Hall.

The two choirs will sing in "the round," giving a special aura to the music of the season. The two collegiums will present a sparkling compendium of Renaissance dances in the program. In addition, the choirs will present two pieces they will sing on its tour in England in March: the "Victory Song," from the movie *Henry V*, and their own arrangement of "Danny Boy," featuring the voice talents of soloist Michia Donald, a freshman from Saginaw.

University Art Gallery showcases charcoal and pastel drawings

The University Art Gallery is showcasing the works of artist Kathleen Sullivan through Nov. 24. "Drawing the Figure" includes several of Sullivan's sensitive charcoal and pastel drawings, which capture the grace and elegance of the human body. Sullivan's works portray individuals at life-changing stages: adolescence, middle age and maturity.

The artist said she finds the human figure a great challenge.

"Drawing the body is extremely complex," Sullivan explained. "It takes years of study to master the technique, to develop the skill to do it correctly. Every figure is different, every face is different."

A graduate of Massachusetts College of Art, Sullivan has a master of fine arts degree from Central Michigan University.

The University Art Gallery is open from 1 to 5:30 p.m., Monday; noon to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday; and 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. It is located within the Arbury Fine Arts Center.

For additional information, call ext. 4391.

Holiday Closing Schedule

The campus will close for Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27. SVSU also will close for Christmas holiday break from Thursday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Jan. 1. Normal hours will resume Monday, Jan. 4. University personnel not working Wednesday, Dec. 30 will need to use a personal vacation day.

YOU'VE HEARD OF AN AMERICAN IN PARIS; BUT HOW ABOUT AMERICANS IN HANOI?

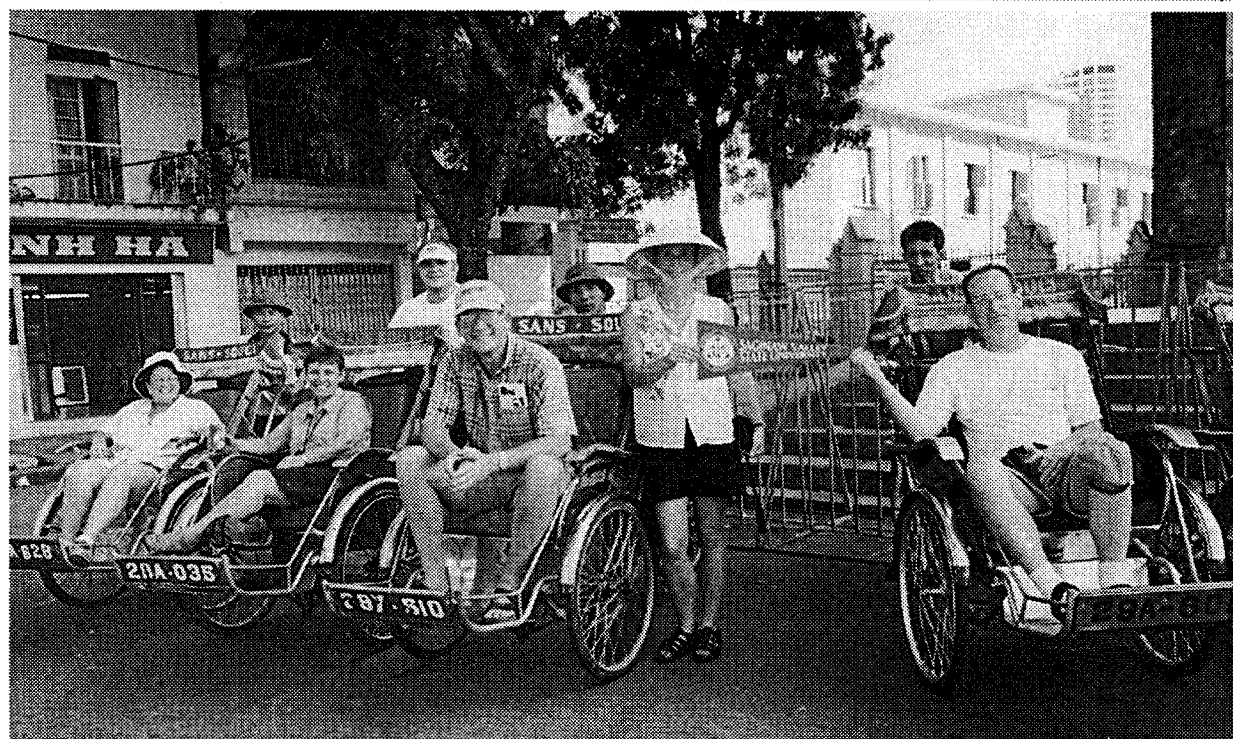


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VIETNAM STUDY-TOUR SLIDE PRESENTATION
DR. ERIC PETERSON, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY
4 TO 5:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, EMERITI ROOM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Professional Profile

- **Patrick Pan**, associate professor of mathematical sciences, has an article published in the November issue of the *Proceedings of American Mathematical Society*, a refereed journal for all major areas of mathematics. The title of the article is "Triangular Extension Spectrum of Weighted Shifts."
- **Laurie Reed**, physics lecturer, and Erin Gajewski, senior physics education student, co-presented an oral paper, "Developing Interesting Interactive Exercises as a Supplement to First-year Physics Lectures," at a meeting of the Michigan Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, Oct. 24 at Grand Valley State University. Work on this project is ongoing; Reed likely will present a progress report as a poster paper at the national meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers, March 1999 in Atlanta.
- **Jill Wetmore**, interim dean, College of Business and Management, presented a paper titled "Commercial Bank Stock Returns and

Option Risk" at the Financial Management Association Conference, Oct. 15 in Chicago.

Across Campus

- **Bernie Gorden**, professor of chemistry, aced the 11th hole at Snow Snake on Oct. 24. Gorden used an eight iron for his 122-yard hole-in-one.
- **John Fallon**, a former vice president for public affairs at SVSU, was inaugurated as president of State University of New York at Potsdam, Nov. 5.

Transitions

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

SVSU Welcomes

- **Mike Ohman**, custodian, Physical Plant, 790-4279

Same Face, New Place

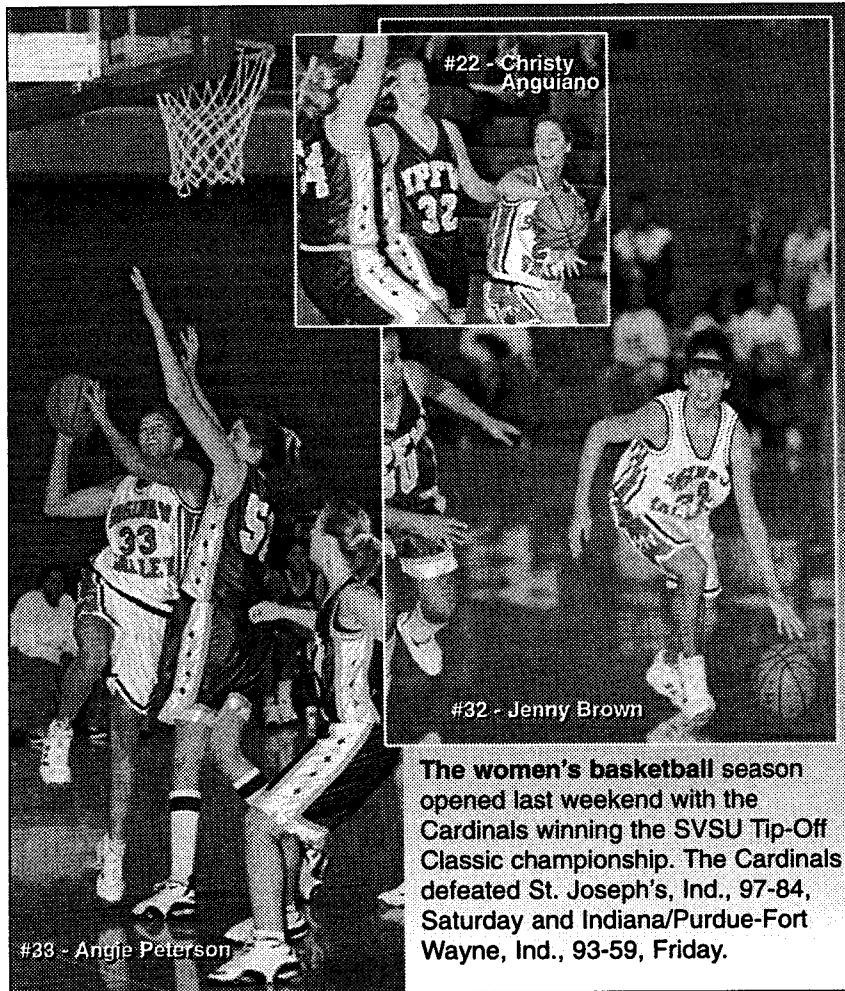
- **Kelly Helmreich**, faculty secretary, first floor Curtiss Hall, 249-1936, kjh@svsu.edu

**Fourth
Friday**
club

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

Refreshments
served

Come and enjoy
the company of
your colleagues
and friends!



Have You Heard?

- **The SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center** expresses appreciation to all who participated in an Oct. 17 craft and bake sale that raised \$872.20 for the Carol Shuler Science Camp Scholarship Fund. The scholarships provide opportunities for elementary and middle school students who, for financial reasons, would not be able to attend summer science camps. The fund, which was established by Walter Rathkamp, director of the Math/Science Center, honors Carol Shuler for her years of service to the center. Contributions to the fund still are being accepted. For further information, contact the SVSU Foundation at ext. 4052.
- 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.
- 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.
- Extra copies of the *Faculty/Staff Directory* are available by calling the Mailroom at ext. 4466.

Campus Happenings

- **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.
- **Lunchbreak Series** — Vaudeville Roving Artists will perform from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 in Doan Café. The performers will include Mark Bellinger, table magician, and Tommy Tropic, comedy juggler.
- **Valley Film Society** — *The Full Monty* will be screened at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Admission is by season membership, available at the door.
- **Faculty/staff lunch** "from around the world" will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Room on Thursday, Dec. 3. Cost is \$3.95.

High Five

- **Football** — defeated College of St. Francis, 59-0 Saturday to finish the regular season with a 9-2 record. The Cardinals set 40 NCAA records Saturday to finish with 93 for the season. SVSU nearly won a share of the MIFC title, but Grand Valley State University beat Ferris State University in a 56-53 come-from-behind, overtime win. Playing in their final college game were 17 seniors, including Tim Neelands, who had his best game of his career. Neelands rushed for 227 yards, including an 87-yard run for the second of his three touchdowns. His rushing total Saturday gives him 2,571 for his career, the most for any fullback in MIFC history.
- **Men's Basketball** — won a pair of exhibition games during the past two weeks in preparation for the GLIAC home opener against Gannon University on Wednesday, Nov. 18. The women's game tips off at 5:30 p.m., with the men following at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Interior is published bi-weekly when classes are in session fall and winter semesters and periodically through the summer. Items should be submitted to the Office of Information Services, 276 Wickes Hall, 790-4055, or send E-mail to infoservices@svsu.edu.

University departments sponsoring activities or events listed in *The Interior* will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities when contacted at least three days in advance.

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ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY INFORMATION

(Please keep a copy at home.)

Adverse weather conditions, especially those associated with Michigan winters, may affect the normal operations of the University. The decision to cancel classes and/or close the main campus will be made by the vice president for Administration and Business Affairs. If adverse conditions necessitate cancellation or closing, the decision to do so will be made prior to 6:30 a.m. for day classes (those beginning before 4 p.m.) and by 2:30 p.m. for evening classes.

Because commuting students, faculty and staff come from such a broad geographic area, it is extremely difficult to arrive at a decision that is appropriate to each vicinity. The quad-county area alone includes approximately 2,000 square miles and weather conditions rarely are uniform throughout this large area. There is no one decision that will satisfy everyone; however, a diligent effort is made to arrive at a reasonable decision that considers the safety of students as well as their right to receive instruction. Under no circumstances does SVSU ask students, faculty or staff to assume undue risk in traveling to class in inclement weather. Each person should use his/her own judgement about driving to the campus.

Information about class cancellations/closings will be relayed to radio and TV as soon as the decision has been announced. The following messages will be broadcast on WNEM TV-5, WJRT TV-12, WEYI TV-25, WGER-FM, WHNN-FM, WKNX, WKQZ-FM, WKYO/WIDL-FM, WMAX, WMPX-FM, WSAM/WKCQ-FM, WSGW/WIOG-FM, WTCF-FM, WTLZ-FM, WUGN-FM, WUCX-FM, WCMU-FM, WSTD-FM, WKJC-FM and WIXC-FM.

- a. Saginaw Valley State University is closed for day classes and SVSU activities. For information on conferences and continuing education programs, please call 790-4475.
- b. Saginaw Valley State University is closed for evening classes and SVSU activities. For information on conferences and continuing education programs, please call 790-4475.
- c. Saginaw Valley State University is closed for both day and evening classes and SVSU activities. For information on conferences and continuing education programs, please call 790-4475.
- d. Saginaw Valley State University is closed until (Time) .
- e. Daytime classes and activities have been canceled at SVSU, including conferences and continuing education programs.
- f. Evening classes and activities have been canceled at SVSU, including conferences and continuing education programs.
- g. Daytime and evening classes and activities have been canceled at SVSU, including conferences and continuing education programs.

No announcement is made when the University is open.

When campus is closed, or classes/activities canceled, only designated employees are to report to work.

The SVSU Weather/Information line – 790-4477 – has taped messages about the open/closed status of campus activities. If you need clarification of media announcements, you should call the weather line for a detailed message. The weather line will run one of the following messages:

1. Thank you for calling the Saginaw Valley State University Weather/Information Line. The University is open today, and classes and activities are continuing as usual. If weather or other conditions necessitate canceling classes or activities, announcements will be made on local radio and television by 6:30 a.m. for day classes scheduled to begin before 4 p.m., or by 2:30 p.m. for evening classes scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. or later. Please listen to your radio or television for updates, or place a return call to the Weather/Information Line.
2. Thank you for calling the Saginaw Valley State University Weather/Information Line. Because of adverse conditions, all classes and activities scheduled to begin before 4 p.m. have been canceled. For information on conferences and continuing education programs, please call 790-4475. If conditions necessitate canceling evening classes and activities scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. or later, an announcement will be made on local radio and television by 2:30 p.m. Please listen to your radio or television for updates, or place a return call to the Weather/Information Line.
3. Thank you for calling the Saginaw Valley State University Weather/Information Line. Because of adverse conditions, all classes and activities scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. or later have been canceled. For information on conferences and continuing education programs, please call 790-4475. If conditions necessitate canceling classes

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and activities tomorrow, announcements will be made on local radio and television by 6:30 a.m. Please listen to your radio or television for updates, or place a return call to the Weather/Information Line in the morning.

4. Thank you for calling the Saginaw Valley State University Weather/Information Line. Because of adverse conditions, the campus is closed for day classes and all activities – including conferences and continuing education programs.
5. Thank you for calling the Saginaw Valley State University Weather/Information Line. Because of adverse conditions, the campus is closed for evening classes and all activities – including conferences and continuing education programs.
6. Thank you for calling the Saginaw Valley State University Weather/Information Line. Because of adverse conditions, all classes and activities scheduled for today have been canceled. For information on conferences and continuing education programs, please call 790-4475. If conditions necessitate canceling classes and activities tomorrow, announcements will be made on local radio and television by 6:30 a.m. Please listen to your radio or television for updates, or place a return call to the Weather/Information Line.
7. Thank you for calling the Saginaw Valley State University Weather/Information Line. Because of adverse conditions, all classes and activities scheduled for today have been canceled, including conferences and continuing education programs. If conditions necessitate canceling classes and activities tomorrow, announcements will be made on local radio and television by 6:30 a.m. Please listen to your radio or television for updates, or place a return call to the Weather/Information Line.

For a full statement of the SVSU weather policy, see the *SVSU Operations Manual*.

Instructors who are prevented by weather from reaching their classes when the campus is officially open must notify the appropriate dean or supervisor. In addition, faculty who cancel classes individually should record a conditional message on their voice mail. They should remind students periodically during the semester that they may call the instructor's office number to learn the status of specific classes during inclement weather.

Students who are prevented by weather from reaching their classes when the campus is open should report the nature of their absence to their instructors as soon as possible. Employees who are prevented by weather from reaching campus while the University is open should call their supervisors immediately to report the nature of their absence.

On appropriate occasions, the campus voice mail system will be used by administrators to post a message to each voice mailbox. This is an additional source of information for employees when emergency situations arise. Whenever possible, voice mail announcements will follow the same schedule as radio and television announcements. Therefore, employees may obtain information by calling their office number from home or other off-campus locations.

Occasionally, weather may necessitate delaying the opening of campus for part of the day. Updates will be made to radio and television stations, as well as posted on the weather line.

Your patience and cooperation is appreciated in dealing with emergency weather situations.

Weekend Adverse Weather Policy Information

Because Saginaw Valley State University schedules some weekend classes, as well as weekend library hours, gallery hours and events, we have added weekend service to our closing and cancellation announcement system. Policies, procedures and messages will be similar to those that apply Monday through Friday.

Summary of weekend weather announcement information

- ▶ Whenever possible, the weather information line (790-4477) will be updated to carry messages regarding weekend cancellations and closings. (In some cases of extreme weather, personnel who monitor the weather line may be unable to drive to campus to change the recorded message promptly.)
- ▶ Faculty and staff may use the "conditional message" feature of the voice mail system to record weekend weather-related cancellations when appropriate.
- ▶ The campus voice mail system can be used by the administration to post a message to each mailbox when weekend conditions warrant.
- ▶ Announcements will be made on a **limited number** of radio and TV stations. (Most radio stations are automated on weekends and are not staffed to receive and relay messages.) The following stations will be used for weekend announcements:

WNEM TV-5

WJRT TV-12

WEYI TV-25

WSGW/WIOG

WSAM/WKCQ

WKYO/WIDL

(AM 790/FM 102.5)

(AM 1400/FM 98.1)

(AM 1360/FM 92.1)

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TLTR UPDATE

News from the Teaching and Learning with Technology Roundtable

Saginaw Valley State University

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Voice Your Opinion on Computer Literacy!



Today, more than ever before, computer literacy is being discussed across the campus of Saginaw Valley State University. Tremendous advances in computer technologies are being brought to our campus, and more elaborate and complex computer software and hardware will be available for use in the years to come. However, the spread of these new and amazing devices and materials may lead to stratification of the people of SVSU into "haves" and "have nots" based on the ability to understand and use these technologies by students, staff, faculty and administrators. We wish to foster thought and stimulate discussion on the many pressing issues concerning computer literacy at SVSU.

In the latter part of November and early December, the Computer Literacy Action Team will be sending surveys out to administrators, faculty and staff at SVSU to gather opinions on the need for computer literacy. A student version of this survey will also be administered in many classes across campus. When you receive your survey in campus mail, please spend a few minutes and complete the survey. The information you provide will benefit our whole community. Faculty members are strongly urged to consider volunteering to administer copies of the student version of this survey in their classes. If you are a faculty member and wish to participate by giving these student surveys, please contact Gary M. Lange, x4336, in the Department of Biology on or before November 21st. Results of these surveys will be published in a future issue of this newsletter.

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The X-Files and the Strange Case of Physics 111?

No, it's not an episode from the popular Fox television series, but the title could describe one of several multimedia exercises being utilized this Fall by SVSU Physics professor Laurie Reed.

In the HyperCard exercise "Projectile Motion", students are asked to assist Agents Scully and Mulder in launching a tracking device on an alien spacecraft seen hovering behind the SVSU Science Building. Students are provided with the exact locations of the Agents as well as the velocity and angle of launch. They are then asked to calculate how much time it will take for the device to reach the ship and how many meters the device must travel horizontally. Students can click on a button to display a sketch of the objects in order to help them visualize and solve the problem.

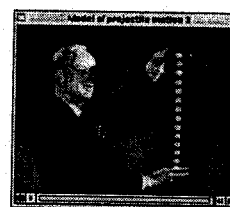
"Projectile Motion", created over the summer by SVSU Physics senior Erin Gajewski, is just one of several being incorporated into Reed's Physics 111 Lab this year. The idea, Reed says, is for students to see the theory explained via a number of video clips, then apply what they learn to answering questions and solving problems. She and Gajewski have developed and are currently testing several interactive exercises, each covering a different Physics topic. "Projectile Motion" (shown in the figure) was recently showcased at the regional meeting of the Michigan Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers at Grand Valley State University on October 24.

Reed also regularly makes use of software, videos and other media in her Astronomy classes.

For example *Redshift 2* contains movie clips and animations of such things as orbital motion, galaxy collisions, and star formation. *Voyage II: The Dynamic Sky Simulator* creates a realistic view of the night sky as seen from any place in the Solar System for any day between 3000 BC and 3000 AD. "These packages illustrate complicated processes far better than I could ever describe them", says Reed. For example, *Voyager II* allows students to view a solar eclipse on Earth as it would appear from the Moon. "I think that animation in particular is always an eye-opening experience for many of my students", she says.

Resources available on the Internet and World Wide Web have also found their way into Reed's classes. Apart from showing Hubble Space Telescope images in her lectures, she also requires her students to look at and describe certain astronomical web sites as part of their assigned homework.

Click on the buttons below to watch three clips of a model of a projectile. Answer the questions from clips two and three on the right.



Clip 2
Is it the x or the y
component?
☐ x ☐ y

Clip 3
Is it the x or the y
component?
☐ x ☐ y

First clip Second clip Third clip

(See X-Files continued on page 2)

Distance Learning Forums Held

The second of two Faculty Forums on Distance Learning was held October 22 in Brown 109. Sponsored by the Teaching, Learning with Technology (TLTR) Action Team, approximately a dozen faculty discussed the issues pertaining to the teaching of distance learning courses. A similar forum was held in September and attended by over 20 faculty.

Moderated by Sociology Professor and Action Team co-chair Dawn Hinton, both sessions focused on the possible development of Internet or web-based courses at SVSU. One advantage of such courses is the potential for reaching students who otherwise would be unable to attend college classes. Another is convenience for students who presently drive long distances but who could complete

some of their credits via modem on their home computer.

Common themes at both forums included how faculty release time would be administered for development of such courses, as well as the availability of support staff required to trouble-shoot the neces-

sary computer equipment. Each session opened with an invitation to faculty for comment on the contents of a white paper authored by the Action Team members and distributed prior to the start of the 1998 Fall Semester. The white paper outlined the number and types of distance learning courses being offered by other state institutions, and requested input from faculty on how SVSU should proceed.

Faculty agreed that, clearly, certain students would perform better than others in an on-line environment, and that SVSU should be certain a market exists for such courses before developing them. It might be advisable, one faculty member suggested, for SVSU to find a niche with respect to course offerings which are currently unavailable on the web. Another idea raised at the second forum was that Saginaw Valley might consider developing a course which offered a mix of traditional face-to-face instruction, part tele-course via compressed video, and part Internet. Faculty were also asked to begin thinking about which courses within their curricula might lend themselves to web-based instruction and when they might be offered. At least a handful of instructors expressed an interest in teaching such a course.

The TLTR Distance Learning Action Team was scheduled to meet again November 12 to discuss how they would proceed based on the comments made at each forum.

TLTR Members Make Site Visit

TLTR members paid a visit to Oakland University October 30 as part of the Roundtable's commitment to learn how other colleges are utilizing instructional technology in the teaching process.

Tours were provided of Oakland's Instructional Technology Center, Presentation Development Center, microcomputer labs, and Library media viewing rooms. George Presinger, head of Oakland's Instructional Technology Center, arranged for each SVSU staff member to spend at least two hours with their counterparts at Oakland. TLTR members from Saginaw Valley were also given an overview of Oakland's plans for expanding technology as part of new campus construction projects.

"I found the visit very informative — it is always nice to meet colleagues who are doing the same things you are. They are resources we will call upon many times in the future", says Debbie Roberts, Instructional Technology Specialist.

The Coordination & Communication Action Team will likely plan to visit another campus in the 1999 Winter term.



TLTR Message Board Operational

The TLTR Coordination & Communication Action Team has started an electronic message board to keep the SVSU campus community informed of upcoming technology-related happenings.

Located in the hallway outside the Instructional Technology Center (C155), the electronic display lists a series of rotating messages pertaining to TLTR meetings, campus workshops, and related information of interest to SVSU faculty and staff.

If you have a message or would like information about a technology event publicized, please call Debbie Newton at 249-1931. Messages are updated at least twice each week.

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Reed began by using PowerPoint for her lectures nearly two years ago along with a Mac PowerBook and a data display. PowerPoint, she says, helps organize the information being presented and makes it easier for her students to take notes. She has added a little more each semester. The CD-ROM version of the Astronomy textbook she is using allows her to cut and paste images from the text directly into her PowerPoint lectures.

Overall, she says the potential barriers for incorporating multimedia into course lectures are fewer than one might imagine.

It takes a lot of time at first, but once you get going the technology is not so overwhelming". She adds that the effort has been well received by her students.

Perhaps students in Reed's classes who are also fans of the X-Files would modify the program's popular theme by saying: "The Truth may be Out There...but the evidence is in the multimedia visuals".

