February 23, 1999

Dean emeritus honors wife by creating music scholarship

Recently, James Mitchell, dean emeritus of the College of Business and Management, surprised his wife with the creation of the Barbara Lee Mitchell Endowed Scholarship in Vocal Music. The scholarship honors her on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Mitchell continues to enjoy a lifetime of involvement in choral music, and Dean Mitchell saw the scholarship as a means to extend that enjoyment into perpetuity. The scholarship provides financial assistance to students at SVSU majoring in music, or music education, whose performance medium is vocal music.

Mrs. Mitchell has been a student of vocal music throughout her life. She began singing at an early age in school choirs, glee clubs, and church choirs. She studied music privately under professors at Michigan State University and has been active in church choirs for more than 50 years, with occasional solo performances. For 12 years, Mrs. Mitchell sang with the Kalamazoo College Bach Festival Chorus, and continues singing with the Saginaw Choral Society under the direction of Jack Jonker.

While the sole purpose was to honor his wife, Dean Mitchell said some of the goals of the business college also were met through the scholarship.

“Business students are taught to make optimal decisions from many correct alternatives,” he said. “Every musical composition requires that the performer interpret many complex interacting variables – such as how slow or fast, or how loud or soft – in order to express the intent of the composer. In such matters, as in the business world, there is no one correct interpretation. While there are standards and guidelines, the musician must make judgments to meet the needs of the audience or the requirements of the occasion.” Dean Mitchell also noted that musical performance, too, is an exemplar of teamwork – another skill taught in business.

“SVSU has a great infrastructure for teaching vocal music and, while it’s not a large major, I know it is something SVSU is interested in developing. We anticipate that the scholarship will help,” Dean Mitchell said.

Job hunting topic of faculty/student workshops

SVSU faculty and students will have the opportunity to learn more about job searches through two workshops Friday, March 12 sponsored by the SVSU Chemistry Club, the University Writing Program and the American Chemical Society.

Faculty will receive tips on “Coaching Students for Job Searches” during the morning, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. A special afternoon workshop for students will focus on “Successful Job Hunting,” from 1 to 4 p.m. Faculty are encouraged to attend the afternoon workshop as well.

The morning workshop will take place in the SVSU Writing Center in 134 Zahnow.

The student workshop will include major components of a job search: employment trends, career values and skills’ identification, targeting the market (personal data forms and networking) and interviewing.

Edward Kostiner, a member of the American Chemical Society, will conduct both workshops. Kostiner is an emeritus professor of chemistry with more than 35 years’ experience in academe as a teacher, researcher and department head.

See Workshops, Page 2 ▶
Workshops (Continued from Page 1)

According to Deborah Huntley, SVSU assistant professor of chemistry and co-advisor to the Chemistry Club, when the ACS met for its regional meeting on campus in fall 1998, a workshop on job searches took place. Jason Stotter, a member of the student chapter, was impressed with the presentation and expressed a desire to expose more students to the topic.

In addition to Kostiner’s presentation, Diane Boehm, director of the University Writing Program, will discuss Internet job searching during the morning faculty workshop.

Huntley said science majors in other regions of the country must be willing to do a national job search. While the discussion in the afternoon session will focus on job searches for science majors, many features are applicable to all disciplines. She said in Mid-Michigan, however, the presence of the Dow Chemical Co. and Dow Corning Corp., makes the process more simple.

To register, or for more information, contact Boehm at ext. 7728 or dboehm@svsu.edu.

“Last year’s event drew overwhelming interest – more than we could accommodate,” said David B. McCloy, teacher specialist coordinator at the center. “This year we have planned for a larger audience.”

SVSU marks Women’s History Month with series of events

SVSU will mark Women’s History Month with a series of events, including a presentation by Saginaw County Probate Court Chief Justice Faye Harrison.

Harrison will speak during a special noon luncheon Friday, March 12 in SVSU’s Curtiss Hall. She will discuss “Providing Protection, Equity and Justice for Women.” Luncheon cost is $6. Also during the luncheon, SVSU will honor Bethany Rusch, campus police officer, with its “Women of Distinction” honor. To register for the luncheon, call ext. 4014.

SVSU students will compete in a poster contest with the theme “Profiles of American Women.” Entries will be showcased on the Brown Concourse.

Wednesday, March 31, the prize-winning film by Susan Stern, “Barbie Nation: An Unauthorized Tour,” will be shown between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. The film explores the many ways in which the Barbie Doll has become an icon of modern culture. For more information, call ext. 5687.

Patricia Hill-Collins, professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Cincinnati, will speak at Delta College Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9. Hill-Collins’ research focuses on gender, race and social class related to African-American women. Titles of her books include Black Feminist Thought: Race, Class and Gender: An Anthology, and Fighting Word. For additional information, call ext. 4149.

Voices in the Valley artists to perform

The Voices in the Valley poetry series continues its Winter 1999 schedule with two guest poets during March. All activities take place at Saginaw Valley State University.

At 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, Keith Taylor will present his poetry and essays in Founders Hall. Taylor also will have his books for sale following the reading.

Melba Boyd, a poet, will perform her readings at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 31 in SVSU’s Alumni Lounge in Curtiss Hall. Boyd also will have her books for sale following her reading. For more information, call ext. 4063.

PIECES AND PATCHES

Sue Welke, Quilt Artist

WICKES SHOWCASE
Third Floor Wickes

Math/Science Center schedules Family Night

Students and their parents will have an opportunity to explore science and math activities, and also preview the summer Science and Mathematics Extravaganza for Kids camps Thursday, March 4. SVSU’s Regional Mathematics and Science Center will host its second annual Family Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Curtiss Hall.

Children and their families will participate in two hands-on science and math activities and receive information on future center events. Refreshments will be provided.

The evening is free to all who pre-register at ext. 4114.
Art Gallery to exhibit works by members of Midland Artists Guild

The University Art Gallery will host an exhibit from March 15 through April 5 of works by members of the Midland Artists Guild.

“This exhibit demonstrates the variety, skill and creativity of its artists-members,” said Barron Hirsch, director of the gallery.

According to Hirsch, the Midland Artists Guild was founded to support creative activities and provide a forum for working artists. The 140-member group celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. The Guild awards educational grants, provides workshops and organizes art trips. Members share ideas and publish a monthly newsletter.

Winter semester hours in the gallery are noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday; 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday; and noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For further information, call ext. 4391.

SVSU names football coach

Randy Awrey has been hired as head football coach. Awrey is a native of Iron Mountain and a graduate of Northern Michigan University. He has spent the last five seasons at Lakeland College in Wisconsin, compiling a 36-14 record. Awrey’s .720 winning percentage is the highest in school history. Prior to joining Lakeland, Awrey was with Kentucky Wesleyan College, where in 1993 he posted the school’s first winning season and best record since 1928. Awrey was named “Most Valuable Player” during NMU’s winning national championship game in 1975. He has a master’s degree in educational administration and two bachelor of science degrees from NMU.

Have You Heard?

• Inserted with this issue of the Interior is a nomination request for the Ruben Daniels Community Service Award. The award, which represents the University’s highest recognition of employee community involvement and service to the community, is presented annually at the All University Awards Banquet. Deadline for nominations is Friday, Feb. 26. For further information, or to submit a nomination, contact Ava Lewis, chairperson, at ext. 5689.

• The SVSU softball and volleyball teams are sponsoring a Fun Night for Kids in grades 2 through 8. Youth can enjoy supervised activities from 6 to 9:45 p.m. Friday, March 12 in Ryder Center. The cost is $5 per child. For further information, call ext. 7300.

• A faculty/staff luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Room Wednesday, March 17. The cost is $3.95 per person.

Campus Happenings

• Valley Wind Quintet Concert — 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets by calling ext. 4159.

• Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists Lecture — 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Christopher Collier will present “A Historian Reflects on Teaching and Learning.” For more information, call ext. 7753.

• Roosevelt Ruffin Lecture — 5 p.m. Thursday, March 18 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Harry Wu will discuss “Behind Communist Laogai Walls.” For further information, call ext. 4397.

• Valley Scholars Lecture — 4 p.m. Monday, March 22 in Founders Hall. Robert Drew, assistant professor of communication, will present “Anyone Can Do It: Forging a Participatory Culture in Karaoke Bars.” Refreshments will be served. For more information, call ext. 5652.

• Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists Lecture — 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Harry Edwards’ topic will be “End of the Golden Age of Black Athletic Participation.” For more details, call ext. 4360.
Professional Profile

• William K. Barnett, professor of sociology, gave invited addresses in early January at the University of Mysore in Mysore; TTL First Grade College, Mysore; Christ College, Bangalore; and the Institute of Marketing and Management, New Delhi, India. The topics were “American Culture: An Anthropological View,” “Training Methods for Cross-Cultural Relations,” and “Doing Business with Americans.”

• Tom Hearon, professor of English, gave a presentation in February titled “Innovative Ways of Teaching Documentation in the Research Paper,” at the English Idea Exchange, hosted by Caldwell Community College, Hudson, N.C.

• Ruth Sawyers, lecturer of English, conducted a workshop titled “Reading/Writing Strategies to Enhance Science Comprehension” Feb. 10 at the Saginaw Staff Development Center. This in-service for science teachers in grades 6 through 12 in the city of Saginaw, was sponsored by a grant from The Saginaw Bay National Writing Project.

• Jim Sullivan, professor of English, is pleased to announce two works have been accepted for publication. The first, “All off for a buster: An Early Version,” is an essay-presentation of James Joyce’s initial close to the “Oxen of the Sun” episode of his great comic novel, Ulysses. In the episode, composed of nine parts, one for each month of foetal gestation, Joyce imitated the historical styles of the English language, from Anglo-Saxon to the present, with the closing section capturing the “postpartum” varieties of the mother-tongue — the birth of what are now called “new Englishes.” It will be published around Bloomsday, June 16, in James Joyce Studies: An Annual. The other, “Language such as men doe use: the Ethnic English of Ben Jonson’s The Irish Masque at Court,” a lengthy study of vernacular representation in an English Renaissance personation, appears in the current issue of the Michigan Academician.

In addition, two papers have been scheduled for presentation. “Representing Dialect: An Early Case Study,” before the annual meeting of the American Dialect Society (Los Angeles) and “Newly Discovered Emedentations to Joyce’s Ulysses: The Cornell ‘Oxen’” before the international conference of the Society for the Study of Textual Scholarship (New York).

• Don Wiseman, professor of accounting, will co-present a paper titled “Current Value Alternatives to EPS Dilution” (theory and survey) at the Eastern American Accounting Association Meetings in Harrisburg, Pa., March 26. The co-author is SVSU alumna Marie Archambault of Clarkson University. The meetings are sponsored by Penn State-Harrisburg. The paper discussant is James Largay III, Arthur Anderson professor of accounting at Lehigh University.

Across Campus

• Joe Vogl, manager of Ryder Center Operations and golf coach, was named to the Men’s Division II College Golf Foundation Rankings Committee. Vogl also is chairman of the NCAA Division II, District IV golf committee.

Transitions

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

SVSU Welcomes

• Debra Alcock, senior secretary, Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, W160, 790-4103
• Randy Awrey, head football coach, R212, 791-7315
• Linda Holoman, academic advisor, Minority Student Services, C112, 790-5663, lhholo@svsu.edu
• Terry Paris, staff accountant, Controller’s Office, W373, 790-5680, tparis@svsu.edu

Same Face, New Place

• Sue Welke, administrative secretary, Academic and Student Support Services, W117, 790-4286, skw@svsu.edu

Moving On

• Tracy Claeyes
• Julianna Gedney
• Jerry Kill

High Five

• Men’s Basketball (12-14, 9-10) — defeated Ferris State University, 73-68, Saturday.
• Women’s Basketball (19-6, 14-5) — dropped a 72-49 decision to Ferris State University Saturday.
• Track and Field — the men finished fourth and the women sixth at the GLIAC Indoor Championships.
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 16, 1999 – 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. Supportive materials such as letters, testimonials, tributes, etc. can be included with the nomination.

Nominations should be sent to:

Ava Lewis, Chairperson
Selection Committee
Wickes Hall, SVSU

Deadline:

February 26, 1999
Policy on Discrimination, Sexual Harassment & Racial Harassment

A. Policy

It is the policy of Saginaw Valley State University that no unlawful discrimination will be practiced or tolerated in the provision of employment, education, organizations, athletics, housing, public accommodations and other services to the public. Equal opportunity will be provided regardless of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital or familial status, color, height, weight, handicap or disability.

Improper or unlawful discrimination and discriminatory harassment have no place in this University.

Employees or students may not use threats, whether explicit or implicit, concerning the terms or conditions of an individual’s education, employment, housing, or participation in a University activity to gain sex and sexual favors. Unwelcome sexual advances, including physical conduct such as touching, requests for sexual favors, derogatory verbal comments, or any other actions which tend to create a sexually hostile environment or that interferes with an individual’s academic effort, employment or participation in University activities are strictly prohibited.

Physical acts or threats or verbal slurs, invectives or epithets, taunting or verbal abuse, degrading comments or jokes referring to an individual’s race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital or familial status, color, height, weight, handicap or disability are strictly prohibited.

Anyone who concludes that he or she is the subject of discriminatory conduct or harassment, sexual or otherwise, is required to immediately report such conduct in writing to the Director of Equal Opportunity and Special Programs or the Director of Human Resources.

An employee or student who knowingly and intentionally files a false complaint under this policy is subject to discipline.

Saginaw Valley State University will not allow any retaliation, threats, or intimidation of any kind against a complainant who comes forward with a genuine complaint or concern pursuant to this policy or against any person who assists in an investigation process relating to this policy, nor will any student or employee be adversely affected in his/her employment or student status with the University for bringing forward a genuine complaint or concern.

Any employee who violates this policy will be subject to discipline, including possible separation from the University.
B. **Investigation Procedure**

The University will investigate the complaint and will determine, within twenty (20) calendar days, if the problem can be resolved informally. If an informal resolution is attained, it will be documented and retained in the Equal Opportunity office.

If no resolution can be reached, a written report of the investigator's findings will be issued to the appointing officer (Vice President, Dean of Student Affairs, etc.) and the Director of Equal Opportunity and Special Programs.

The appointing officer will, within twenty (20) calendar days, conduct further investigation, if deemed necessary, and issue a written decision with respect to the complaint, applying sanctions if warranted by the facts of the case.

Reports of harassment or discrimination will be kept as confidential as possible although it is understood that an investigation will normally require the involvement of third parties.