



## Workshop Cancelled

The workshop titled *Addressing Diversity Issues* scheduled for April 2, 2009 has been canceled due to the fact that too few people signed up for it. We will try to schedule a similar workshop for another time or incorporate the topic into fall orientation.

## Severe Weather Awareness

Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 29-April 4, 2009. The emergency sirens will sound on Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00 P.M. as part of a county-wide test. The sirens will also sound on Friday, April 3 at 1:00 P.M. and the Campus Alert emergency notification system will be tested. The campus community is invited to attend a Severe Weather Awareness Presentation titled, "What to Look For and How to Stay Safe" on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Regional Education Center, Alan W. Ott Auditorium. Presented by WNEM TV5 Meteorologist Chris Gloninger, the event will provide information on what signs to look for, how to be prepared and how to stay safe, during a severe weather event. A reception will follow. Look for more information on severe weather on the back page of this newsletter.

## Summer Technology Workshop

The Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs has scheduled a Summer Technology Workshop for Saturday, May 30, 2009. The workshop will take place in Science East 206 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Half of the workshop will be dedicated to VSpace training, while the other half of the workshop will be dedicated to using the new VMail system, which will go live on Tuesday, May 12. Lunch will be served and participants will be compensated for attendance. You may soon register for this at [www.svsu.edu/workshops](http://www.svsu.edu/workshops).

## Workshop Rescheduled

The workshop titled *Course Design: From Course Description to Assessment*, which was originally scheduled for April 11, 2009, has been rescheduled due to the Easter holiday. The workshop will now be on Saturday, April 25 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. in the Emeriti Room. There are still plenty of spots available so please RSVP to [adjunct@svsu.edu](mailto:adjunct@svsu.edu) or 964-4050 as soon as possible. Food will be served and participants will be compensated \$50 for attending.

## Fall Orientations and Workshops

Adjunct faculty orientations for the Fall semester have been scheduled for August 24 and August 25 from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. in the Emeriti Room. In addition to the orientations and a Fall Technology Workshop, there will be another *Course Design: From Course Description to Assessment* on August 22 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. in the Emeriti Room. None of these workshops are posted to the online workshop calendar yet, but the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs will send out a reminder email when they are available.

## How to Deal with Severe Weather

SVSU intends to issue severe weather alerts to the campus community only when a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service. Presently, there are two systems in place for communicating severe weather warnings to the campus community.

**The Campus Alert Emergency Notification System** - Provides voice, text message and e-mail alerts. If you are not already enrolled in Campus Alert, you can sign up for the service at <http://www.svsu.edu/universitypolice/emergency.html>.

**Emergency Warning Sirens** - SVSU has two emergency warning sirens located in North and South Campus. In the event of an emergency that threatens the safety of persons on campus, the sirens may be activated. The siren tones are quite loud and distinct, and the sound will carry throughout the campus and should be easily heard by those outdoors on campus. The sirens are not intended to be heard inside buildings. When the sirens are activated, individuals should seek shelter immediately. The emergency warning sirens do not broadcast an "All Clear" tone. Please rely on other information sources such as radio, television or the resources available on the internet to determine if the threat has passed.

When severe weather strikes, it is important to seek shelter immediately. Please consider the following points to help ensure your safety during a severe weather event.

Take time now to become aware of the tornado refuge plan in your room, suite, academic or other campus building.

The safest location is often on the lowest floor in an interior room or corridor away from any windows.

**If classes or activities are dismissed because of severe weather, the safest course of action may be to seek shelter in the building you are presently in until the threat has passed.**

If you are caught outside or in your vehicle, seek shelter in a ditch or depression, lay flat on your stomach and cover your head.