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Tigers return to SVSU

Fewer stars this year, but fans as excited as ever

By Mary Oakley
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Baseball fans gathered at the Ryder Center Monday, as members of the Detroit Tigers stopped at SVSU as part of their annual statewide baseball caravan. Attendees were given the opportunity to see some of the 2008

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Quinn Rutkowski, 13, Midland left-Tanner DuFort, 9, Bay City, wait to speak with players from the Detroit Tigers during the Tigers winter caravan that stopped in the Ryder Center on Monday.

Vanguard photo/Adam Baudoux



courtesy Adam Baudoux

The photo above, which is untitled, earned Adam Baudoux an honorable mention in an international photography competition hosted by *National Geographic*. Check out more of Baudoux's work at svsu.edu/vanguard.

Vanguard photographer earns national honor

By Aaron Crossen
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Graphic design junior and Valley Vanguard photographer Adam Baudoux has won an honorable mention in an international photography competition hosted by *National Geographic*.

Baudoux's photograph, pictured above, earned an honorable mention in the landscape category of the competition. There were over 143,000 submissions in all categories, with a first-place winner and 20 honorable mentions for each category.

The photo was captured on the beach in the coastal town of Wells Beach, Maine during a mid-October sunrise. Baudoux says the brilliant color in the photo is caused by the water reflecting the sky, which as night fades is turning into a deep blue. The hazy effect of the water on the rocks is more complicated, though.

"I was playing around with a long shutter speed all weekend, so there's some real subtle waves coming in, crashing into the rocks, going over the rocks. It gave it a really hazy effect," he explained.

Baudoux has always been into photography, but he didn't get serious

about it until he bought his first Digital Self-Reflex Lens camera, a Nikon D50.

"Finally talked mom into letting me get one," he joked. "I got kind of sick of my point and shoot."

His transition from a mere hobbyist into something more began with his interest in racing.

One of his uncles races off-road trucks professionally, so he started shooting the races.

That's when Baudoux first realized that photography was becoming more than a hobby for him.

"It's something about capturing the action. Being able to capture it and freeze it, and being able to show somebody 'this is what happened,' really paints a picture, and I like to be able to do that," he says.

After joining the Vanguard staff in 2007, Baudoux quickly realized that photography could be profitable, as well as personally fulfilling.

After building his portfolio with the student newspaper, Baudoux found more opportunities to shoot in professional and semi-professional environments, including shooting for the Detroit Lions.

"People started asking me to shoot stuff, and then they started paying me to do it, and it's been kind of cool."



Vanguard photo/Christina Dillbeck

Some of the scaffolding and construction near Zahnow Library, Brown Hall, and Science West. The construction on the building has been ongoing since last fall.

Plummeting bricks prompt safety questions

By Hillary Darling
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Construction prompting sets of scaffolding and questions by students is now in the last stages. Brick-work outside of Zahnow Library, Brown Hall and Science West – buildings that were erected as part of a single project in the 1980s – was almost fully completed in December, with a few minor items still in progress.

Two bricks plummeted to a second floor balcony off a sun screen near the west entrance to the library and science buildings, prompting an investigation into safety issues with the building. No one was injured in the

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SVSU administrators receive pay increases

By Alie Neumeyer
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SVSU executives are receiving a pay raise this year after state budget constraints caused a salary increase to be put on hold last year.

This year's pay increase is for the 2008 calendar year and was set by the Board of Control in a meeting held last December. The decision for a raise in salaries came unanimously, reflecting a 3 percent increase for both 2007 and 2008.

The Board of Control decides executive salaries during an executive session each year in which only board members are present.

David Gamez, chair of the Board finds this year's increase to be a decision that became easy after doing a small amount of research.

"The vice presidents did not want one last year," he said. "A 2.5 to 3 percent increase per year was appropriate."

President Eric R. Glibertson's annual salary has made a jump to \$203,200, a figure just under the earnings of Grand Valley's president, Thomas J. Haas, who earned \$205,000 last year.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald J. Bachand will end 2008 with a salary of \$164,300 and Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management Robert Maurovich earning \$150,800. Maurovich was hired in 1996 and Bachand 10 years later.

Last year, Grand Valley's Vice President of Finance and Administration James Bachmeier made a salary of \$165,596.

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