

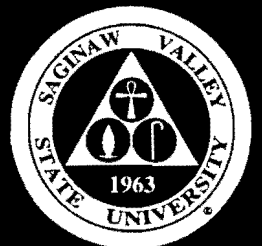
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**BOARD OF CONTROL**

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 2, 1998**



SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF CONTROL  
February 2, 1998

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MINUTES  
BOARD OF CONTROL  
Regular Meeting  
1:30 p.m.  
Board of Control Room - Wickes Hall

Present: Braun  
Gilbertson  
Kelly  
Roberts  
Rush  
Walpole

Absent: Escobedo  
Law  
Vitito

Others

Present: D. Bachand  
J. Curry  
J. Dwyer  
A. Eagan  
L. Engel  
L. Espinoza  
L. Grymonprez  
E. Hamilton  
L. Hatcher  
C. Jerome  
C. Looney  
M. Margres  
R. Maurovich  
S. Moll  
J. Muladore  
B. Papajesk  
D. Paul  
R. Payne  
M. Revard  
L. Rinn  
D. Shorkey  
E. Sparapani  
B. Styers  
J. Stanley  
R. Thompson  
W. Vasher  
R. Yien  
Press (3 )

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Walpole called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A. **Approval of Agenda and Additions to and Deletions from Agenda**

**It was moved and supported that the agenda be approved as distributed.**

The agenda was unanimously APPROVED as distributed.

B. **Approval of December 12, 1997 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**It was moved and supported that the minutes of the December 12, 1997 regular meeting be approved.**

The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as written.

C. **Recognition of the Official Representative of the Faculty Association**

Professor Ervin F. Sparapani, President of the SVSU Faculty Association, discussed the high quality of SVSU faculty and the additional facilities which will soon be constructed on the campus.

D. **Communications and Requests to Appear before the Board**

There were no communications or requests to appear before the Board.

Larry E. Engel, Ed.D., incoming Director of School/University Partnerships, was introduced to the Board.

III. ACTION ITEMS

1) Resolution to Accept Federal Awards Audit

RES-1300 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The federal awards audit for the 1996-97 fiscal year as conducted by**

**Andrews Hooper & Pavlik P.L.C., was reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board; and**

**WHEREAS, The Administration recommends that the federal awards audit be submitted to the Board of Control for receipt and acceptance;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control receive and accept the audit as submitted.**

James Muladore, Controller/Assistant Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs, told the Board Resolution 1300 asks for the Board's acceptance of the federal awards audit for the 1996-97 fiscal year. He further indicated that the auditors had had no findings or questioned costs and had issued an unqualified opinion on the audit.

Trustee Rush stated that the audit had been reviewed by the Finance and Audit Committee and that it was found to be "clean."

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

2) Resolution to Authorize the Construction of a Bell Tower and Amphitheater

RES-1301 **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The University desires to construct a bell tower and amphitheater; and**

**WHEREAS, Funding has been received from private donors specifically for the project and monies from University resources are available for associated site work;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Control authorizes the site work and construction of a bell tower and amphitheater in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.**

President Gilbertson stated he was delighted to discuss the construction of two edifices which would help develop the character of SVSU's campus. He added he was enormously grateful to two major donors for their contributions which made the projects possible.

The Julia Edwards Bell Tower will be named after the wife of William J. Edwards, who

chaired the University's first fund raising campaign.

The Amphitheater, which will be sculpted into the landscaping in front of the Performing Arts Center, is a gift from Melvin J. Zahnow in memory of his wife, Lillian.

It is projected that the Bell Tower and Amphitheater will be completed by the Fall of 1998.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

3) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delivery of General Revenue Bonds, Series 1998 and Providing for Other Matters Relating Thereto

RES-1302 **It was moved and supported that the attached resolution be adopted:** (See Appendix One: Bonds)

President Gilbertson told the Board this is a fairly complicated resolution, which has been prepared by bond counsel in collaboration with our staff and bond underwriters. This is a major undertaking whereby the institution is agreeing to take on significant indebtedness for good and appropriate purposes tied to the interests of the institution.

There are several different components to this indebtedness. One major piece is borrowing some \$5 million to help raise the \$6.25 million needed for the University's match in the capital budget for what is now being called Institutional Facility #3 (IF3) -- the expansion of the Science Building and Library facilities, and possibly the expansion and enhancement of the Nursing facilities. The State approved the project for the amount of \$25 million, contingent upon the University's raising this 25% match.

The second major component is to essentially refinance some existing debt while interest rates are at a historic low.

The third major piece is for the renovation of our existing dormitories, which were completed in the early 1970s.

The final and largest component of this indebtedness -- approximately \$10.5 million -- is for the construction of additional student housing. This project relates to the University's longer-term goal of having a larger critical mass of students living on the campus, basically to enhance the overall quality of student life at SVSU. This will involve about 300 more beds, which will bring the on-campus housing up to 900 - 1,000 students.

Trustee Rush noted this is a very favorable confluence of several factors: the State allocating the \$25 million; the critical need for more students living on campus to enhance the quality of campus life; historically low interest rates.

President Gilbertson stated: "When you take out a \$23 million mortgage you hold your breath. It's a staggering number, but we think the debt service is manageable, and we think the purposes are right for this institution at this point in time."

Mr. Muladore added: "SVSU historically has not relied upon significant amounts of debt to finance capital projects. Also, in comparison to peer institutions, our debt is low."

Chairman Walpole stated: "When we make these kinds of decisions -- when we think about borrowing \$23 million -- it is done through a very elaborate and detailed planning process. This is not a subject this Board or this institution takes lightly -- it is done over a long period of time with considerable thought, challenging, questioning and rethinking. Every effort is made to receive the maximum value for the investment the institution is making on behalf of the students and the

communities it serves. I know that as members of the Board we feel very good about the advanced planning that has been done and the degree of significant planning and effort that has gone into this project, as well as the day-to-day running of the institution. We want to compliment and thank the whole staff for the really fine job they did in presenting the materials and allowing the Board to make the right kind of decision that sustains the values of the institution's principles in serving this community. . . . The timing of this is really very, very favorable to the University."

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

4) Resolution to Approve the Addition of a Ninth Grade to the New Directions Institute

RES-1303     **It was moved and supported that the following resolution be adopted:**

**WHEREAS, The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control has approved the charter school application for grades 10-12 for the New Directions Institute; and**

**WHEREAS, The New Directions Institute must currently reject the application of ninth grade students; and**

**WHEREAS, The current dropout rate for Pontiac schools exceeds twelve percent and a significant number of these students have not completed the ninth grade; and**

**WHEREAS, The New Directions Institute has a desire to provide an education service for all high school at-risk youth;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REVOLVED, That the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control approve the application and program amendment providing for the addition of ninth grade students for the second semester beginning February 1998.**

Dr. Wayne Vasher, Director of School/University Partnerships, told the Board Resolution 1303 was a request to help the New Directions Institute serve more of the students in the Pontiac community.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

5) Resolution for Confirmation of Board Members to Previously Authorized Charter Schools



RES-1304     **It was moved and supported that the attached resolution be adopted:** (See Appendix Two: Charter Schools)

Dr. Vasher told the Board this is a routine item which had been discussed with the Personnel Committee in December. Filling these slots will enable the charter schools involved to work with a full complement of Board members.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

#### IV.     INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### 6)     **Staff Members of the Month**

Dot Shorkey, Staff Member of the Month for January, and Betty Papajesk, Staff Member of the Month for February, were presented to the Board. (See Appendix Three: Shorkey, and Appendix Four: Papajesk)

##### 7)     **Enrollment Report**

Chris Looney, Registrar, told the Board that based on preliminary official counts, the University's total enrollment for Winter 1998 is 7,394 students. This is an increase of 364 students, which is a 5.18% increase over our enrollment for Winter 1997, and a 2.97% increase in credit hours.

Undergraduate programs are up 1.6%, with returning student enrollment increasing by 299 students, a 4.9% increase over last year. New undergraduate students show slight increases also. Graduate programs continue to show strength with enrollment increasing by 227 students or 23.6% over last winter. Teacher certification student enrollments increased by 13.1%. The Macomb Graduate Education program remains strong, with enrollments increasing by 17.2%

##### 8)     **Report of Faculty/Student Collaborative Research**

Dr. Larry Hatcher, Assistant Professor of Psychology, introduced Bridget Styers, one of his students. Ms. Styers told the Board about her current project, which deals with the exploratory factor analysis of job search skills inventory. This will be her third presentation at a Michigan Academy of Arts and Sciences meeting.

Dr. Hatcher noted that the single most powerful thing students can do to increase their chances of getting into graduate school is to do some kind of independent research project they can present at a regional conference.

Dr. Matthew Margres, Psychology Professor, and several of his students gave a presentation on a study they are conducting on attribution theory.

#### V. REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Gilbertson stated: "We've done an awful lot today in a very short period of time. The action the Board took today is going to move us along the course that we've set in a number of important areas."

He thanked the Board for its support and confidence.

President Gilbertson told the Board the first exams of the semester are about to be administered. A massive effort of hiring 21 new faculty is underway, as is the selection process for competitive programs in Teacher Education, Nursing and Occupational Therapy.

#### VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OR ACTION

There were no other items for consideration or action.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

9) Motion to Adjourn

BM-903      **It was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned.**

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

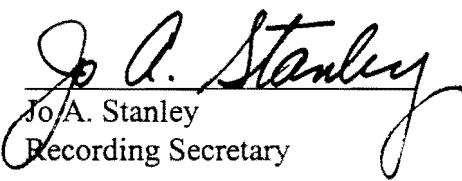
Respectfully submitted:

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Robert H. Walpole  
Chairman

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D. Brian Law  
Secretary



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Jo A. Stanley  
Recording Secretary

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY  
OF GENERAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1998 AND  
PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO**

WHEREAS, the Board of Control of Saginaw Valley State University (the "Board") is a constitutional body corporate established pursuant to Article VIII, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, with general supervision of Saginaw Valley State University (the "University") and the control and direction of all expenditures from the University's funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board proposes to undertake the projects described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously issued its \$8,665,000 General Revenue Bonds, Series 1993 (the "1993 Bonds"), \$1,200,000 General Revenue Note, Series 1995 (the "1995 Note"), its \$1,695,000 General Revenue Bonds, Series 1996 (the "1996 Bonds") and its \$1,150,000 General Revenue Note, Series 1997 (the "1997 Note") (the outstanding 1993 Bonds, 1995 Note, 1996 Bonds and 1997 Note collectively called the "Outstanding Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it may be appropriate and in the best interests of the University to refund all or a portion of the Outstanding Bonds, as shall be determined by the Authorized Officers (hereinafter defined) (the portion of the Outstanding Bonds to be refunded being herein called the "Prior Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of its constitutional duties, and in order to prudently control and direct expenditures from the University's funds, the Board determines it is necessary and desirable to authorize the issuance and delivery of the Board's General Revenue Bonds, Series 1998 (the "Bonds") in order to provide funds which, together with other available funds, will be used to pay a portion of the costs of the Project, to refund the Prior Bonds, to fund

capitalized interest, if applicable, and to pay costs related to the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding of the Prior Bonds, including insurance premiums, if appropriate; and

WHEREAS, a trust indenture (the "Trust Indenture") must be entered into by and between the Board and a trustee (the "Trustee"), to be designated by an Authorized Officer (herein defined), pursuant to which the Bonds will be issued and secured; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Authorized Officers to negotiate the sale of the Bonds with an underwriter to be selected by an Authorized Officer (the "Underwriter") and to enter into a bond purchase agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") with the Underwriter setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the Underwriter will agree to purchase the Bonds and the interest rates thereof and the purchase price therefor; and

WHEREAS, in order to be able to market the Bonds at the most opportune time, it is necessary for the Board to authorize the President and the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs (each an "Authorized Officer"), or either of them, to designate the Trustee and select an Underwriter to purchase the Bonds and to negotiate, execute and deliver on behalf of the Board, the Trust Indenture and the Bond Purchase Agreement, to establish the specific terms of the Bonds and to accept the offer of the Underwriter to purchase the Bonds, all within the limitations set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the refunding of the Prior Bonds and the financing of the Project will serve proper and appropriate public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board has full power under its constitutional authority and supervision of the University, and control and direction of expenditures from the University funds, to refund the Prior Bonds, to acquire and construct the Project, and to pay the cost of the refunding of the

Prior Bonds and all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project by issuance of the Bonds, and to pledge General Revenues for payment of the Bonds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board hereby approves the Project and the refunding of the Prior Bonds and authorizes the Authorized Officers, or either of them to proceed with the Project and the refunding.

2. The Board hereby authorizes the issuance, execution and delivery of the Bonds of the Board in one or more series to be designated GENERAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1998 with appropriate additional series designations, if any, in the aggregate original principal amount to be established by an Authorized Officer, but not to exceed the principal amount necessary to produce proceeds of not to exceed TwentySeven Million Dollars (\$27,000,000), to be dated as of the date established by an Authorized Officer, for the purpose of providing funds which, together with other available funds, will be used to pay part or all of the cost of the Project, to pay costs of refunding the Prior Bonds, to fund capitalized interest, if appropriate, in an amount and for the period determined by an Authorized Officer, and to pay costs incidental to the issuance of the Bonds and the refunding, including insurance premiums, if appropriate. The Bonds shall be serial Bonds or term Bonds subject to redemption requirements, or both, as shall be established by an Authorized Officer, but the first maturity shall be not earlier than July 1, 1998 and the last maturity shall be no later than December 31, 2028. The Bonds may bear interest at stated rates for the respective maturities thereof as shall be established by an Authorized Officer, but the highest rate of interest for any maturity shall

not exceed 7% per annum (subject to adjustment, if appropriate, for a change in the tax status of the interest on the Bonds), and the Bonds may be issued in whole or in part as capital appreciation bonds, which for their term or any part thereof bear no interest but appreciate in principal amount over time at compounded rate (not in excess of 7% per annum) to be determined by an Authorized Officer. The Bonds may be subject to redemption or call for purchase prior to maturity at the times and prices and in the manner as shall be established by an Authorized Officer. The average annual principal and interest requirements on the Bonds shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). Interest on the Bonds shall be payable at the times as shall be specified by an Authorized Officer. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form in the denominations to be provided in the Trust Indenture. The Bonds shall be payable as to principal and interest, shall be subject to transfer and exchange, and shall be executed and authenticated, all as shall be provided in the Trust Indenture. The Bonds shall be sold to the Underwriter pursuant to the Bond Purchase Agreement for a price to be established by an Authorized Officer, plus accrued interest from the dated date of the Bonds to the date of delivery thereof, but the Underwriter's discount, exclusive of original issue discount, shall not exceed 1% of the principal amount of the Bonds.

3. The Bonds shall be limited and not general obligations of the Board payable from and secured by a lien on the General Revenues (as shall be defined in the Trust Indenture to include generally student tuition and other fees, housing and auxiliary revenues, unrestricted gifts and grants, unrestricted investment income and other miscellaneous revenues, subject to certain reductions, limitations and exceptions) and funds from time to time on deposit in certain funds

created pursuant to the Trust Indenture. The lien shall be on a parity basis with the liens on General Revenues securing previously issued outstanding bonds and notes of the Board.

Except as provided in the Trust Indenture, no recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal amount of or interest or premium on the Bonds or any claim based thereof against the State of Michigan, the Board or any officer or agent thereof, as individuals, either directly or indirectly, nor shall the Bonds and interest with respect thereto become a lien on or be secured by any property, real, personal or mixed of the State of Michigan or the Board, other than the General Revenues and the moneys from time to time on deposit in certain funds established by the Trust Indenture.

4. The right is reserved to issue additional bonds, notes or other obligations payable from and secured on a parity basis with the Bonds from the General Revenues, upon compliance with the terms and conditions as shall be set forth in the Trust Indenture.

5. The Authorized Officers, or either of them, are hereby authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Board, and as its corporate act and deed, to select the Trustee and the Underwriter, and to negotiate, execute and deliver the Trust Indenture and the Bond Purchase Agreement in the form as an Authorized Officer may approve upon recommendation of legal counsel, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Trust Indenture and the Bond Purchase Agreement, all within the limitations set forth herein.

6. An Authorized Officer, or either of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Board, and as its corporate act and deed, to execute the Bonds by placing his or their manual or facsimile signature or signatures thereon, and to



deliver the Bonds to the Underwriter upon payment of the purchase price therefor, determined pursuant to Section 6 hereof.

7. The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized to cause the preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement, and to deem such documents "final" in accordance with law. The Underwriter is authorized to circulate and use, in accordance with applicable law, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement in connection with the offering, marketing and sale of the Bonds.

8. The President, the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs, the Secretary and any other appropriate officer of the Board or the University are hereby authorized to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all instruments and documents for and on behalf of the University required by this resolution, the Trust Indenture or the Bond Purchase Agreement, as necessary, expedient and proper in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery, and ongoing administration, of the Bonds or the Trust Indenture or the Bond Purchase Agreement, as contemplated hereby.

9. Either Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the Board, a continuing disclosure undertaking with respect to the Bonds, in the form such officer deems appropriate.

10. The Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs is hereby authorized and delegated the power to issue a declaration of intent to reimburse the University from Bond proceeds for any expenditures with respect to the Project incurred prior to the issuance of the Bonds, all in accordance with I.R.S. Regulation 1.103-18.

11. All resolutions or parts of resolutions or other proceedings of the Board in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as such conflict exists.

## EXHIBIT A

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Construction of an instructional classroom facility and renovation of the existing library and science laboratories. The State of Michigan will pay \$18.75 million of the currently estimated \$25 million project cost, exclusive of issuance costs.
2. Construction of new on-campus student housing. The housing would result in the addition of up to 330 beds at a currently estimated cost of \$10 million, exclusive of issuance costs.
3. Renovation of existing residence halls. It is currently planned to renovate five of the seven existing residence halls at a currently estimated cost of \$2.375 million, exclusive of issuance costs.

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# Saginaw Valley State University

## RESOLUTION

### *Confirmation of Board Members for Previously Authorized Charter Schools*

**February 2, 1998**

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control, the school's authorizing agent, requires that University Chartered Schools Board of Directors have a minimum of five members and a maximum of nine members; and

WHEREAS, individual Charter Schools have a desire to replace Board members who have submitted their resignation; and

WHEREAS, certain Charter Schools have a desire to have parents of students represented on their Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, certain Charter Schools desire to reappoint a board member whose term of office has expired;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the individuals listed below be appointed by the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control as new members of the Board of Directors of the following Charter Schools.

#### **Grattan Academy**

Carole Meert	Formerly employed by AT&T, Ms. Meert has experiences in public relations, advertising, and marketing. She is a graduate of a Michigan high school and attended the Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids. She is the mother of four children, three of whom attend Grattan Academy.
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#### **Chatfield School**

Dave Snyder	Mr. Snyder has two children attending Chatfield School. He owns and operates a travel agency in Lapeer, Michigan. Prior to becoming an independent entrepreneur, he served as a middle school teacher for ten years.
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#### **Creative Learning Academy**

Dorothy Stevens	Ms. Steven is the mother of five children with two children attending Creative Learning Academy. She has lived in Gladwin since 1992 and has been active with the 4-H program in the community. She is also the chair of a parent support group.
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**Lauree Rossman** Ms. Rossman graduated from Bedford High School in Temperance, Michigan. She obtained a BS in Human Services and an Associates in Marketing & Sales from the University of Toledo. Ms. Rossman currently works in Midland as a registered social worker.

### **Traverse Bay Community School**

**Norman A. Kline** A graduate of the University of Detroit, Mr. Kline currently serves as President of GBKB Associates, Architects in Traverse City, Michigan. Volunteer work has included district Chair person of the Scenic Trails Boy Scout Council, member of the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Association, and a member of the Board of his church. Former mayor of the city of Traverse City. He and his wife are the parents of four sons.

**Catherine Gallagher** Ms. Gallagher attended Northwestern Michigan College and is formerly a resident of Maple Park, Illinois. She currently serves as a secretary at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Her volunteer work includes Meals on Wheels, United Way representative, and volunteer at Traverse Bay Community School. She is the parent of two sons that attend Traverse Bay Community School.

**John Tilley** Currently a board member requesting action to renew his term.

**Charles Pittenger** Mr. Pittenger has an Associates of Applied Sciences/Accountancy from Northwestern Michigan College and is serving as Controller for Elmer's Crane & Dozer. Because he is the father of three children, he is obviously interested in public education.

### **Sunrise Education Center**

**Jeri Darleen Wetter** Ms. Wetter is the mother of five children and a full-time housewife and has been a resident of the Tawas area for sixteen years. Three of her children currently attend Sunrise Education Center. Her volunteer work includes the Toddler Program in her church. She also assists with the church youth group.

### **Northwest Academy**

**Harold Miller** Mr. Miller is the Store Director for Glen's Market, a grocery chain based in Gaylord, Michigan. He is active with the Special Olympics and works regularly with young people. Mr. Miller and his wife have one child currently enrolled in Northwest Academy and one child just entering her school-age years.



# STAFF MEMBER

## OF THE MONTH

**Dot  
Shorkey**

**Senior  
Secretary  
Admissions**

**January  
1998**

Dot Shorkey may be new to her position within the Admissions Office. But Shorkey's face is a familiar one for both staff in the Student Services Division, and students in need. In November, Shorkey moved to Admissions from the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid. She knows all too well that look of confusion on a new student's face.

"I think you have to be a good listener in this position," Shorkey said. "And you have to have a sense of humor or you will not make it through the day!"

"You have to not only listen with your mind, but your heart, too. There are a lot of people who need guidance."

Shorkey said she enjoyed her two-plus years in Financial Aid, but was "ready for a change."

"I had done all I could in the Financial Aid Office," she said. "I hope I that in the past couple of years I made a difference. But there comes a time when change is good for everyone and that time is now."

In her job with Admissions, Shorkey

performs some of the same duties. In particular, she greets students, parents and visitors, schedules campus tours and works with guest and non-degree applicants.

Shorkey began her career with SVSU nearly five years ago, when she and her husband, Ron, relocated the family business from Standish. She served in the clerical pool for a short time, working in Financial Aid and for the Department of Public Safety, before being hired full time for the former office. Shorkey also is a licensed practical nurse and a licensed real estate salesperson.

Family is an integral part of Shorkey's life. She and her husband have two children, Scott, 27, and Shelli, 25. They also have one grandson, Qwinn, who is 6. Shelli was the third generation to marry on Aug. 23.

Twenty-eight years ago, Shorkey and her husband married on that date. And 28 years before that, Shelli's grandparents were married.

Shorkey's extended family includes her co-workers. "They're the greatest," she said.

For Christmas, Shorkey and her husband will go to Palm Springs for golf — an activity both enjoy.

Shorkey's personal philosophy exemplifies her ability to work well with others: "Do not judge a person by the wrong road he has taken. For someday, you may travel that same one. Help him make the U-turn by accepting who he is and by understanding the events leading up to that road."



# Staff Member

## OF THE MONTH

**Betty  
Papajesk**

**Secretary**

**February  
1998**

Some people love food and some people love their jobs. For Betty Papajesk, her life is the best of both worlds: She loves her job and she works with food!

"I love it," Papajesk says — with genuine enthusiasm — about her job. And, she's not tired of food when she gets home and dinner preparations begin.

"I enjoy cooking at home," Papajesk said. In fact, she said her husband kids her about her "catering nature."

"The napkins have to be 'just so' sometimes," she said.

Papajesk wasn't always in food service, although she has been with Aramark and SVSU for 15 years. She was an employee of then-Kelly Services and acquired office experience with a local car dealership.

Papajesk applied for a job with SVSU and later discovered it would be with Aramark. And, she noted, she was not Director John Curry's first choice.

"I was John's second choice," Papajesk said.

"When the first couldn't accept it, it was offered to me. John often says 'Why didn't I pick you first?'"

Papajesk started 15 years ago doing mainly office work and then moved into an office manager's position. She said she likes to help wherever she can, including helping with catering schedules and food orders.

"I understand how kids feel about food," Papajesk said. It also is working with the students that Papajesk said she enjoys most about her job.

"Sometimes I feel like their mother away from home. With some families, I have developed relationships and sometimes they will send money for (a student's) food and include a note to me."

Papajesk said she does not see a great deal of difference between the students of today and those of 15 years ago. She still receives visits from some of those who were on campus 10 or 15 years ago.

"It's interesting to have them come back with real jobs and kids," Papajesk said. She said she would like the students to remember her as someone who was always there for them.

"I try to help them when they have a question," Papajesk said. "I always try to help and not send them somewhere else."

Papajesk and her husband help with the food concessions during football. During one game this season her daughter-in-law was at the hospital giving birth to Papajesk's first grandchild. "We used a cellular phone to keep in touch."

Besides excelling in the food service area, Papajesk is a better-than-average bowler. Three years ago she bowled her first perfect game and her average is 168.

