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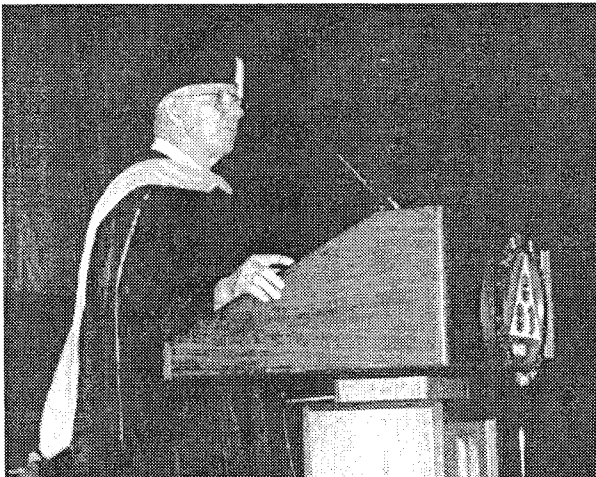
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## Doctor, Senator Receive Honorary Degrees

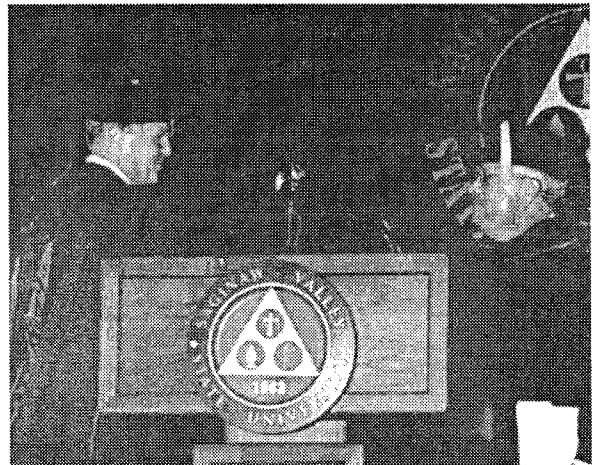
Two community leaders were awarded Honorary Degrees during Saturday's Commencement ceremonies. Dr. E. Malcolm Field and Sen. Joel D. Gougeon were recognized for their commitment to the people of the region. They were given the degrees before nearly 650 graduates and their guests in Ryder Center.

Field was cited for establishing a center for excellence in neurological care in Saginaw and his tireless work ethic. He founded and is medical director of the Field Neurosciences Institute and was the 1999 recipient of the prestigious Spirit of St. Vincent dePaul Award, presented by St. Mary's Hospital for his continuing commitment and kindness to those in need. Field is Chief of Staff at St. Mary's Medical Center and a staff member at several hospitals in east-central Michigan. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science degree.



Gougeon was elected to the Michigan Senate in a special 1993 election. He was re-elected in 1994 and again in 1998 for the 34<sup>th</sup> District, which includes Ogemaw, Arenac, Bay, Tuscola and Huron counties. Gougeon is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and chairs the subcommittee on Community Health, which is responsible for administering more than \$8.2 billion annually in the state budget. He also serves on the Family Independence Agency and Capital Outlay subcommittees and is vice chair of the Standing Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services. Gougeon also is an original incorporator of Bay City Crime Stoppers. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Duke University women's basketball coach Gail Goestenkers, a 1985 graduate, was named SVSU's "Alumna of the Year" during a special dinner Friday, May 5.  
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**Dr. E. Malcolm Field (left) and Sen. Joel D. Gougeon are given Honorary Degrees.**

*(Photos by Gabe Sauvie)*

## Commencement

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Goestenkers was an NAIA All-American in women's basketball, while a Lady Cardinal. She also was team and conference MVP, as well as an Academic All-Conference selection. Goestenkers was a part of Cardinal teams that played to an outstanding 114-13 record along with a second place, a third place and two quarterfinal finishes at the NAIA National Championships.



Gail A. Goestenkers

## Annual PAC Party Set

The annual "Passport to Fun" evening with the Friends of SVSU is set for Wednesday evening, May 24. The fun will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Ted's Banquet Hall, 5660 Bay Road. Assorted refreshments will be served while participants enjoy music.

Participants also will have the opportunity to win a weekend trip of shopping and Detroit Lions football, Oct. 7 and 8. Other door prizes include a weekend stay at the Doubletree Hotel in Chicago; an official NFL Detroit Lions jersey, autographed by Charlie Batch; a football autographed by the Detroit Lions and numerous other prizes.

To purchase tickets or for additional information, contact Gene Hamilton at ext. 4069. Checks should be made payable to "Friends of SVSU" and sent to Hamilton in 320 Wickes Hall. Contribution is \$10 for one, or \$15 for two.

## Graduate Open House Set

A Graduate Open House and Information Session will take place from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, June 1 in Curtiss Hall. The information sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at ext. 1696.

## Curtiss Hall Masonry Work Recognized

SVSU received an award for Excellence in Masonry Design during the 25th Annual Honor Awards Program of the Masonry

Institute of Michigan Inc. in March. The architect, Harley Ellington Design, and SVSU were given the "M Award" for the design of Curtiss Hall.

Stephen Hocquard, director of engineering services, accepted the award for SVSU.

## Students Net Honors

Heather Jean Matula, of Saginaw, and Meagen K. Smekar, of Bay City, were both honored by Michigan Campus Compact for outstanding commitment to community service throughout college life. They were chosen out of 163 other students nominated across the state.

Matula, a senior, is one of the 21 to accept the Commitment to Service Award. This award is the highest honor for students doing community service at individual college and university campuses as part of their college education in the state.

Smekar, also a senior, was awarded a Heart and Soul Award. This award honors students who have been nominated by their campuses for their time and commitment to community service work while in college.

An awards brunch was given in honor of all recipients in April.

## Annual Ring Dedication

The sculpture that once graced the grounds of the Federal Building in downtown Saginaw, soon will grace the lawns of SVSU.

The dedication of the "Annual Ring" sculpture, by Nancy Holt, will begin at 1:37 p.m., Tuesday, June 20, north of the Ryder Center.

The timing of the dedication coincides with the point at which the sun is at its highest in the sky on the summer solstice, according to Michael Panhorst, director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum.

For additional information on the sculpture or the dedication, call ext. 5667.

## M-84 Widening Planned

Officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation Monday, May 8, announced plans to widen M-84 in front of SVSU. The widening will include the addition of a boulevard between Pierce and Freeland roads.

The boulevard in front of SVSU will be the last phase of the project, scheduled for completion in 2004. The first phase will begin in late 2001 – the stretch of M-84 between Kochville and Pierce roads to five lanes. The second phase includes widening up to three lanes from Delta Road to Euclid Avenue.

## Summer Camps Abound

Children can learn and have fun at the same time during any number of summer camps this year at SVSU. Camps for science and math, sports of all types and theatre and art are slated.

The Regional Mathematics and Science Center will host **science and mathematics** camps for youths in grades two through eight. "Science and Math Extravaganza for Kids" camps emphasize the integration of math with science activities and will focus on a "fun," hands-on experiences. Several projects will be built and tested as part of an overall theme for the camp. To register, call ext. 4114.

The first camp for grades two through four, will take place June 27 through 29. The second camp will take place July 18 through July 20.

Camps for grades five through eight will take place July 10 through 14 and July 24 through 28.

The **Summer Theatre Institute** offers workshops daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 12 through 16. For more information, call ext. 1936.

The Department of Theatre will present a **Fine Arts Day Camp** for students entering grades 4 through 8, Monday through Friday, June 19 through 23. Workshops will be offered from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. For more information, call ext. 1936.

Camps for boys and girls **basketball** (both individual and team), **swimming, volleyball** (team and individual), **football, golf, soccer and fun and fitness** are scheduled throughout the summer. Call ext. 7795 for camp information.

Faculty/staff discounts are available for many of the camps.

## Women's Retreat Slated

A retreat designed for women is slated for Friday and Saturday June 23 and 24 in Curtiss Hall.

"Women's Body, Mind and Spirit Retreat" will offer women the opportunity to participate in interactive workshops, entertainment and develop friendships. Ann Russell-Lutenske will perform Friday evening and Judy Piazza will provide music throughout the two days.

For additional information, or to register, contact the Office of Continuing Education at ext. 4475.

## Transitions

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

### Same Face, New Place

- **Sue Jerome**, administrative assistant, Title II Grant, Faculty Support and Sponsored Programs, 370 Wickes Hall, 497-4941

### SVSU Welcomes

- **Leslie Ashley**, senior secretary, Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, 790-5623
- **Amanda Gribowskas**, microcomputer analyst, Information Technology Services, 264 Wickes Hall, 791-7772
- **Tammy Hafner**, senior secretary, Admissions, 790-4200
- **Melissa Larkin**, senior accounting clerk, Controller's Office, 373 Wickes Hall, 790-4123

### Moving On

- **Amy Zastrow**

## Have You Heard?

- Copies of Crystal M. Lange's autobiography, "**Journey of a Nursing Pioneer: How I Grew Up With Pickles,**" are available for \$35 through the SVSU Bookstore. Shipping also is available.

- Doan Cafe will reopen at 8 a.m., Monday, May 15. **Spring and summer hours** are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

- The TLTR Task Force for Faculty/Staff Development announced the annual **Faculty Award for Innovative Use of Technology in Teaching.** The \$1,000 award will be presented Fall 2000 to a full- or part-time faculty member who has shown exemplary and innovative use of technology in her/his teaching. Students or colleagues can make nominations to Jeff Ashley or Lynne Grant. Deadline for nominations is Sept. 29.

- The **Valley Wind Quintet** recently completed a cycle of more than 40 concerts in the Midland Public Schools. The Music in the Schools Program is sponsored by the Midland Symphony Orchestra as well as SVSU and introduces students to live music, woodwind and brass instruments, and ways in which music expresses ideas.

## Professional Profile

- **Jeff Ashley**, assistant professor of political science, had an article, "Superficiality and Bias: The (Mis)Treatment of Native Americans in U.S. Government Textbooks," published in *The American Indian Quarterly*. The article was co-authored with Karen Jarrat-Ziemski.

- **Debra Combs**, assistant professor of English, presented a paper, "Using Computers in Distance Education," at the College Composition and Communication Conference in April.

- **Drew Hinderer**, professor of philosophy, was selected as a participant in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on "Religions, Philosophies and Culture in India: Conflicts and Negotiations," to be held at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 12 through July 14.

- **Janet Nagayda**, associate professor of occupational therapy, presented a one-day workshop at the Oceana County Intermediate School District titled "Providing Preschool Programs: The Early Childhood Team" on April 13 in Hart. The program focused on the development of this educational team and the identification of program components. Nagayda also presented a session at the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association's Annual Conference. "Evaluating Elementary Classroom Environments for the Students with Special Needs" was presented in October on Mackinaw Island. The role of the occupational therapist in providing a supportive educational and social environment was discussed.

- **Carlos Ramet**, professor of English, presented a paper at the Popular Culture's Association's National Conference in New Orleans, LA, titled "Archer's Ardent Glory: Nostalgia and Change in Jeffrey Archer's *A Matter of Honor*." The paper investigated the ways in which cultural anxieties and political tensions of the 1980s were reflected in a novel set in the 1960s.

- **Marcia Shannon**, assistant professor of nursing, and her husband, David, were featured in the March 2000 issue of *Natural Health*. The couple's recent trip to Mt. Everest was part of a guide to healthy vacations in that issue.

## Across Campus

- The campus community extends condolences to the family of **Sally Callahan**, administrative secretary, Engineering Services, on her May 7 death; to **Joyce MacGregor**, cashier in the Bookstore, on the loss of her mother-in-law, Marie MacGregor. To **Karen Turpin**, administrative assistant, Student Service & Enrollment Management, on the loss of her father, Grover Cleveland Hudson.

- **Beth Rusch**, Public Safety officer, spoke in Bay City, April 17 for a crime survivor vigil. Rusch spoke on personal safety. She also spoke to the Lion Club on April 19, about personal safety.

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# InnerView

Featuring Faculty of Saginaw Valley State University

## A Rugged Vacation

When Marcia Shannon and her husband, David, considered travel options to celebrate their 25th anniversary, visions of white, sandy beaches and turquoise water held *some* appeal – but the rigorous and exhilarating journey up the side of Mt. Everest won out.

“We go backpacking every summer somewhere in the United States,” Shannon, assistant professor of nursing, said. “We have done all the National Parks; but we hadn’t hiked in other countries we visited.

“David suggested Everest and I thought ‘why not?’”

The Shannons climbed 17,600 feet in 20 days. Prior to Everest, the highest the couple attained was 14,000 at Pike’s Peak. Shannon said they fought a variety of temperatures and weather patterns, including snow, during the ascent.

Before embarking on the journey, the pair did their homework for a full year. They researched the climate, the culture and contracted with a travel agency that had experience in Everest climbs. And they hired Sherpa guides. Something Shannon said was critical to the climb’s success.

“People all around us were getting sick,” she said, because they attempted elevations for which they were not yet acclimated. Oxygen levels are

diminished at those altitudes. Shannon compared the oxygen level at 17,000 feet on Mt. Everest to her hometown of Midland: “If Midland is 100 percent oxygen; our base camp at 17,600 feet on Everest was 50 percent.”

To help acclimate them, the Sherpa guides took the group down 1,000 feet each night for sleeping. Still, Shannon said she recalls occasionally waking in the night gasping for breath. The guides also fed them a variety of foods said to make the acclimation smoother.

In addition to tackling the heights on Everest, the Shannons and their fellow hikers spent time with the Sherpas in their homes, schools, hospitals and places of worship.

“They are a very religious people,” she said. “No matter how small the house, there is a prayer room.”

She also described the Sherpa people as compassionate and hard working. David’s brother hurt his ankle and was unable to complete the descent without assistance.

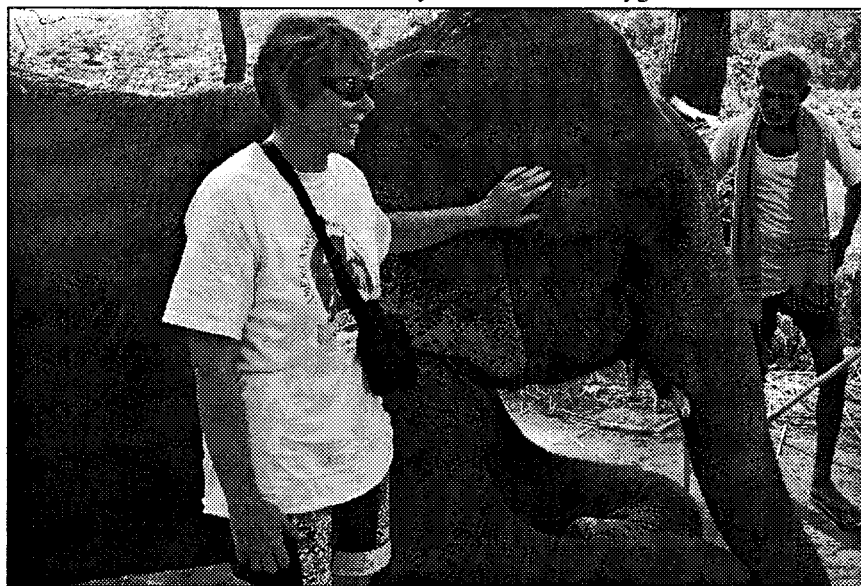
“One of our guides carried him down the mountain on his back.”

Shannon said while the tourists slept in tents, many of the Sherpa accompanying them slept in caves. The group included the four Americans, three guides, four cooks and 10 porters, who carried the equipment up and down the mountain.

Throughout the ascent, Shannon said the Nepal government had checkpoints where the tourists had to stay a specified number of days. “They needed to be sure we were not sick before going up again.” She added this became necessary as tourists were dying from a lack of experience and preparation.

The Shannons plan to climb another part of Everest – possibly even to the summit, over 20,000 feet. “The scenery is beautiful and the people couldn’t have been nicer,” Shannon said.

The Shannons have two children, who don’t often hike with their parents. The couple’s latest excursion to Mt. Everest also was part of an article in the March 2000 edition of *Natural Health*.



# Staff Member

## OF THE MONTH

### Chris Pryor

Academic and  
Career Advisor

May 2000

When Nick Saban made a sudden decision this year to quit as football coach at Michigan State, Chris Pryor was not surprised.

In 1991, Pryor was preparing to leave his home in Flint to go play quarterback for Saban, who at the time was the head football coach at the University of Toledo.

"That was my intent, but he [Saban] left for the National Football League right at the last minute — just like he did at State," Pryor said. "Once the coach who recruited me was gone, I decided I did not want to go to school there."

Instead, Pryor enrolled at Saginaw Valley State University to study business.

"Doris Roberson (a former SVSU academic advisor) attended my church and knew my family," Pryor said. Attending SVSU enabled him to remain in proximity to his father, the Bishop Marvin C. Pryor of the Victorious Believers Ministries Church in Saginaw.

"My father is my mentor," said Pryor. "We talk almost every day, although that's been tough the last few weeks as I finish up my graduate program."

Pryor is graduating this semester with his Master of Education degree. He earned his B.B.A. from SVSU in 1995. Pryor's wife,

Kenyatta, also is completing her graduate work in the M.S./T.P. program this semester.

As an undergrad, Pryor lived on campus and enjoyed being involved in campus life. He was a senator in student government and a member of ASA (African Student Alliance, now the Organization of Black Unity).

His community service activities focus on helping youth at his father's church, where Pryor is the Youth Leader.

"I organize what we call the 'Triumphant Teens.' We hold Wednesday night prayer groups, plan activities for Friday nights and organize special field trips," he said.

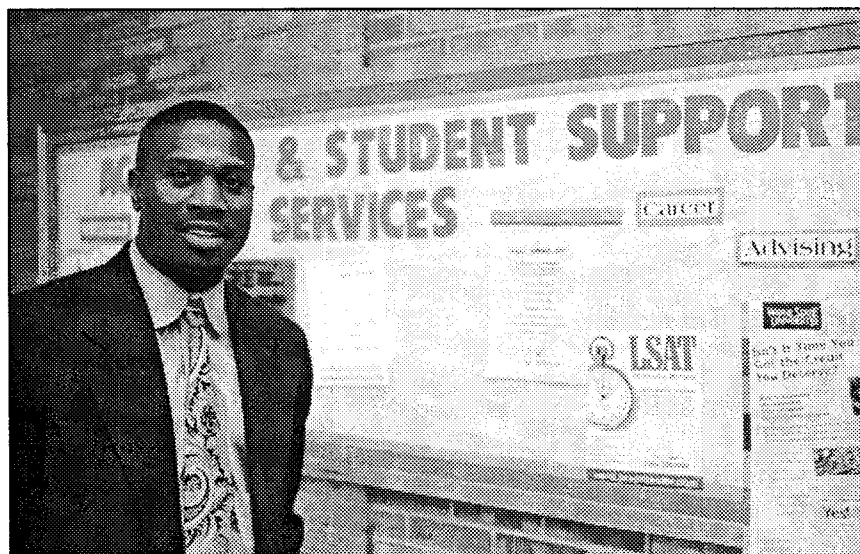
"Young people have a special place in my heart," Pryor continued. "I know that's what I enjoy doing — helping others. It gives me great satisfaction knowing that I helped someone who may be headed in the wrong direction."

That interest in the welfare of others makes Pryor a natural fit for the Academic Advising Center, where he has assisted students since joining SVSU in June 1998. During peak enrollment periods, Pryor will advise some 30 students per day on their academic options.

Along with advising, Pryor works with students who participate in College Success Courses, which he said are designed to "teach people how to become successful students." Pryor's responsibilities include teaching CSC courses dealing with time management, note taking, testing and study skills.

"My job allows me to meet so many different individuals, and I learn about different cultures and countries. Every day I look forward to establishing relationships with different people."

Pryor also is an avid sports fan, particularly tennis. His daily wardrobe attests to his affinity for shopping ("I shop for both my wife and myself," he admitted). He and his wife also love to travel. In fact, as a graduation gift to themselves, the Pryors will be going on a nine-country European vacation next month.





# Board Report

A Report of the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control

May 5, 2000

## Board Approves Mission, Five-Year Plan

The SVSU Board of Control approved the University's revised Mission Statement and planning task force report during its Friday, May 5 meeting. The task force prepared the materials that clarify the University's mission, vision and goals, and a five-year plan. President Eric R. Gilbertson indicated to the Board that it would receive an annual review of the progress toward the specific goals mentioned within the document.

"There was remarkable consensus from the Board, faculty, staff and administration (in developing this plan)," Gilbertson said. "It defines who we are and what we are trying to accomplish."

Approximately 40 members of the campus community, including members of the Board of Control and Board of Fellows, contributed to the development of the plan.

The Board approved a resolution to grant honorary degrees to Dr. E. Malcolm Field, a Saginaw neurosurgeon, and Sen. Joel D. Gougeon, 34<sup>th</sup> District senator. The degrees will be awarded during Commencement ceremonies, Saturday, May 6. *(See related article on Page 1.)*

The Board of Control granted emerita status to Harriet E. Tillock, who retires this month as a professor of sociology. Tillock had been a member of the SVSU faculty since 1973.

Tillock was the first female faculty member to receive the prestigious Landee Teaching Excellence Award and in 1979 was presented the first annual Award for

Outstanding Service and Support to the Student Social Work Organization. She was honored in 1996 for her outstanding contributions to women by the SVSU Women's History Committee and helped establish new courses offered through the Department of Sociology. Tillock also has been quite active in professional and civic organizations both locally and nationally.

Erv Sparapani, president of the Faculty Association, informed the Board that there would be new association board members for 2000-01. President will be Randy Hock, vice president is Marcia Shannon, treasurer is Dee Storey and Paul Teed is secretary.

In other Board action, the Board:

- expressed appreciation to outgoing-Student Association President Heather Matula and the elected representatives for their services to the students and SVSU. The Board also congratulated the new SA president, Nicholas Taylor, and the newly-elected representatives.

- approved a resolution to grant baccalaureate and master's degrees during May 6 Commencement ceremonies.

- Elected new officers to the Board of Control for 2000-01. Burnett S. Kelly of Midland remains chair and Robert J. Vitito of Freeland was re-elected as vice chair. Treasurer is Linda L. Sims of Saginaw, and secretary is D. Brian Law of Pinconning. Sims and Law served in those same roles during 1999-00.

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