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Puia joins SVSU as Global Business Chair

George Puia of Indiana State University will join SVSU as the Dow Chemical Company Centennial Chair in Global Business, beginning fall semester 2000. Puia's appointment was approved in April by the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors.

The Dow Chemical Company Centennial Chair in Global Business will provide SVSU with a professor of professional stature and accomplishment. As Centennial Chair professor, Puia will lead and coordinate research efforts of other SVSU faculty in the global business field. The endowed chair is a full-time administrative/professional position supported through a grant from the Dow Chemical Company Foundation.

Puia also will have regular teaching assignments at SVSU, at both the graduate and undergraduate level. He will assume duties Aug. 15.

"The College of Business and Management is very pleased that Professor Puia has agreed to join us," said Paul Uselding, dean of the college. "George is uniquely qualified for this position by virtue of his experience as a business executive functioning successfully in the international arena, his strong record of scholarship oriented to instruction in strategic aspects of global business, his demonstrated ability to bring value to a variety of organizations in the larger community, and his energy and entrepreneurial spirit."

Since 1996, Puia has been an associate professor at ISU, teaching and performing research in international business and management, strategic management, and competitive analysis in the undergraduate and MBA programs. He also served on the faculty of the University of Tampa, and was director of the Small Business Institute at U of T. Puia

serves as a consultant to develop competitive profiles, strategies and plans for clients in a variety of industries, including health care, high technology and international ventures. Puia also was chief operating officer for a group of independent television stations in Chicago, was employed in international marketing and strategic planning for a marketing firm in Rockford, Ill., and served as general manager of a Saudi Arabian company.

Puia has been published in several academic and business journals, and written management textbooks. He was named Outstanding Reviewer for the Academy of International Business Southwest (1999) and was honored as Outstanding Educator by Delta Sigma Pi (1997), and Outstanding Reviewer for the Midwest Academy of Management (1997). Puia also has received several grants to fund research and course materials.

The Dow Chemical Company's record of involvement with SVSU spans the University's 37-year history, including Dow executives serving as members of SVSU governing board, Foundation and advisory boards.

British journalist to present Dow Lecture

A former British journalist and expert on Ireland will be a guest at SVSU as part of the Dow Visiting Scholars and Artists Series. Peter Rose, who reported on events in Parliament at Westminster for many years, will be on campus in early June. Lectures to classes in Modern Britain, Conflict Resolution and Cross-Cultural Relations, as well as a public presentation, will be part of Rose's visit.

Rose covered the historic vote that took Britain into the European Union and was at the Conservative Party Conference when the IRA tried to assassinate British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher – Rose was staying at the hotel next to Thatcher's.

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In the 1980s, Rose left journalism for an academic career, gaining an honors degree in modern history at London University. He later was awarded a doctorate for a thesis on the origins of the “troubles” of Northern Ireland. Rose’s doctorate led to his latest book, *How Troubles Came to Northern Ireland*, recently published by St. Martin’s Press. Currently he is visiting lecturer at Westminster University, London – but has spent the past few years lecturing to groups from Ithaca College (New York), Drew University (New Jersey) and Earlham College (Indiana), who annually go to London for a semester.

Rose’s previous books include *The Parliamentary Years* (with Robin Oakley, now the BBC’s political editor) and has contributed to others, including *The Northern Ireland*

Question in British Politics (1996), *By-Elections in British Politics* (1997) and *The Oxford Companion to 20th Century British Politics* (2000).

His wife, Sue, is head of press relations at London’s South Bank Center, the largest arts complex in Europe.

SVSU students receive Leadership Awards

Two SVSU students are the first recipients of the Bob and Bobbi Vitito Student Leadership and Service Award. The endowment was created for students with a strong background in community service and leadership.

Jennifer Bartels and Brian Waliczek received the award for their leadership and community service activities.

Bartels in May received her bachelor’s degree in business administration (management). She has held leadership roles in Residence Hall Association, Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and Student Association. In addition, Bartels has volunteered with several community organizations and with local elementary schools. In 1998, she was selected as the SVSU Student Concern Action Network representative for Michigan Campus Compact.

Waliczek is majoring in business management and was on the Student Association for two years and is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. He is a founding member of the campus chapter of Sigma Pi and a member of SVSU’s national championship bowling team. Waliczek received several athletic honors for his participation on the bowling team and has served in leadership roles with Student Association.

Robert Vitito is a member of SVSU’s Board of Control and former chairman of the SVSU Foundation board. Both Vitito and his wife, Marianne (Bobbi), have been actively involved in numerous leadership roles in the Saginaw area.

Sculpture dedication set

Dedication ceremonies for the “Annual Ring,” a sculpture that soon will grace the lawns at SVSU, will begin at 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 20, north of the Ryder Center.

The sculpture, by Nancy Holt, came from the grounds near the downtown Saginaw Federal Building. The timing of the dedication coincides with the point at which the sun is at its highest in the sky on the summer solstice.

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



Kelly Wrocklage, a senior finance/economics major from Chesaning, accepts the Mayme Hamilton Tutoring Award for her efforts in helping students in the University Writing Center. Presenting the award are Mrs. Hamilton’s children: Gene Hamilton, special assistant to the president for government and community relations; Lana Zelle and Genora Goyette Halligan.

State Mathematics and Science Centers Celebrate 10 Years of Excellence

This year, Michigan Mathematics and Science Centers celebrate 10 years of leadership.

The 25 centers – of which SVSU's Regional Mathematics and Science Center is one – and eight satellites make programs and services available to all of Michigan's teachers and students.

The SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center consistently has offered content upgrades through Project Math Outreach Leadership Venture for Excellence (MOLVE) in mathematics and Project Science Outreach Leadership Venture for Excellence (SOLVE) in science for teachers at the K-12 level. In addition, the Mathematics and Science Educational Reform (MASER) Project has incorporated the use of computer technology into curriculum design and resource identification.

For more information, visit the Michigan Mathematics and Science Center website at www.mscenters.org.

Spring Enrollment Increases

SVSU reported a spring enrollment of 3,417 students – up nearly 3.5 percent above 1999's total of 3,302. The spring 2000 total includes 1,916 undergraduates (up by 4.13 percent) and 978 graduate students (up by 1.23 percent).

Have You Heard?

- **Central Stores** will be closed for inventory Thursday, June 29 and Friday, June 30. Orders received by Tuesday, June 27 will be delivered and charged to 1999-2000 budgets. Orders received Wednesday, June 28 and beyond will be charged to 2000-01 budgets. Deliveries will resume Monday, July 3.
- Children of SVSU employees are eligible for a \$15 discount on all **summer sports camps** sponsored by the University. For more details, contact the Athletic Department at ext. 7300.
- The Office of Sponsored Programs will host a **Fulbright Scholar Program Information Session** from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 31 in 126 Brown Hall. For more information, call ext. 4942 or 4941.
- ARAMARK is sponsoring a family day at **Cedar Point** Sunday, June 4. Rates are \$24 for ages 4 through 59, taller than 48 inches; \$10 for ages 4 through 59, under 48 inches; \$22 for age 60 and over; and free for age 3 and under. Tickets can be purchased from 9 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 4 only at the ARAMARK ticket



Scott Peterson, left, Bay City district manager for Lakehead Pipeline Co. Inc., presents a check to **Charles Graham**, executive director of the SVSU Foundation, in support of the Lakehead Pipeline Annual Scholarships. The scholarship program provides tuition assistance to students of sophomore standing or above, with an emphasis on the sciences. Lakehead Pipeline has a long history of friendship with SVSU that dates back to the 1970s.

booth. The ticket booth, which is by the entrance to Cedar Point, will only accept cash or checks. Any faculty or staff member from SVSU can purchase tickets.

- The next deadline to apply for an **SVSU Foundation Resource Grant** is July 15. These grants may be used to enhance scholarship, further the academic and cultural missions of the University and/or make a significant impact on the University community. To be eligible, programs must benefit SVSU students. Just over \$6,000 is available for award during the July cycle. For more information, or applications, contact Emmie Busch at ext. 4052.

Campus Happenings

- **Graduate Open House and Information Session** — 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1 in Curtiss Hall.
- **Computer Training** — topics and dates are: MS Word III, June 2; MS Excel I, June 9; MS Excel II, June 23; and MS Excel III, June 30. For more information, or to enroll, call the Office of Continuing Education at ext. 4475.



SVSU supporters can show their pride with the purchase of university plates through the Secretary of State's Office. The plates – 15 of which will feature the state-supported universities – will be available Oct. 2.

"The license plates will offer Michigan residents an opportunity to show pride in the university of their choice, while at the same time helping the university raise some much-needed revenue," said Secretary of State Candice Miller.

Motorists who purchase the plate will pay an additional \$35 over their annual vehicle registration fee. That original fee includes a \$10 service fee for production and distribution of the plate and \$25 for the university, or one of six causes.

The plate can be renewed annually for \$10, in addition to the annual vehicle registration fee, with the \$10 going to the university or cause.

Professional Profile

- **Anna Dadlez**, professor of Polish, discussed her book, *Journey of Innocence*, which depicts World War II events, with a senior class May 15 at Garber High School in Essexville.
- **M. Yousef Jabbari**, was elected PEE (Professional Engineers in Education) President for the Executive Committee of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers for the 2000-01 administrative year beginning July 1.
- **Enayat Mahajerin**, professor of mechanical engineering, had an article published in a special issue of the *Journal of Mathematical Modeling and Scientific Computing* (Vol. 10, 2000). "Fundamental Collocation Method Applied to Torsional Buckling of Columns" was co-authored with Gary Burgess of Michigan State University.

Across Campus

- The campus community extends condolences to the family of **Sally Callahan**, administrative secretary in Engineering Services, who died May 7; to **Jon Essex**, groundskeeper, whose father, R. Joseph Essex, died May 16; and to **Lorie Kohn**, administrative payroll clerk, whose father-in-law, Frederick Kohn, died May 14.
- Congratulations go out to **Tim Inman**, associate director of University Communications, and his wife, Amy, on the birth of a son, Lucas Adam (7 lbs., 4 oz., 18-1/4 inches) on May 5.
- **Thom Zantow**, reference & interlibrary loan librarian, gave a presentation at the Annual Innovative Interfaces Inc. Users Group meeting on May 2 in Philadelphia. The session was "Getting to 'Yes' with the Innopac Interlibrary Loan Module."

Accent on Alumni

- **Cheryl Burzynski** (BSN, 1987; MSN, 1996), president of Bay Special Care, was presented

the Athena Award, which recognizes the accomplishments of women in reaching their fullest potential, attaining the highest level of professional excellence in business, and devoting time and energy to the community in a meaningful way.

Transitions

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

SVSU Welcomes

- **Jennifer Bartels**, assistant director of Admissions, 790-4011, bartels@svsu.edu
- **Kristine Beach**, administrative secretary, Engineering Services, 790-4074, kbeach@svsu.edu
- **Sharon Opheim**, faculty secretary, third floor Brown Hall, 790-5685, skopheim@svsu.edu
- **Trisha Stantz**, financial aid counselor, W162, 790-5629, tlstantz@svsu.edu

Same Face, New Place

- **Joan Garant**, senior faculty secretary, College of Education, E148, 497-4947, jgarant@svsu.edu
- **Donna Jenkins**, student loan clerk, W160, 790-4394, ddjenkin@svsu.edu
- **Trish Welke**, administrative secretary, Campus Life, C114, 790-4170, tmwelke@svsu.edu

Directory Revision

- **Angie Hemker**, title changed to Assistant Catering Manager

High Five

Angela Jackson, 31, was named the sixth head women's basketball coach in the program's history. Jackson replaces Lori Flaherty, who resigned April 28 after two seasons.



Jackson

An assistant coach at Michigan State University for the past seven seasons, Jackson helped guide MSU to three postseason appearances in the last four years. Jackson also was an assistant coach for the Big Ten All-Star Team. A native of Detroit, she played collegiately for two seasons at Old Dominion University, where Jackson started 60 of 63 games for the Lady Monarchs. She averaged 16.6 points and 5 rebounds per game as a senior.

Jackson completed her degree in health and physical education at ODU in 1991.

She is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and the Black Coaches Association.

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Featuring Faculty of Saginaw Valley State University

Best of Both Worlds

At SVSU, Deborah Huntley has found a way to live the best of both worlds: Huntley can do the research she has always enjoyed, and incorporate it into the teaching she always wanted to do.

For 14 years Huntley was a research chemist performing surface chemistry experiments at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. But she ached for the opportunity to teach.

"Initially, I thought if I moved to a university, it would be a research institution," Huntley, assistant professor of chemistry, said. "But, I figured if I was going to continue with research as my primary focus, I should just stay at Oak Ridge.

"After thinking it over, I decided on a teaching university – SVSU." That was in 1998.

"My career has taken a lot of left turns," Huntley said. "When I began as an undergrad (at the University of Connecticut), I thought I'd be a teacher of special education, but ended up majoring in chemistry. Then in graduate school (Cornell University), I thought of biochemistry, but ended up in physical inorganic chemistry.

"So I've come through a spiral and am now teaching — what I set out to do as a high school senior!

"The best thing about teaching, absolutely, is the students," Huntley emphatically stated. "I am interested in how people approach things. I

like to analyze the students' perspective on a subject and then try to broaden their understanding. It's like shining a light on an object from all directions so that students can see the whole picture."

Huntley doesn't limit her shining to chemistry students. She also volunteers in the Writing Center and is assisting in various ways on the recent U.S. Department of Education partnership grant. In addition, Huntley performs outreach into area K-12 schools. She also is a University Fellow for the Regional Math/Science Center.

In the Writing Center, Huntley said she gets to see the broad range of topics people are working on, but so far, none have been in the sciences. She said she does require writing in many of her courses, particularly natural science and laboratory classes.

Huntley and a trio of students are currently repairing a surface analysis system, donated by the Dow Chemical Co.

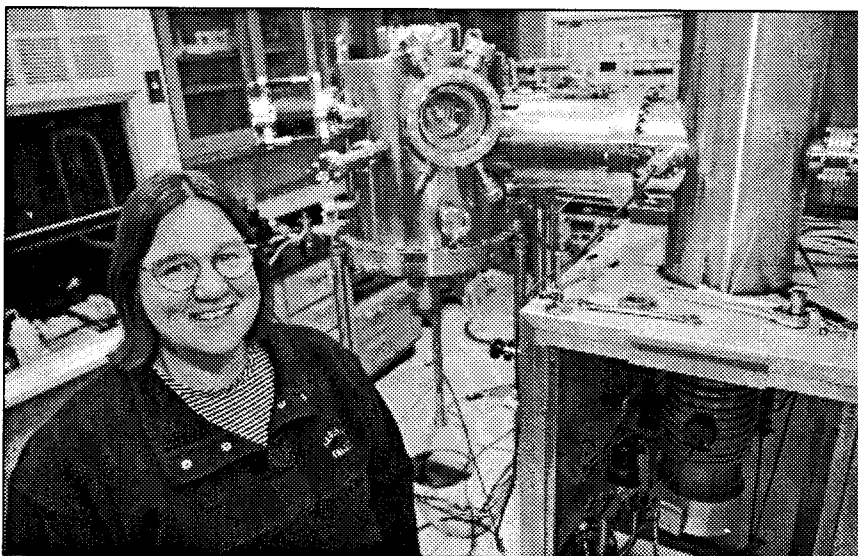
"Once it's up and running, we'll be able to see how molecules adsorb on metal oxide surfaces," Huntley said. She described the process as similar to discovering how a catalytic converter in a car works in effectively reducing carbon monoxide emissions.

"Sometimes things are developed empirically and then we try to figure out why it works. . . why it does what it does," Huntley said. She designed and built two similar types of machines while with Oak Ridge.

"I think getting in the lab and doing things is most interesting," Huntley said. "Part of physical chemistry is building your own equipment. It gives you a chance to look at why versus what. And it's not all that unusual for a physical chemist to build her own equipment."

Eventually, Huntley said she would like to develop a materials chemistry course at SVSU. She has two students doing exploratory experiments on inorganic nanostructural materials.

When she's not teaching or spending time with her husband and two children, Huntley may be found with her nose in a good fiction novel. This summer, the family will take a break and head to Alaska for a week.



Staff Member

OF THE MONTH

Terri Ann Sulen

Switchboard
Operator

June 2000

Ah, the joys of being a switchboard operator . . .

"Good morning, Saginaw Valley State University."

"Um, yeah, um, can I speak to Bob?"

"Do you know Bob's last name or department?"

"Uh, no – they didn't tell me that . . ."

As the operator for SVSU's main switchboard, Terri Ann Sulen experiences similar exchanges several times a day. Despite the lack of information, Sulen often is able to determine the caller's destination before making a connection.

After all, she's had plenty of practice, having served in the same capacity since her University service began on Aug. 31, 1969.

"When I started working at SVSU, Wickes Hall had not even been completed yet," Sulen recalled. "I was given odd jobs in the '66-'68 Building (now Administrative Services Building) until they were ready for me to move.

"I was interviewed by President Marble's secretary, who, for some reason, had me take a typing test even though my job was strictly answering calls."

A 1975 photo in her office on third floor Wickes Hall shows Sulen working at a switchboard with cables that plug into a console.

"Looking back now at that, I think about all those cables and how they used to get all tangled up," Sulen said, laughing. If a line was busy, she would hear static instead of a busy signal.

During those early years, the University had only about 10 incoming phone lines, and all calls were routed through the main switchboard. Today, the University has more than 100 lines and callers can directly dial the extensions for University staff and faculty. That's a good thing, considering SVSU presently has about 1,700 telephone extensions. And there will be more added in the near future after I.F.-3, I.F.-4 and the new residence halls open.

It would seem nearly impossible to efficiently transfer calls with such a large quantity of on-campus phone numbers. However, Sulen uses a foolproof system to quickly connect calls.

"I just hate having to look up a number," Sulen said. "So I have almost everyone's phone number memorized."

Sulen's switchboard lights up with calls during the winter when weather may force cancellation of classes. Also, she regularly receives calls from those who transfer out of SVSU's voice mail system.

"I receive a lot of calls from people who prefer speaking to a person instead of leaving a voice mail message," Sulen said. She often has to explain that it's not her decision to leave campus open even though it's snowing outside.

Away from the office, Sulen and her husband, Marvin, enjoy traveling to parks in their fifth-wheel camper. The couple also enjoy boating and bicycling. However, by far their favorite pastime is visiting their grandchildren, Andrew, 4, and Alexandria, 7 months, in Plano, Texas.

