

INTERIOR

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14th Annual All-University Awards Banquet Recognizes Outstanding Achievement and Service

SVSU honored a Saginaw community leader, University faculty and staff, and a Midland historian at the Annual All-University Awards Banquet, April 11.

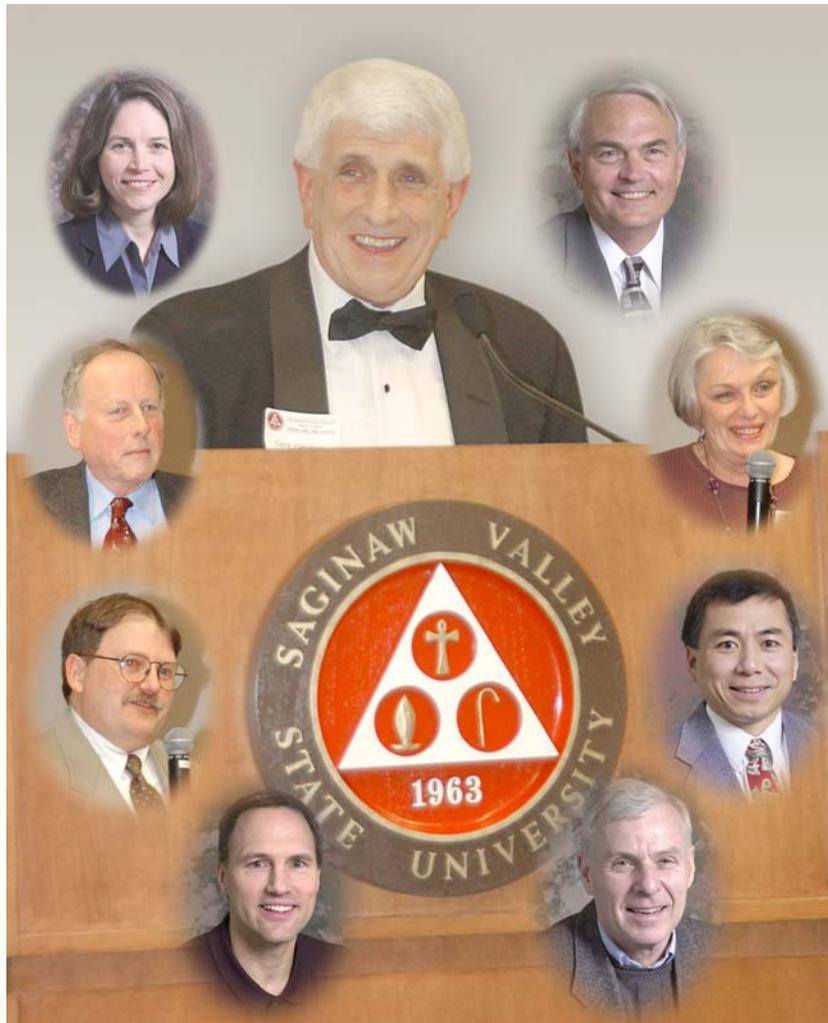
Grant Schaefer received the University's Distinguished Service Medallion for his service to the University and to the community. **Loren Graham**, author of *A Face in the Rock*, received the Stuart D. and Vernice M. Gross award for Literature, which recognizes exceptional works in regional history or historical fiction/drama.

The list of faculty winners is led by **Sally Decker**, professor of nursing, who received the prestigious Landee Teaching Excellence Award. The Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research was given to **Patrick Pan**, professor of mathematical sciences. The House Family Award for Teacher Impact was awarded to **Robert Meadows**, professor of educational leadership & services. **Bruce King** was presented the Mary H. Anderson Adjunct Faculty Award for his part-time teaching role in the Chemistry Department.

The Ruben Daniels Community Service Award, which is SVSU's highest recognition of community service and involvement by an employee, was presented to **Rosalie Riegle**, professor of English. Co-recipients of the Terry Ishihara Award for Outstanding Co-Curricular Involvement were Riegle, and **Dean Lockwood**, head men's basketball coach.

Eugene J. Hamilton, vice president for public affairs, presided over the event that also recognized 60 of the University's faculty and staff who have provided between 10 and 30 years of service.

Eugene Hamilton served as emcee for the 14th Annual All-University Awards Banquet. Those receiving special recognition at the banquet include, clock-wise from top right: Grant Schaefer, Rosalie Riegle, Patrick Pan, Robert Meadows, Dean Lockwood, Bruce King, Loren Graham, and Sally Decker. (Photos by Tim Inman)



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SVSU students honored for leadership and service

Several SVSU students recently received awards from the Office of Campus Life.

Outstanding Senior Leader awards were given to

Thomas Lehnertz, Tiana Meyers and

Kim Pangborn. Jamie Haag and

Candi Jackson were named Most

Promising Freshmen Leaders.

Roxanne Holstrom received

the honor of Outstanding

Non-Traditional Student of

the Year.

Teresa M. George Red

Pride awards were given to

Bryan Crainer and Andrea

Manning. Manning also received

the Bob and Bobbi Vitito Student

Leadership and Service award, as

did Jessica Bulgrien.



Andrea Manning and Jessica Bulgrien were named recipients of the 2003 Bob and Bobbi Vitito Student Leadership and Service Award.

Honors for Outstanding Student Organization On-Campus Program/Project were

given to the International Students Club for "Intercultural Night," and the

Organization of Black Unity for "Showtime at the Apollo." Alpha Phi Omega

received the award for Outstanding Student Organization Community Service

Program/Project for "Mustard Seed." The award for Most Creative Organization

Fund-Raiser went to First Year Board for "Haunted House." Pine Grove Council

received the honor of Best New Student Organization of the Year.

Cardinal Red Pride

• The **baseball** team swept Gannon University in a doubleheader Saturday, April 19. The Cardinals posted wins of 4-2 and 8-3. The Cardinals improve to 21-10 (11-5 GLIAC).

• The **softball** team split a doubleheader with Lake Superior State, Saturday, April 19, at the SVSU softball field. The Lakers opened with a 4-3 victory, before the Cardinals took game two, 11-7. SVSU now stands at 18-19 (5-9 GLIAC).

• The **track** team hosted the SVSU Collegiate Invitational on Saturday, April 19. The Cardinals claimed 12 first-place finishes. The men's team captured first place with 215.50 points, while the women's team finished in second with 133 points. The team returns to action Saturday, April 26, when it competes in the USTCA Team Quadrangular, hosted by Ferris State University, at noon.

KCP Future Faculty Fellowship Program sets meeting

An informational meeting for students on the King-Chavez-Parks Future Faculty Fellowship Program will take place from 5 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 23 in 100 Curtiss Hall.

This program offers funding for qualified African American, Hispanic and Native American students who plan to attend graduate school in order to pursue a career as a college or university professor. For more information, contact Clifford Dorne, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, at ext. 7072.

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Professional Profile

• **Reza Akbari**, assistant professor of mathematical sciences, hosted the 27th Lower Michigan Mathematics Competition. Sponsored by SVSU, the competition was held April 5. Seventeen teams of undergraduate students from six colleges and universities in Michigan competed in spite of rough weather outdoors.

• **Judith Kerman**, professor of English, had a poem, "In Tornado Weather," published in the new anthology *Poetry180: a turning back to poetry*, edited by U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins and published by Random House. Kerman read her poems and gave a translation workshop at the Olean Public Library in Olean, NY, March 26 and 27.

Kerman also will be present for a reading and book-signing at 7 p.m.,

Thursday, April 24 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Saginaw.

Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

• **Bob Beauchamp**, maintenance, on the death of his father, Frederick Beauchamp, who passed away April 15.

• **William (Bill) Portmann**, maintenance, on the death of his mother, Eleanor H. Portmann, who passed away April 11.

• **Frank "Muddy" Waters**, SVSU's first football coach, on the death of his wife, Mary Lou Waters.

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Access SVSU replaces "TheCard"

University faculty, staff and students have the option to switch to a new identification card in early June.

"Access SVSU" cards will be issued to all new faculty and staff, as well as to those who would like to pay a \$10.50 charge to replace "TheCard" that currently is in use.

Last winter, the Controller's Office

sponsored a contest to rename and redesign the ID card.

After reviewing 22 submissions, a selection committee chose an entry by student Sarah Hayes, who earned a Best Buy gift certificate for her creativity.

Jennifer Murlick, manager of student financial services, stressed "TheCard" will remain valid for all its various uses around campus.



Students participate in public speaking contest

The Department of Communication sponsored the 13th Annual Sims Public Speaking Competition, Thursday, April 3. Shane Wachowicz was awarded the \$300 first-place prize. Other finishers were Bridget Long in second place (\$200), and Amber Morris in third place (\$100). Among the finalists were Monique Metcalfe, Christel Root and Melanie Rusz.

SET hosts annual symposium

The College of Science, Engineering & Technology is offering its second annual Science and Engineering Symposium, Friday, April 25 in Science East.

Some 90 students will present scholarly work, including 45 poster presentations on display in Science East.

Thomas Kullgren, dean of the College, will present the keynote address at 9 a.m. in SW108. For more details, call ext. 7359.

Boehm named media relations officer at SVSU

Saginaw Valley State University recently welcomed J.J. Boehm as media relations officer in the Office of University Communications.

Boehm is an award-winning news anchor and sports commentator with more than 10 years of career experience. Additionally, he brings with him an extensive background in the innovative utilization of the Internet as a media distribution channel, diverse news management experience, a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of



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behind-the-scenes broadcast technology, and solid credentials in journalism and ad promotions.

Boehm also has provided play-by-play commentary for SVSU's football games, and covered high school football for Saginaw Educational Television.

Also active in the community, Boehm is a member of the Saginaw, Bridge Center for Racial Harmony Communications Committee, as well as the Saginaw County Crime Prevention Initiative.

Boehm can be reached at ext. 4055, and his office is located in 389 Wickes Hall. **A reception is scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m., Thursday, May 1 in 389 Wickes Hall.**



Photo by Tim Inman

SVSU Race Car makes public debut

The SVSU Cardinal Formula Racing Team unveiled its 2003 formula race car Saturday, April 19 at Fashion Square Mall. The race car, which has been completely designed and built by a team of 25 SVSU students, will be judged against other cars in the 2003 Formula Society of Automotive Engineers Collegiate Design Series at the Pontiac Silverdome May 14-18.

SVSU is not a newcomer to the event. In 2002, the Cardinal Formula Racing Team registered an impressive 6th place finish among 120 teams in

the international competition.

The race car goes from 0-60 mph in less than three seconds, and has a theoretical top speed of 168 mph.

The students gain priceless experience to offer potential employers following graduation.

"It's a team effort in a globally competitive market with extreme operating conditions, a super tight time line, and a tight budget," said Brooks Byam, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and the team's faculty advisor.



- Faculty and staff may bestow the **alumni scroll** to graduating members of their immediate family during the Commencement ceremony at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 10. Call Norma Zivich at ext. 4075 to make arrangements.

- Dow Lecture Series** presents Alan C. Page at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, in the Performing Arts Theatre. Admission is free of charge.

- The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs invites the campus community to a retirement reception in honor of professors **Emilio Castaneda** (Modern Foreign Languages, 1982), **William Elliott** (Law & Finance, 1969), **Rose Novey** (Mathematical Sciences, 1969), **Rosalie Riegle** (English, 1981) and **Tim Weier** (Mathematical Sciences, 1999). The reception will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 23 in Banquet Room A.

- The Department of Music will present the annual **Concert Band Spring Concert** at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 23 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Admission is \$3 general; \$2 for students and seniors. For tickets, call ext. 4261.

- A reception in honor of **Thomas Kullgren**, dean of the College of Science, Engineering & Technology, on the announcement of his retirement, is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Room.

- The **SVSU Jazz Ensemble**, with director Jeffrey Hall, will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 24 in the Performing Arts Theatre. The concert will feature guest artist Jim Martinez on piano. Concert admission is \$3 general and \$2 for students and senior citizens. For tickets, contact the SVSU Box Office at ext. 4261.

- Fire alarms and sprinkler systems** will be tested from 7 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 27 in Brown Hall, Science West, Wickes Hall and Science East. During this testing period, building occupants

SVSU robot fares well at world competition

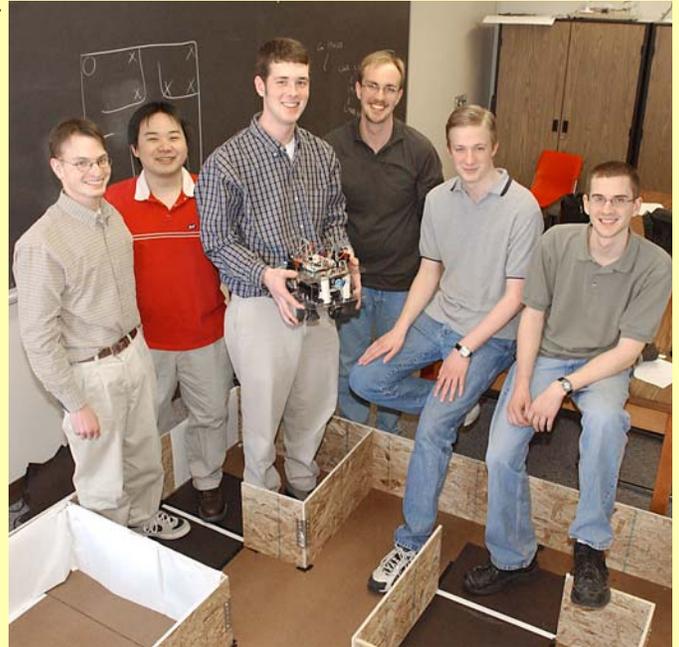
A team of Saginaw Valley State University students recently returned from the 10th annual Fire Fighting Robot Contest at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. The group placed 16th among 62 teams in the international competition that included teams from India, Israel and Iran, as well as Canada and the U.S.

The students were challenged to design and develop a computerized robot that can find and extinguish a fire. The device can move through a model of a single-floor house, detect a fire (a lit candle) and extinguish it.

Faculty advisor Russell Clark, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, says the students committed themselves to the task and overcame some setbacks during the more than six months devoted to the project.

This was SVSU's first foray into the competition; but with four team members returning in the fall, the students have high hopes for next year.

"This year's goal was to create a robot that worked," Clark said.



The SVSU Fire Fighting Robot Contest team consists of, from left: Matthew Pfenninger, Fumiya Sato, Brad Stacer, Chris Peterson, Scot Wrocklage and Luke Windling. (Photo by Tim Inman)

will experience random activation of the building fire systems.

- The SVSU Collegium will perform a **Music of the Renaissance XI Concert** at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 28 in Founders Hall. Admission is free of charge.
- May 1 is the reservation deadline for the **Commencement Graduate/Alumni Brunch**, which is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 10. Following brunch, Commencement exercises will take place at 1:30 p.m. in

O'Neill Arena. Faculty and staff who plan to march also are reminded to place regalia orders at the Bookstore.

- The **Valley Film Society** will host its annual film selection meeting at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 2 in 101 Curtiss Hall. For details, call ext. 4015.
- Make reservations to the **Faculty Association Recognition Luncheon** by Friday, May 2 by calling Donna Jenkins at ext. 4235. The event will take place Friday, May 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Emeriti Room.



Come wish Carol Maciejewski well on her retirement as administrative secretary to the executive assistant to the president.

Fourth Friday Club
4:30 to 6 p.m., April 25
President's Reception Area
Third Floor Wickes Hall