SVSU grants honorary degree to Lieutenant Governor

Michigan Lieutenant Governor John Cherry received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree during May 8 Commencement ceremonies in recognition of his outstanding record of public service and his dedicated support of families, the quality of life in Michigan, and the great outdoors.

Cherry has served as lieutenant governor to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm since 2002. Prior to that, he had 20 years of service in the Michigan Legislature. During that time, Cherry received many awards and honors, including recognition from The Detroit News as one of Michigan’s Most Effective Legislators.

Cherry served as Senate Democratic Leader from 1995 to 2002, and as Senate Democratic Floor Leader from 1990 to 1995. Cherry was first elected to the Michigan Senate in 1986, after serving two terms in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Nearly 600 students participated in the University’s Commencement program. The May 2004 graduating class consisted of 756 graduates, including 529 who received bachelor’s degrees and 227 who received master’s or education specialist degrees.

In addition to conferring degrees, the 2004 recipients of the Landee Teaching Excellence Award and the Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research were recognized. Andrew A. Swihart, associate professor of psychology, received the Landee Award, while Warrick Award honors were given to Sam Sarkar, professor of economics.
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- Gladys Amanda Hernández, associate professor of modern foreign languages, published one of her poems in the winter 2004 edition of *Cardinal Sins*. The poem is titled “Los Sentidos.”

- Susan L. Hillman, associate professor of teacher education, and Gayle L. Slater, assistant professor of teacher education, with Ruth Anne Hodges, a math consultant with the Michigan Department of Education, conducted a “Reflecting on Practice” session at the 82nd annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, April 21 through 24, in Philadelphia. “Ideas About Division Shared Equally by All Students and Teachers” was based on collaborative work with pre-service teachers and elementary school students.

- Gretchen Mooningham, faculty sponsor of the Michigan Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi, was elected Region V Vice President at the regional convention on March 27, at Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind. Besides Mooningham, students Rob Beyerlein and Michael Cesal, and John Mooningham, professor of mathematical sciences, attended the convention. Additionally, Alpha Chi member Thomas Henthorn received a 2004 Benedict Fellowship for graduate study. One of 10 recipients out of a field of 76 from colleges and universities with Alpha Chi chapters throughout the country, Henthorn plans to use his fellowship for graduate study in history at Michigan State University in the fall. Henthorn was directed in his award-winning research by Alex Nalbach, assistant professor of history.


- Matthew Zivich, professor of art, had three drawings accepted for showing in the 2004 State of the Arts Exhibition held at Saginaw Township Hall. The exhibition is sponsored by the Arts in Public Places Committee of Saginaw Township. One drawing by Zivich, “A Prairie Home Companion,” won the Spicer Group special merit cash award. The juror for the exhibition was MaryAnn Wilkinson, Curator of Modern Art at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The competition was open to all Michigan artists 18 years and older. The exhibition will run through Friday, May 28.

**Condolences**

The campus community extends condolences to Louise Dukarski, acquisitions assistant in Zahnow Library, on the loss of her brother, Wally Dabrowski, who passed away April 30.

**TIAA-CREF offers workshops**

TIAA-CREF announces an opportunity for individual counseling sessions Tuesday, June 15 in C116.

To schedule an appointment, contact Linda Baker at (800) 842-2044, or visit www.tiaa-cref.org/moc to schedule an appointment online.

A TIAA-CREF consultant will be available to answer questions about financial matters, including developing long-term strategies, understanding basic types of investment choices, learning about TIAA-CREF retirement income flexibility, and other topics.

**Vogl named director of SVSU athletics**

SVSU has promoted Joe Vogl to director of athletics. Vogl was interim director of athletics since December 2003. He was the associate athletic director for development and operations since March 2002 and was operations manager for the Ryder Center since May 1989.

Vogl also was the head men’s golf coach at SVSU for 13 years, guiding the program to two NCAA national tournament appearances and two GLIAC titles. He was a three-time GLIAC Coach of the Year winner for golf. Vogl has been associated with SVSU for more than 25 years.

**Doan Café will be open from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for summer camps:**

Thursday, May 13
Friday, May 14 & Tuesday, May 25

On each of these days, the menu will include the salad bar and deli meat buffet. For more information, contact Dining Services at ext. 4252.
SVSU honors six outstanding graduates during the 2004 Alumni Celebration Friday, May 7. The awards were presented during a banquet in Curtiss Hall.

The SVSU Alumni Association annually presents an alumnus or alumna with its Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of distinguished service and accomplishment in any field of human endeavor that enhances the prestige of the University. The award is the most prestigious honor SVSU bestows upon one of its graduates.

The 2004 Distinguished Alumna is Rajkumari (Raj) Wiener, a Williamston attorney and former Director of the Michigan Department of Public Health. In addition to officially receiving the award at the banquet, Wiener also was recognized during Commencement ceremonies, Saturday, May 8.

In 2003, the SVSU Alumni Association added five new awards to recognize outstanding alumni from each of the University’s five colleges. These awards are given in recognition of remarkable professional success and the positive reflection made upon the reputation of all graduates of the respective college and the University.

The 2004 Outstanding Alumni award recipient in the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences is Herman Clark. A resident of Burton, Clark is a support services coordinator with the City of Grand Blanc Police Department and former Burton police chief.

Laura Yockey is the 2004 Outstanding Alumni award recipient in the College of Business and Management. A resident of Saginaw, Yockey is a First Vice President/Division Manager for Standard Federal Bank.

The 2004 Outstanding Alumni award recipient in the College of Education is Nathaniel McClain. A resident of Saginaw, McClain is the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction at Saginaw High School.

Beth McNett-Fettinger is the 2004 Outstanding Alumni award recipient in the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Health Sciences. A resident of Hemlock, Fettinger is a pediatric nurse practitioner with Saginaw Valley Pediatrics.

The 2004 Outstanding Alumni award recipient in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology is Steven Keinath. A resident of Midland, Keinath is head of the Polymer Technology Group at the Michigan Molecular Institute.

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**College of Science, Engineering and Technology**

Christopher Schilling, Strosacker Chair for Engineering in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, was awarded $40,200 from the Resource Group and Funders Network of the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN) to support the project, “Tesla Turbine for Recovery of Electrical Energy from Waste Heat.” WIN is a volunteer organization that includes more than 90 citizens and organizations, and focuses on opportunities that better link the economic, social, and environmental well-being of Saginaw Bay communities in order to sustain and improve the region’s quality of life. More information about WIN is available at www.saginawbaywin.org.

Schilling was also awarded $22,000 from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality “2004 RETAP P2 Internship Program: Continuation of a Pollution Prevention Internship Program at SVSU.” This program is a partnership between the Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Institutions of Higher Education, the Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program, and businesses. SVSU will place two engineering students in small- to medium-size Michigan companies during the summer to work on projects that integrate P2 practices and technologies into manufacturing operations. Information on the program is available at http://michigan.gov/dep.

**Diversity Programs**

Mamie T. Thorns, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs, was awarded $500 by the Michigan Humanities Council Quick Grant for the “Brown v. Board of Education Revisited” event held April 13 at SVSU. The Michigan Humanities Council is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Instructional Support Programs/University Writing Program**

Diane Boehm, Director of Instructional Support Programs and the University Writing Program, was awarded $43,000 by the National Writing Project (NWP) for the programs and activities of the 2004-2005 Saginaw Bay Writing Project. NWP is funded primarily by the Title II grant from the U.S. Department of Education and every five years undergoes federal reauthorization along with all other federally funded education programs. Matching funds are provided by area partner schools and Saginaw Valley State University. Information is available at www.writingproject.org and www.svsu.edu/writingprogram/sbwp.htm.
The Athletic Department announced the availability of the Hunter Maxwell Memorial Summer Basketball Camp Scholarship. The scholarship is available to young men who reside in Saginaw County and who will be attending any grade from sixth through ninth grades. The recipient of this scholarship must also be someone who has a financial need. This year’s camp dates are June 15 through 17 and July 6 through 9. To apply for the scholarship that will pay for the entire cost of the camp, please call the SVSU Foundation at ext. 4052 for an application form. All applications must be submitted by June 1.

The Valley Aquatic Program is offering a $5 discount to SVSU students, faculty and staff for spring and summer learn-to-swim lessons. In addition, participants will receive an additional $5 discount for pre-registering online or by phone. This discount also applies to children and grandchildren. For more information, visit www.svsu.edu/vap or call Gala Bank at ext. 7327.

The display cases on the second floor of Zahnow Library include a selection of materials from the archives “Circus Collection.” The collection was donated by members of the Flying Malzores, a famous family of trapeze artists from Saginaw. One case holds pictures of the family; the other case displays antique circus-themed toys as well as various circus posters.

SVSU has been notified by its recycling company that additional types of paper material will now be accepted for recycling. Your participation in the recycling program and your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines is appreciated.

Flûtée will present the world premiere concert “Flûtée Impressions” Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The concert will feature a slide show of Impressionist paintings by such notable artists as Monet, Renoir, and Manet. It will feature original music composed by Nancy Faber of Ann Arbor. Flûtée members Mary Anderson, Kim J. Teal, and Pamela Rowe will be performing on piccolo, Eb, C alto, and bass flutes. Christine Dodge will perform as a guest flutist for this concert. Tickets are $5 for general admission and $3 for students and senior citizens. For further information, contact the SVSU Box Office at ext. 4261.

The Office of Sponsored Programs is offering a workshop titled “NSF RUI Grants: Overview of applying to the National Science Foundation for Research in Undergraduate Institutions Grant” from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 13. Another workshop titled “Fulbright Scholars Program: Applying for the Fulbright Scholars Program (deadlines and resources)” will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday May 27. To register, contact Sue Jerome at ext. 4941.

Those interested in a new portrait for the 2004-05 Faculty/Staff Directory should contact the Office of University Communications at ext. 4086 to make an appointment.

Cardinal Red Pride

Former Cardinal football standouts Ruvell Martin (Muskegon, Mich./Catholic Central) and Glenn Martinez (Auburndale, Fla.) have signed free agent contracts with National Football League teams. Martin signed with the San Diego Chargers and Martinez inked a deal with the Pittsburgh Steelers. The duo hopes to join former SVSU players Lamar King (Buccaneers), Paul Spicer (Jaguars) and Marlion Jackson (Broncos) in the NFL this fall.

The bowling team was national runner-up at the 2004 Intercollegiate Bowling Championships, finishing the season ranked No. 2 in the nation. Bill O’Neill and Steve Novak were first team All-American selections by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association; also, Joe Kolanowski was a choice for the honorable mention All-American team. In addition, O’Neill made the All Tournament team and was named Male Collegiate Bowler of the year by the Bowling Writers Association of America. The team was coached by Dan Dorion.

The annual Friends of SVSU picnic will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, June 10 at the SVSU Maintenance Building near Pierce Road and Tower Drive. Traditional brats, kielbasa and turkey brats will be served, along with cold beverages. A contribution of $10 per person, $15 for couples, includes dinner and drawings for door prizes. Participants will have a chance to win:

First Prize: Two tickets to the Lions vs. Arizona Cardinals game, Dec. 5 (includes overnight lodging Dec. 4 at the Four Points by Sheraton Detroit Metropolitan Airport Hotel); Second Prize: 10 yards of screened topsoil; Third Prize: A “mini-case” of fine wines; Fourth Prize: Four top grade New York strip steaks; Fifth Prize: A Lions autographed football; and numerous other prizes!

For tickets, or more information, contact Gene Hamilton, 314 Wickes Hall, or call ext. 4069.

Drawings for the prizes will be at 5:49 p.m. Winners need not be present to claim the top five prizes. Make checks payable to “Friends of SVSU.” No corporate checks, please. Contributions can be made at the door. Prize entry forms also available at the door.