SVSU honors outstanding educators, community leaders at All-University Awards Banquet

A leading couple in the moving industry and a distinguished Michigan author were honored along with several SVSU faculty and staff during the 16th annual All-University Awards Banquet, Friday, April 15.

The list of faculty winners was led by Brooks Byam, associate professor of mechanical engineering, who received the prestigious Franc A. Landee Teaching Excellence Award. In addition to instructing students in mechanical engineering, Byam is faculty advisor to the Cardinal Formula Racing Team, which competes annually in the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers Collegiate Design Series.

The Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research was presented to Joseph Ofori-Dankwa, professor of management and marketing. Dankwa’s articles and research have been incorporated into the content of courses at several other universities. He is currently pioneering the concept of diversity and similarity curves to conceptualize other paradoxes such as work and play, and novelty and continuity. Dankwa uses the economic model of supply and demand as a heuristic for this research.

The House Family Award for Teacher Impact was given to Robert Lane, professor of political science.

Kathleen Pelkki received the Mary H. Anderson Adjunct Faculty Award for her part-time teaching role in the biology department.

The Ruben Daniels Community Service Award was presented to David Hall, executive in residence in the College of Business and Management. The award is SVSU’s highest recognition of community service and involvement by an employee.

Moe Bidgoli, associate professor of computer science, received the Terry Ishihara Award for Outstanding Co-Curricular Involvement.

SVSU’s Student Association was the inaugural recipient of the Roosevelt Ruffin Diversity Award, which was created to promote and encourage support of diversity by recognizing individuals and/or groups of individuals at SVSU who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and creativity in the area of diversity.

Morrison and Julie Stevens received the Distinguished Service Award for their service to the University and community. Morrison Stevens served on the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors from 1995 to 2003, and has been a leader in the SVSU Family Business Program. Julie Stevens served as the program’s director of community relations from 2001 to 2003. In addition, the couple have been loyal donors to SVSU for more than 20 years. They created the Morrie and Julie Stevens Annual Scholarship, which supports nontraditional students from Saginaw, Bay or Midland counties who have demonstrated financial need.

Flint native Christopher Paul Curtis, author of Bucking the Sarge, received the Stuart D. and Vernice M. Gross Award for Literature. The award recognizes exceptional works in regional history or historical fiction or drama.

Eugene Hamilton, special assistant to the president for government relations, served as master of ceremonies. Sixty-seven were recognized for a decade or more of dedicated service to SVSU, including 10 who joined the institution 35 years ago.

In addition, a large number of door prizes donated by area hotels and restaurants were given away. And, the winner of this year’s grand prize — a trip for two to Nashville — was Holly Furlo, student financial services accountant in the Controller’s office.
You’ve got TOO MUCH mail!

Electronic mail has provided a means of sharing information and save on the flow of paper memos that at one time were a common method of office communication. And, just as files can become full of too much paper, network servers also can become overburdened with too much information that should be archived or deleted.

Unlike many other universities, SVSU has never set limitations on the amount of emails that faculty and staff have been able to store in their Groupwise accounts. According to Ken Schindler, executive director for Information Technology Services, that will change.

“We have some people who have not deleted email in the five or six years that the University has been using Groupwise,” Schindler said.

Therefore, SVSU has had to implement an email retention policy that encourages users to delete messages that are not needed.

“We’ve been contacting staff who are using a tremendous amount of space, and I need to stress that everyone has been very cooperative in cleaning out their messages,” Schindler noted.

Another step that will be taken to assist users in managing their email accounts is the addition of an electronic archiving system in fall 2005.

“ITS has purchased a centralized archiving package that will automatically archive email for you,” Schindler said.

“Once this system is up and running, messages that are more than 180 days old will automatically go to archives,” he explained.

“In January 2006, a second step will be added that warns users to copy to DVD messages that are beyond 360 days; if not, the system will remove emails that have stored for an entire year.”

Schindler noted that more details will be forthcoming in late summer about the archiving system for managing emails.

Security reminders also aimed at faculty and staff

ITS also reminds faculty and staff to avoid giving out passwords to others, including students and co-workers.

“If you need to give access to your email or calendar to a co-worker, please do so via the GroupWise Proxy Access,” Schindler said. For assistance with setting the proxy access, contact the ITS Help Desk at ext. 4225.

Also contact the Help Desk to request a generic student worker account if a student position needs GroupWise access.

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GLIAC names recipients of 2005 Winter Sports All-Academic Teams

To qualify for Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic status, a student athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or greater, must be a starter or key reserve on his/her respective athletic team, and must not be a freshman or first-year transfer.

Women's Basketball
Stephanie Hass Jr. 3.79 Elementary Education ............... Harbor Springs, Mich./Harbor Light Christian
Krista St. Aubin Sr. 3.83 Business Management ............... Sterling Heights, Mich./Utica

Men's Indoor Track & Field
Chris Baranek Jr. 3.22 Business ......................... Kawkawlin, Mich./Bay City Western
Steve Besson Sr. 3.52 Math/Mech. Engineering ................. Essexville, Mich./Garber
Aaron Brewer Sr. 3.15 Physical Education .................. Ypsilanti, Mich./Lincoln
Ryan Clapp Jr. 3.05 Nursing ........................................................ Lake Fenton, Mich.
Matt Collins Sr. 3.31 Physical Education .................... Gaylord, Mich./St. Mary's Biology ....................... Hemlock, Mich.
Steve Czymbor So. 3.84 History ..................................... Essexville, Mich./Garber
Kyle Dengler So. 3.07 Nursing ........................................... Horton, Mich./Hanover-Horton
Justin Grow Jr. 3.65 Education ................................. Cheboygan, Mich.
Eric LaCross So. 3.44 Business Administration ............ Berkley, Mich.
Paul Jozwiak Jr. 3.58 Business Administration ............ Berkley, Mich.
Nicholas Krus So. 3.05 Elec. Engineering .................. St. Clair Shores, Mich./Lakeview
Matt Masters So. 3.73 Engineering ............................. Morenci, Mich.
Max Masters Jr. 3.35 Fitness & Sport Management ........ Battle Creek, Mich./Pennfield
Jerome Recker Sr. 3.77 Computer Science .................. Port Huron, Mich.

Women's Indoor Track & Field
Jennifer Bellsky Jr. 3.60 Math ............................... Frankenmuth, Mich.
Alexis Cartwright Sr. 3.17 Nursing .......................... Swartz Creek, Mich.
Nikki Charbonneau Sr. 3.25 Undecided ................... Macomb, Mich./L'Anse Creuse North
Ashley Christie Sr. 3.05 Criminal Justice .................. Bay City, Mich./John Glenn
Stefanie Collins So. 3.93 Fitness and Sport Mgmt. .......... Horton, Mich./Hanover-Horton
Mandie Gallier Sr. 3.29 Fitness Management ................ Medford, N.J./Shawnee
Kelly Meucci Jr. 3.84 Occupational Therapy ............... St. Charles, Ill./East
Bethany Rasmussen Sr. 3.44 Psychology ....................... Port Huron, Mich.
Meagan Strohkirch Sr. 3.68 Secondary Education ............... Gladwin, Mich.
Jessica Sweeney So. 3.23 Psychology ....................... Saginaw, Mich./Heritage
Krystin Vogel So. 3.10 Physical Education ................... Ubly, Mich.

Briefly Speaking
• Andrew Chubb, assistant professor of chemistry, was the recipient of the first Innovative Writing in Teaching Award, which was presented at the Writing Awards reception Tuesday, April 12. Details about the award are at www.svsu.edu/writingprogram. In addition, students were recognized at the reception for outstanding writing with The Ruth and Ted Braun Awards for Writing Excellence, and The Tyner Prizes for Writing in the Humanities.

• Winners of the 15th Annual Sims Public Speaking Competition were: Kevan Uumberfield, first place; Jocelyn Deming, second place; Barbara Urbain, third place; and Megan Lang, Latoya Newton, and Josh Daniels, finalists. The competition took place April 13.

• The strategic planning document Continuing Excellence: 2004-2008 was approved by the Board of Control at its regular formal session on March 21. Along with a new Mission & Vision Statement, the document is available on-line at www.svsu.edu/mission. Hard copies of the complete document also are available.

• The College of Business and Management recently inducted 26 students into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. Membership to the honor society is available only to students in business programs accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. SVSU received accreditation in 2003. To qualify, undergraduate students must rank in the top seven percent of their class as a junior or the top ten percent as a senior. MBA students must rank in the top 20 percent of their class.
CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Thursday, April 21
Honors Convocation will take place at 4 p.m. in Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms B and C. Andrew Swihart, associate professor of psychology, will deliver the keynote address, titled “The Satisfied Life: A Coroner’s Report.”

Thursday, April 21
SVSU Department of Music presents the SVSU Jazz Ensemble, featuring guest artist Jereald Cameron on string bass, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission is free of charge.

Friday, April 22
The College of Science, Engineering and Technology will host the fourth annual Dow Corning Symposium in Science, Engineering and Technology. More than 55 research and design projects from the departments of biology, chemistry, computer science, electrical and computer engineering, mechanical engineering, and physics will be presented. Poster presentations are scheduled for the morning and oral sessions are scheduled for after lunch.

Friday, April 22
A faculty retirement reception in honor of David Weaver (1967), Eldon Graham (1970), David Rayfield (1970), Francis Silvernail (1999), Laura Yelsik (2000) and Arthur Frock (2000), will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. in Curtiss Hall Banquet Room A. Sponsoring the event is the Office of Academic Affairs.

Friday, April 22
Valley Film Society will screen The Best of British Film Comedy at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Call ext. 4015 for information on VFS memberships.

Saturday, April 23
The SVSU football team will host its third annual Cardinal/American Cancer Society Spring Football Game at noon (pre-game warm up starts at 11 a.m.) in Wickes Stadium. Instead of charging admission, donations will be accepted at the door to the game and luncheon. Proceeds from the sale of Cardinal T-shirts and hats, as well as from a 50/50 drawing, also will benefit the cause.

Monday, April 25
The SVSU Collegium Musicum, Early Music Collegium, and Gamba Consort will present “Music of the Renaissance XIII” at 7:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. Shirlene Zarin-taj Brown will appear as guest artist. Admission is free of charge.

Tuesday, April 26
The Office of Career Planning and Placement is hosting the 2005 Education Employment Fair from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms. Visit www.svsu.edu/careers for more details.

Wednesday, May 4
Mid-Michigan Regional Business Expo. SVSU has 500 complimentary tickets that are available to faculty, staff, and business customers free of charge. The admission ticket is valued at $5 and includes free small business seminars. Contact the box office at ext. 4261 for information.

Saturday, May 7
Commencement will take place at 1:30 p.m. in O’Neill Arena. Faculty and staff may bestow the alumni scroll to graduating immediate family members; call Norma Zivich at ext. 4075 for arrangements.

Saturday, June 11
The SVSU football team is hosting its annual Muddy Waters Tee-off golf outing at Swan Valley Golf Club. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 2 p.m. To sign up, call ext. 7332.

For more details on events taking place at Saginaw Valley State University, visit www.svsu.edu/newsevents

Students, faculty and staff turned out in large numbers to participate in the second annual Relay for Life, a walk-a-thon fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society. Among the activities was open mic for poetry readings, as well as sharing of personal experiences battling the disease by survivors. When the book is written on how cancer was eliminated, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life will have the last chapter – explaining how a grassroots event united millions of people in thousands of communities everywhere in a common cause to eradicate this disease through the largest nonprofit fund-raising event in the world – the largest in mankind’s history. Photo by Tim Inman.
Woody Allen once said that “90 percent of life is showing up.” The new Chief of University Police at SVSU, Ron Trepkowski, is living testament to that adage.

When applying to join the department in 1979, Trepkowski was one of seven candidates scheduled to be interviewed.

“I was the only one who showed up,” he recalled.

Trepkowski has continued to show up every day since.

“It’s worked out really well for me,” he said.

Trepkowski recently assumed the duties of chief on a permanent basis after serving in an interim role for nearly a year, following Craig Maxwell’s reassignment to director of University Health and Safety.

“I think about the job a lot more than I used to,” Trepkowski said.

He does not plan to switch to plain clothes.

“I’ve worn a uniform for 25 years. I don’t plan to change.”

It has been a time of change for the department. It changed its name from Public Safety to University Police, and relocated to the South Campus Complex.

“The change from the old building to the new one has been welcome,” Trepkowski said. “It makes us look like a more professional department.”

Trepkowski is grateful for the support he has received from his University Police colleagues. He also appreciates the cooperation he has received from other local police chiefs. They have offered insight on a variety of topics, ranging from how to lead a department to how to make accommodation for the first officer in SVSU history to go on maternity duty.

At the same time, Trepkowski recognizes that there are differences between University policing and traditional police work.

“In a county or city, they’re more reactive,” he said. “We try to provide a more service-oriented style of policing.

“We try to have officers who are willing to work in a college setting with young people who are trying to get ahead in life.”

Trepkowski is quick to share credit with the Residential Life staff for keeping the campus safe.

“With the growth in student housing, we could have seen increased theft, fraud and vandalism,” he said. “But we haven’t seen it. The Residential Life staff does a good job of holding people accountable.”

When he is not on the job, Trepkowski enjoys playing golf, but much of his spare time has revolved around his children and their many high school athletic activities.

His son, James, and his daughter, Theresa, are current SVSU students. His oldest son, Paul, graduated from SVSU with an engineering degree and now lives in Auburn Hills. The youngest, A.J., will likely attend SVSU in the fall.

“High school went by very, very fast for us,” Trepkowski said.

One of the reasons time flew by was that Trepkowski was active in the Garber High School athletic association and his church.

“I think it’s important to volunteer,” he said.

“Communities can’t run very well without volunteer service.”

Trepkowski enjoys being able to aid others on the job, as well.

“In a University setting, you have the opportunity to help people.”

As long as you show up.
Symbolic logic is David Rayfield’s favorite course to teach. By his reasoning, the professor of philosophy figures that English professor Leslie Whittaker deserves the credit for bringing him to SVSU back in 1970.

“I suppose he’s responsible,” Rayfield said. “He was the one who would go to grad schools to find new faculty – back when he was just 100.”

Rayfield has kept his sense of humor – and perspective – during his academic career. He estimates that some 8,000 students have passed through his classrooms through the years.

Rayfield is especially fond of the 1970s. “Early on when the place was lousy with hippies, those were really good years,” he said.

For more than a decade, Rayfield was the lone member of the philosophy department. As he prepares to retire, he says his current colleagues will be missed.

“I must say working with this department has been a pleasure.”

Rayfield has accumulated quite a few stories of SVSU presidents past and present over the years, such as the time Sam Marble vetoed Rayfield’s proposal to add a course on Marxism to the philosophy curriculum.

“I think it was a fund-raising year,” Rayfield quipped.

When Saginaw Valley State College became SVSU, Rayfield was the first to apply for the license plate “SVSU1.”

“I told Jack Ryder the best he could be is number two,” Rayfield recalled.

Current SVSU President Eric Gilbertson’s license plate reads “1SVSU.”

After seeing it, Rayfield retorted, “Are you sure that’s not a typo? I think it’s supposed to be ‘I SSVU’.”

Rayfield manages to retain his sense of humor even when discussing serious subjects, such as the time when he learned he was being investigated by so-called police “red squads” for his purported political beliefs.

Around 1974, the federal government ordered that such files should be returned to those being investigated. Rayfield went to the Michigan State Police post in Bay City and was handed a rather small folder.

“I was pretty disappointed,” Rayfield remarked.

For the past 30 years, Rayfield has used the file as a teaching tool when discussing government surveillance.

In retirement, Rayfield intends to devote more time to a favorite pastime.

“Now my interest will be in photography,” he said.

Rayfield’s first job was working as a “dark room monkey” for a small newspaper, and taking pictures has been an avocation – not a hobby – ever since.

“Hobbies aren’t quite as expensive as avocations,” he said.

The mental exercise of philosophy has helped Rayfield hone his craft.

“Philosophy has made me a better photographer,” he said. “My eye is more critical than it otherwise might have been.”

For a time, Rayfield actively sought to sell his photos in galleries and at art fairs, though the exercise was far from profitable.

“Every dollar I took home cost me two,” he said.

Rayfield plans to look for new galleries to show his works, probably in the Detroit area, but not for financial gain.

“I’m tired of earning a living,” he said. “Now I want to live instead.”