SVSU announces changes to academic administration

Some senior academic administrators have accepted new roles as the University seeks to enhance students’ educational experiences.

Don Bachand will step into the Vice President of Academic Affairs position occupied by Robert S.P. Yien for the past 28 years, and he has announced two new appointments in the Office of Academic Affairs, effective July 1.

Clifford Dorne will serve as Associate Vice President for Program Development and Graduate Recruitment, and Deborah Huntley has accepted the position of Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dorne will provide leadership and support for the marketing of graduate programs and for the recruitment and retention of graduate students. Huntley will be responsible for assessing academic programs and overseeing grants. Both also will retain their committee assignments and generally assist the Office of Academic Affairs.

In the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, Mary Hedberg will serve as interim dean and Joni Boye-Beaman will be the assistant dean. The positions had been held by Bachand and Dorne, respectively. Both appointments take effect July 1 and are for the 2006-07 academic year. The search for a permanent dean will resume this fall.

A professor of criminal justice, Dorne joined the SVSU faculty in 1998. For the past six years, he has served as associate dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences. Dorne currently chairs the General Education Committee and is coordinator of the Crisis Management Intervention Center; he previously chaired the criminal justice department and coordinated the Master of Arts in Administrative Science program. He completed his Ph.D. at the State University of New York at Albany.

A professor of chemistry, Huntley joined the SVSU faculty in 1998. She served as acting assistant dean for the College of Science, Engineering and Technology from 2001 to 2004, and has been a member of the University’s strategic planning task force and academic program assessment advisory board. Prior to joining SVSU, Huntley worked as a research chemist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Tenn.) for 14 years. She completed her Ph.D. at Cornell University.

Hedberg joined the SVSU history faculty in 1993 and previously served as department chair. Since 2002, she has worked in the Office of Academic Affairs as an assistant vice president, and most recently as Associate Vice President for Academic Planning and Assessment. During that time, Hedberg coordinated SVSU’s accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission. She also has chaired the curriculum and policy committee and the graduate committee. Hedberg completed her Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota.

A professor of sociology, Boye-Beaman has taught at SVSU since 2000. She served as coordinator of the Master of Arts in Administrative Science program for the past five years, and previously chaired the sociology department. Boye-Beaman was director of the Social Sciences Research Center at Wayne State College (Neb.) From 1997 to 2000. She completed her Ph.D. at the State University of New York at Buffalo.
New class selected for student leadership program

Thirteen outstanding students have been selected to participate in the Roberts Fellows program for the 2006-07 academic year. They will add a concentrated focus on leadership to their studies, culminating in a trip to Asia in May 2007.

The Roberts Fellows program is among the most prestigious undergraduate programs at SVSU. The fellowships support a select group of students who have demonstrated both scholarship and leadership potential. These students will be supported through a two-semester program of both academic course work and extracurricular activities that is designed to further develop their potential as future political, economic and civic leaders.

Established in 1999, the program is named in honor of Donna Roberts of Midland, who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to SVSU through her personal generosity and prior service on the Board of Control and the Board of Fellows.

A respected attorney, business leader and philanthropist, Roberts retired from The Dow Chemical Company, where she was Secretary and Assistant General Counsel. She is an honorary director of the SVSU Foundation Board.

Top Michigan educators selected for Gerstacker Fellowship program

Twelve leading Michigan educators have been selected for the inaugural class of the Gerstacker Fellowship at Saginaw Valley State University. They will receive concentrated leadership training over a one-year period, culminating in a trip to Asia.

“This is a very diverse group, in terms of both background and current responsibilities. We should see some fine synergy as ideas are exchanged to enhance their leadership capabilities,” said Stephen P. Barbus, dean of the College of Education.

Known as Gerstacker Fellows, the select participants will meet monthly on weekends, starting in August. SVSU faculty from various disciplines will instruct the Gerstacker Fellows on subjects dealing with leadership ethics, political problem solving, financial planning, human resource management and education with a global perspective.

“The program will lift their vision and improve their skills,” Barbus said.

“The experience will benefit not only these individuals, but their home communities, as well, because what they learn through the program can result in creative solutions to today’s educational challenges,” Barbus said.

They also will have a network of outstanding educators to utilize as a resource.”

The participants were selected based on past academic and service accomplishments, along with outside recommendations. They were nominated by a supervisor from their home school districts.

Funded by a gift from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation in Midland, the program’s capstone will be an international experience that introduces the Fellows to one or more of SVSU’s sister universities in Japan, China or Taiwan. As a result of the endowment, there is no charge to program participants unless they elect to have the educational experience considered for graduate credit.

The Fellows were formally accepted into the program Tuesday, May 23.

The 2006-07 Roberts Fellows

• Gordon Aiello, a senior mathematics major from Grosse Pointe Woods
• Julie Akright, a junior biology/pre-med major from Perry
• Erica Barnes, a senior from Tawas City with a double major in social work and Spanish
• Thomas Falkner III, a junior business management major from Holly
• Justin Findlay, a senior from Caro with a double major in accounting and management
• Jolene Heidenberger, a senior psychology major from Vassar
• Ashley Holdsworth, a junior biology/pre-med major from Algonac
• Delia Kashat, a senior from Bridgeport with a double major in sociology and French
• Nicholas Madaj, a senior political science major from Bay City (48708)
• Anamaria Roe, a senior majoring in international studies and marketing; she is originally from Romania
• Kelly Stewart, a junior professional and technical writing major from Perry
• Ashley Verner, a senior biology/pre-med major from Adrian
• Matthew Woods, a junior secondary education major with a concentration in English from Essexville

The 2006-07 Gerstacker Fellows

• Rose M. Beane, director of compensatory education and grants/pre-kindergarten programs for Saginaw Public Schools
• Johanna L. “JoLynn” Clark, an English teacher at Frankenmuth High School
• Dacia Darbee, assistant principal at Handy Middle School in Bay City
• Sheila R. Dorsey, principal of Arthur Eddy Academy in Saginaw
• Linda L. Engelhardt, supervisor of instruction and curriculum at the Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center
• Billy J. Erwin, principal of Webber Middle School in Saginaw
• Jeffery J. Hall, principal of Eastlawn Elementary in Midland
• Amy M. Legacy, principal of Linsday Elementary School in Bay City
• Kimberly A. Prime, principal of Washington Elementary School in Bay City
• Bethany A. Rayl, assistant principal at Lapeer West High School
• Theresa M. Schroeder, technology coordinator and curriculum leader for the Bullock Creek School District in Midland
• Timothy J. Wedge, principal at Wilson Elementary School in Alpena
The Office of University Communications is implementing a new system for producing the Faculty/Staff Directory. Information that will be published in the 2006-07 Directory will be downloaded from SVSU’s online directory. All full- and part-time permanent faculty and staff are asked to verify the accuracy of their information listed in this online directory by Friday, June 9.

**To Verify Your Online Directory Information**
1. Access the online directory from the University home page (www.svsu.edu) by clicking on the “Quick Links” drop down menu, then click on “Directory”.
2. Click on “Search for Faculty/Staff”.
3. Type your last name, and click “Lookup”.

**To Revise Your Online Directory Information**
1. Click on “Correct my info >>” (after you perform the steps listed above).
2. Log in using your SVSU username and password.
3. Use this screen to make changes to your information.
4. Once completed, click “Submit Update” to send your request to ECS (title or department).

**SVSU Board elects officers, grants promotions**

At its Saturday, May 6 meeting, the SVSU Board of Control re-elected Jerome L. Yantz of Bay City as chair. Returning as vice chair is David R. Gamez. Dr. K.P. Karunakaran was selected as secretary and D. Brian Law will continue as treasurer.

Promotions were granted to 18 SVSU faculty members, effective July 1. Promoted to assistant professor were: Vanessa Brooks Herd, social work (Herd was also granted tenure, effective July 1); Amy Hlavacek, mathematical sciences; and Jan Hlavacek, mathematical sciences.

The following were promoted to associate professor: Andrew Chubb, chemistry; Russell Clark, electrical and computer engineering; Nancy Colwell, mathematical sciences; Carolyn Gilbreath, teacher education; Kathy Kalmar, teacher education; Nameeta Mathur, history/geography; and Frederick Sunderman, history/geography.

Those promoted to professor were: Hamza Ahmad, mathematical sciences; Eric Gardner, English; Deborah Huntley, chemistry; Debra Lively, teacher education; Gretchen Owocki, teacher education; Marian Shih, physics; David Stanton, biology; Paul Teed, history/geography.

In other action, the Board:
- Passed a resolution to grant undergraduate and graduate degrees. Some 881 students were expected to graduate during May 6 Commencement exercises, including 629 who received bachelor’s degrees and 252 who received graduate degrees.
- Passed a resolution to thank Emily Hammerbacher, President, and the elected representatives of Student Association for their service during the 2005-06 academic year.
- Passed a resolution to congratulate Andy Suszek, President, and representatives elected to serve on Student Association during the 2006-07 academic year.
- Passed a resolution congratulating the SVSU bowling team for winning the 2006 national championship, the team’s third such title.
- Approved the creation of a Bachelor of Science in Health Science degree program, effective July 1.
- Approved the creation of a Master of Science in Health Leadership degree program, effective July 1.
- Passed a resolution establishing insurance policy requirements for contracted parties or vendors providing services on SVSU premises.

In addition, University Communications is arranging portrait appointments for the 2006-07 edition. To schedule an appointment, contact Tim Inman, senior communications coordinator, at ext. 4086, or email tmi@svsu.edu. The deadline to have a new portrait taken is Friday, July 21.

**Severe weather season has arrived**

We are experiencing some of the best weather of the year right now, but severe weather can occur at any moment. As recently as the spring/summer of 2002, Michigan experienced 11 tornadoes, and major flooding which caused over $7 million in damages, according to the Michigan State Police and the National Weather Service.

Severe weather normally begins with the development of a thunderstorm, which can be dangerous due to lightning, high winds, and excessive rainfall. A severe thunderstorm advisory is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) when a thunderstorm is occurring or has a very high probability of occurrence.

A tornado watch is issued by the NWS when conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. A watch is issued for a duration of 4 to 8 hours, and is generally issued well in advance of severe weather. This is the time for you to review tornado safety rules.

A tornado warning is issued by the NWS when a tornado is indicated by radar or sighted by spotters. Seek shelter immediately if you are in the affected area. A warning is typically issued for a duration around 30 minutes. If the thunderstorm which is carrying the tornado is also producing torrential rains, this warning may also be combined with a flash flood warning.

The following safety tips apply whether you are on campus or at home:
- Consider purchasing a weather radio. They are inexpensive and can be programmed to activate only when a weather alert is issued by the National Weather Service.
- Become familiar with shelter areas in the event of a tornado warning. Signs indicating recommended areas of refuge are located at entrances to SVSU facilities. At home, go to the basement or a first floor interior area away from windows and cathedral type ceilings.
- If power is interrupted, Consumers Energy advises you to watch for fallen wires, broken utility poles or tree limbs on a power line. Stay clear of power lines and anything a power line is touching.

This information is brought to you by the Office of University Health and Safety. For questions or comments contact Craig T. Maxwell by email at maxwell@svsu.edu, or by phone at 964-4251.
**Professional Profile**

- **Cyrus Aryana**, associate professor of mathematical sciences, presented a paper titled “Green’s Functions for Compact Bordered Riemann Surfaces” at the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America, May 5, at Calvin College, Grand Rapids.

- **M. Yousef Jabbari**, associate professor of mechanical engineering, received the 2006 Individual Excellence Award from the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE). The award recognizes outstanding leadership, achievements and contributions to engineering. Jabbari accepted the award at the MSPE Engineering Excellence awards banquet Feb. 25 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.


- **Hong Park**, professor of economics, published a paper titled “Foreign Direct Investment and Global Sourcing Choices of Firms in the U.S.” in *Global Supply Chain Management*, edited by Masaki Kotabe (Temple University) and Michael Mol (London Business School and University of Reading Business School). *Global Supply Chain Management* brings together in two authoritative volumes the best and most interesting academic work on global supply chain management from international business, marketing, strategic management, purchasing and supply management, and economics. Two volumes include 46 articles dating from 1974 to 2004, and contributors include scholars from worldly renowned institutions such as Princeton, Harvard, INSEAD, and Oxford University. The book was published by Edward Elgar publishing company and is a part of book series on the globalization of the world economy.

- **Sam Sarkar** and **Surender Reddy** had a paper titled “U.S. Offshoring of Jobs and Businesses to India: A Survey and Analysis” accepted for publication in the *International Business and Economic Research Journal*. The submission also received the “Best Paper” award.

**New Cardinals**

- **Camile Cammack**, associate professor of teacher education, recently adopted a baby boy, Alex Jabari (7 lbs., 11 oz., 20 in.), born Thursday, May 4.

- **Trish Gohm**, administrative secretary in Student Life, and her husband Chad had a baby boy, Owen Paul (7 lbs., 13 oz., 19.5 in.), Monday, May 15.

- **Farid Hallouche**, associate professor of computer science and information systems, and his wife Yakout welcomed a son, Abdu Arrahman Ecssa (8 lbs., 14 oz., 22 in.), March 20.

- **Bryan Zolinski**, police officer, and his wife Melissa had a baby girl, Emily Marie (6 lbs., 14 oz., 19.75 in.), Saturday, May 6.

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**SVSU welcomes new administrator for International Programs**

SVSU has hired Stephen Kazar as Special Assistant to the President for International Programs, starting Monday, June 5. His primary responsibilities will include recruiting international students, coordinating programs for SVSU students and faculty to study and teach internationally, and maintaining strong relationships with SVSU’s sister universities.

Kazar has more than 20 years experience in international education. He comes to SVSU from the American Institute for Foreign Study, where he had been senior vice president for study abroad programs since 2004. Based in Connecticut, the Institute and its associated companies organize cultural exchange programs around the world for more than 50,000 students each year.

From 1997 to 2003, Kazar was director of international education and programs at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. During that time, he oversaw all international education activities, including strategic planning, enrollment management and program development.

Kazar also has prior international education experience at the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

**Condolences**

- **To Vickie Jaskiewicz**, administrative assistant, whose mother-in-law, Maxine Jaskiewicz, passed away Thursday, April 27.

- **To John Mooningham**, professor of mathematical sciences, whose mother, Beulah Mooningham, passed away Monday, April 24.

- **To Gloria Turner**, periodicals assistant, whose brother, Dennis Harrison, passed away Saturday, May 6.

- **To Thomas Wisniewski**, maintenance, whose brother, Daniel P. Roberts, passed away Sunday, April 23.

**Briefly Speaking**

- Central Stores will be closed for inventory Wednesday, June 28 through Friday, June 30. Orders received by Tuesday, June 27 will be delivered and charged to 2005-06 budgets. Orders received Wednesday, June 28 and beyond will be charged to 2006-07 budgets. Deliveries will resume on Monday, July 3.

- The next issue of the Interior will be published Aug. 29. There will be no Interior newsletters for June and July. For updates on campus news and events, go to www.svsu.edu/newsevents.

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