

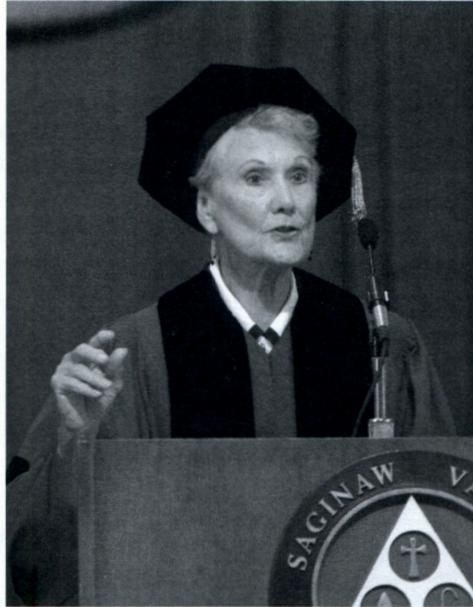
Long-time Board member delivers August Commencement address

A long-time Board of Control member and honored community volunteer with more than three decades of combined public service in education gave the Commencement address graduates during Commencement exercises Monday, Aug. 20.

In all, 334 students were expected to graduate, including 186 who received bachelor's degrees and 148 who received graduate degrees.

A noted advocate for education, Braun is believed to be the only individual to serve on boards for all three levels of public education in Michigan. Her service began when her children's elementary education motivated her to seek election to the school board for Saginaw Public Schools, where she went on to serve for 18 years (1977-95), including two terms as president. A member of the SVSU Board of Control since 1991, including two years as chair, Braun also served two years on the Board of Education for the State of Michigan (1994-95).

Braun has received multiple awards for her community involvement, including the Daughters of the American Revolution Community Service Award in 2006, and the Junior League of Saginaw's Golden Rose Award for Volunteer Service in 1985. She and her husband, Hugo E. "Ted" Braun were co-recipients of the Robert H. Albert Award for Lifetime Community Service from the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce in 1997.



Ruth Braun delivered an address to some 200 graduates who participated in the Aug. 20 Commencement ceremony in O'Neill Arena.

Loyal supporters of SVSU, the couple established The Ruth and Ted Braun Awards for Writing Excellence in 1997. Their endowment

annually supports monetary awards for outstanding student writing in nine categories and results in a publication. Ted Braun served an eight year term on the SVSU Board of Control from 1981 to 1989. With combined service of 24 years, a Braun has had a guiding hand in the University for more than half of its existence.

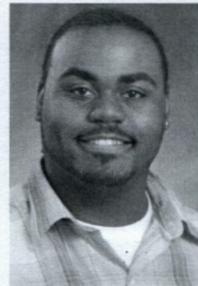
Ruth Braun's philanthropic record includes 16 consecutive years on the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors and previous service on the Covenant Healthcare Foundation. She

remains active in community service as a current member of Bishop Robert Carlson's Citizen Advisory Committee, the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce Percolator Club and the Tri-County Economics Club. In addition, Braun previously served on the Michigan Bicentennial Commission and on the Boards of Directors for Saginaw General Hospital and the Visiting Nurses Association, Partners in Caring.

A native of Saginaw, Braun graduated from Arthur Hill High School and was named the school's honor alumnae in 1988. She also holds an Associate in Science degree from Lasell College in Auburndale, Mass.

SVSU student chosen for elite research scholarship

Geron Johnson was named one of 15 students nationally to receive an undergraduate science research scholarship award from The United Negro College Fund and The Merck Company Foundation. The biology/pre-medicine major from Saginaw received a \$25,000 scholarship to be used toward his undergraduate and graduate education; he also conducted research for Merck this summer. "This is quite an honor," Johnson said. "It's good to know that you're competitive with people from across the United States."



Geron Johnson

A graduate of Buena Vista High School, Johnson is expected to complete his SVSU degree in May 2008 before going on to medical school or graduate school. He is deciding whether to study for a medical career in internal medicine or psychiatry, or a research career in microbiology or vaccine research.

Last year, Johnson completed the Roberts Fellows program at SVSU, which provided a year of concentrated leadership training and culminated in a three-week trip to Asia. He says that and other opportunities at SVSU prepared him well.

"The quality of my education was top-shelf," he said. "You can create great opportunities for yourself, and the people at SVSU are willing to help you if you show initiative."

SVSU faculty who provided invaluable support, according to Johnson, included biology professors Charles Pelzer, Sally Shepardson and Richard Trdan, chemistry professors Arthur Andrewes and Andrew Chubb, and David Swenson, H.H. Dow Endowed Chair in Chemistry. As part of the award, SVSU received \$10,000 to be used for the purchase of science equipment. Johnson performed cardiovascular disease research at a Merck facility in New Jersey during the summer. He also will conduct research for Merck next summer.

Robert Schooks

Director of the Center for Manufacturing Improvement • July 2007

It is common knowledge that these are tough times for Michigan manufacturers. For Bob Schooks, that makes this an especially interesting time to apply his uncommon knowledge to improve their operations.

“My big advantage is my multi-industry experience,” he said, having worked in several fields during a career that has taken him from California to New Hampshire since starting as a pattern-maker apprentice more than 40 years ago.

“I can walk into almost any manufacturing company in our area and know exactly how well they’re doing, or conversely how much help they need. The problems they experience are things I’ve had contact with, so it’s easy for me to see what they’re doing either right or wrong.”

Partner companies can complete a full performance benchmarking survey or an abbreviated version that includes 12 performance indexes to measure themselves against like companies.

“When I was in the manufacturing business, I would have killed for this type of report,” Schooks said.

His biggest frustration comes from the small percentage of companies who won’t take the time to get that information, but he finds gratification when manufacturers succeed, such as Aircraft Precision Products in Ithaca, an aircraft engine component manufacturer that was faced with losing half of its business.

“With the implementation of lean manufacturing systems, activity-based costing and customer diversification, they were able to not only recover that lost business, but are now one of the leading component manufacturers for General Electric and recently signed a contract with Rolls Royce.”

This fall Schooks and George Puia, Dow Chemical Co. chair in global business, are hosting a series of workshops to help Michigan manufacturers overcome their ignorance and fear of international markets.

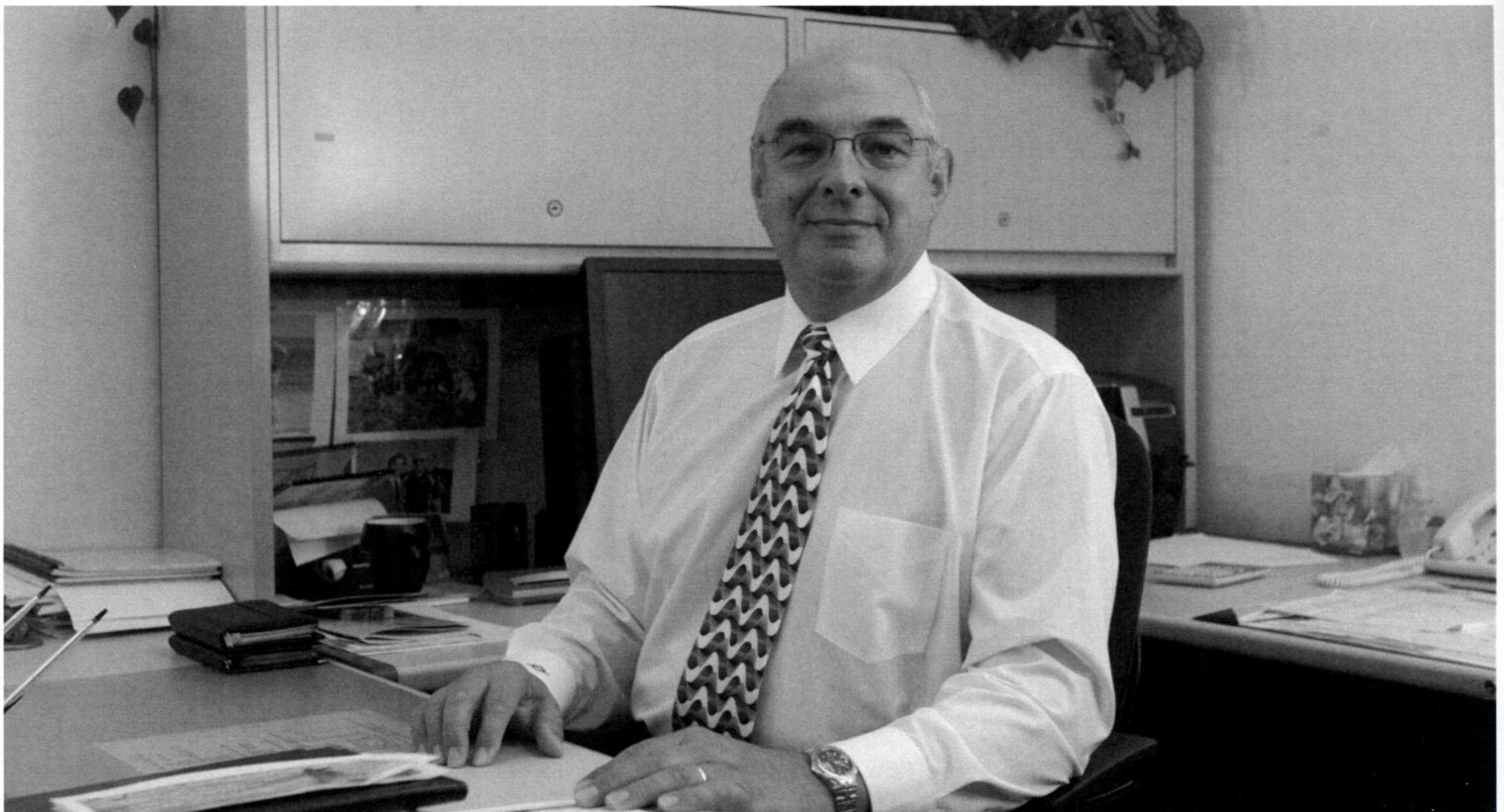
Away from work, Schooks describes himself as someone who “used to be quite an outdoorsman” hunting elk, deer and antelope in Wyoming. Though still an “active shooter,” these days he lists tamer pursuits such as going to the theater with his wife Lucinda.

Two years into his tenure at SVSU, Schooks likes his work.

“This is really a very interesting job,” he said. “I enjoy being at SVSU more than any other job I’ve had in my career. It’s a wonderful institution.”

His top goal: to increase the number of companies who take advantage of what the Center for Manufacturing Improvement has to offer.

“I have the time and the resources; I want more to come to the party.”



**Marshall M. Fredericks
Sculpture Museum**

Museum Hours

Mon.-Sat., Noon to 5 p.m.
(closed national and
University holidays)

Guided Museum Tours

989-964-7096

Group tours are by
appointment only. Fees
apply for groups of 12 or
more.

989-964-7125

or from Midland,
695-5325 ext.7125

www.svsu.edu/mfsm/

**The Valley Film Society
Memberships**

Memberships are available
by mail or at the door
before any VFS screening.

Memberships:

- Regular...\$25 (prorated
after first film)
- SVSU student...\$5
- Non-student...\$10
- Trial membership...\$6
(two admissions)

989-964-4015

www.svsu.edu/vfs/

SVSU Box Office

The Box Office is located
at the information desk in
Groening Commons in
Curtiss Hall.

Box Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.,

8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

On performance days, the
Box Office is open one hour
prior to show time and 30
minutes after the show begins.

989-964-4261

www.svsu.edu/events/boxoffice.htm

Other Event Contacts

Osher Lifelong Learning
Center

989-964-4475

Continuing Education

989-964-4475

Conference & Events

989-964-4348

Athletics

989-964-7300

SEPTEMBER 2007

Saturday, September 8

Special Guest Artist Performance

Deborah Moriarty, piano

7:30 p.m. • Rhea Miller Recital Hall

989-964-4159

• *No Admission Charge*

Through September 28

Gallery Exhibit

Nouveau Rococo: The Shaped Metal Sculpture of Richard Knight

Reception: Monday, September 24, 4-6 p.m.

Public Lecture: Tuesday, September 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center.

University Art Gallery • Arbury Fine Arts Center

989-964-4159

• *No Admission Charge*

Through September 29

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

Pewabic Pottery: Patronage, Private Residences, Public Buildings, Sacred Spaces

Pewabic Pottery was one of Michigan's most important manifestations of the International Arts and Crafts Movement. Most of the examples in the exhibit come from private collections. Many of these objects have not been exhibited in decades.

(989) 964-7125

• *No Admission Charge*

SVSU HUMANITIES SERIES

The Longest Running Humanities Series in the USA!

SAGINAW — 150 Years

September 11 • *"Saginaw Presents Musicals"*

Presenters: James Royale, Robert Burditt, Mike Brush

September 18 • *"Wings Over the Saginaw Valley: The First 30 Years"*

Presenter: Bill Ballard

September 25 • *"Saginaw at 50 — As Seen from 150"*

Presenter: Greg Branch

October 2 • *"Signs of the Times: Saginaw's Neon and Painted Building Signs"*

Presenter: Thomas B. Mudd

October 9 • *"A History of the Saginaw County Courthouse and Courthouse Square"*

Presenter: Thomas F. Trombley

Programs begin at 7:30 • Music prelude 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center, 200 Congress Ave., one block north of W. Genesee, off Niagara.



NOUVEAU ROCOCO:

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August 27 - September 28, 2007

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University Art Gallery

Public Lecture:

Tuesday, September 25 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Rhea Miller Recital Hall

Made possible in part by a grant from the SVSU Foundation

For Gallery Hours or further information, please call
(989) 964-4159 or e-mail dlittel@svsu.edu

Football Schedule 2007

Date	Opponent	Away Site	Time
Sept. 1	Ashland		12 pm
Sept. 8	Gannon	Erie, Penn.	1 pm
Sept. 15	Ferris State		12 pm
Sept. 22	at Northern Mich.	Marquette, Mich.	7 pm
Sept. 29	at Northwood (Axe Bowl)	Midland, Mich.	12 pm
Oct. 6	Findlay (Homecoming)		12 pm
Oct. 13	Michigan Tech		12 pm
Oct. 27	at Indianapolis	Indianapolis, Ind.	6 pm
Nov. 3	Grand Valley		12 pm
Nov. 10	Hillsdale	Hillsdale, Mich.	2:30 pm

Home Games in Red at Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium
Schedule Subject to Change
All Regular Season Games are GLIAC contests
All Times are Eastern

OCTOBER 2007

Thursday, October 4

Edwards Lecture in Philosophy and Religion
What is Buddhist Philosophy?

M. David Eckel

Many modern Buddhists prefer to think of Buddhism as a "philosophy" or a "way of life" rather than a "religion." This lecture will explore the similarities between the classical Buddhist tradition and classical philosophy in the West, in order to understand what makes the Buddhist tradition "philosophical."

7 p.m. • Founders Hall
989-964-4261

• *No Admission Charge*

Saturday, October 6

Rhea Miller Concert Series
Charles Wetherbee, violin
with Caroline Hong, piano

7:30 p.m. • Rhea Miller Recital Hall
989-964-4159

• *No Admission Charge*

Wednesday, October 10

Dow Visiting Scholar

Time to Deliver: Winning the Battle Against Poverty and Disease in the Developing World

Stephen Lewis

Lewis has served as Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, and the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa and has become known as an impassioned speaker who addresses the responsibility of developed countries to help those in need.

7 p.m. • Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts

989-964-4261

• *No Admission Charge*

Friday, October 12

Art Event

Saints, Sinners and Sauvignon

Enjoy French cuisine, cash bar, music and a silent auction of original art by Michigan artists. Celebrate the opening of the David Hostetler *Wood and Bronze Sculpture* exhibition.

5:30 p.m. • Arbury Fine Arts Center Lobby

• General Admission - \$50

(989) 964-7082

Friday - Sunday, October 12 - 14

Theatre Performance

Frankenstein

In giving life to a creature of his own making, Dr. Frankenstein crafts a being who is terrifying and twisted. His doomed experiment results in death and destruction. This classic horror story, first written as a novel by Mary Shelley, is both thrilling and frightening as it explores questions of life, death, scientific inquiry, and morality.

Parental discretion advised.

Friday & Saturday • 8 p.m.

Sunday • 3 p.m.

Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts

• General Admission - \$7

• Students & Senior Citizens - \$5

Please reserve your tickets by calling the SVSU

Box Office

989-964-4261

Thursday, October 18

Tenth Annual Rush Lecture

Medicine, Morality, and the Marketplace: Why You Have No Right to Health Care in America

Drew Hinderer

Hinderer, Chair of SVSU's Philosophy Department, will explain why the U.S. health care system has failed to treat access to a minimally adequate level of health care as a human right.

4 p.m. • Founders Hall

989-964-4261

• *No Admission Charge*

Friday - Sunday, October 19 - 21

Theatre Performance

Frankenstein

Friday & Saturday • 8 p.m.

Sunday • 3 p.m.

Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts

See October 12 listing for more information.

Monday, October 22

Dow Visiting Scholar

Women's Rights in Islam

Asthma Barlas

Barlas, a professor of politics at Ithaca College in New York, has written extensively on the globalizing forces for equality and on the challenges facing women in the Islamic world.

7 p.m. • Rhea Miller Recital Hall

989-964-4261

• *No Admission Charge*

Monday, October 29

Dow Visiting Artist

Human Rights in Politics and in Art

Chris Abani

As a teenager, Nigerian writer Abani was arrested and imprisoned on suspicion of masterminding a political coup. The evidence: his first novel, a political thriller written when he was just sixteen years old. Since then, he has been imprisoned twice more and has transcended adversity with creativity—his luminous and celebrated novel, *Graceland*, which follows the saga of an Elvis impersonator in a Nigerian slum, won the PEN Hemingway Award and has been short-listed for numerous book awards.

7 p.m. • Rhea Miller Recital Hall

989-964-4261

• *No Admission Charge*

October 12, 2007 - January 25, 2008

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

David Hostetler, Wood and Bronze Sculpture

Hostetler is the creator of a series of captivating works that celebrate the female form. Inspired by goddesses and women of historical significance, Hostetler has based his life's work on honoring the spirit, romance and earthiness of "the feminine" in exotic woods and bronze.

(989) 964-7125

• *No Admission Charge*

Maureen Engel

Administrative Assistant, Academic Affairs • August 2007

Maureen Engel knows how to keep a secret. After dating for 15 years, she and new husband Kip decided to get married this summer, but despite picking a date back in February, they kept everyone in the dark, including friends and family.

“Even the people we had for witnesses didn’t know until two weeks before. We wanted something small and quiet,” Engel explained. “Plus Kip and I knew that not all of our kids would be able to be there, so we decided to have none of them.”

In her job, Engel relies upon her pleasant demeanor and draws upon the knowledge gained from working at the same institution for 23 years.

“I’m an information person,” she said, “and I know who you can count on. So many people here have been supportive; hopefully I’ve been the same to them.”

Engel makes no secret of how she feels about her job. “It’s been a joy working here,” she said.

Engel previously worked in the dean’s office for the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences. Interacting with students and faculty was more common in that environment – something she misses – but she has no complaints about being reunited with Don Bachand when he moved to the vice president’s post from the dean’s office.

“A lot of things are handled the same way,” she said.

Engel has enjoyed “all the offices and all the people” she has worked with at SVSU, and she also appreciates other aspects of university life, including international travel, having accompanied choirs overseas four times. After the most recent trip, she returned with a tapestry from Tokushima, Japan that now hangs behind her desk. Most observers are curious as to its origin ... but not all.

“(Former vice president for academic affairs) Dr. (Robert) Yien knew right away where it was from,” she said.

The tapestry will soon be joined by an SVSU photo collage that Kip purchased at an art fair in Fort Wayne, Ind.

While Engel is disappointed that “Wickes Hall isn’t in there,” she says the artwork is symbolic of the university’s growth and its expanding reach and reputation.

“These days when I’m outside the state, I run into a lot of people who know about SVSU.”

Engel is “very seldom home,” traveling to visit her sons in Kalamazoo and New York and a sister in Toledo, as well as Kip, who still resides in Indiana, at least for the time being.

“I’ll probably need new tires again this year,” she quipped.



Online and public forums to gather input on smoking policy

In an effort to responsibly address concerns about health issues related to secondhand smoke and the staff costs of collecting cigarette waste, this

summer SVSU began a process to alter its public smoking policy.

Plans were underway to open new smoking "shelters"

strategically located throughout the campus grounds. The new policy, permitting smoking only in a shelter or within an

individual's private vehicle, was to be initiated on August 24 and replace the pre-existing policy that permits outdoor smoking 25 feet away from buildings.

The policy change was proposed as a response to regular complaints about exposure to secondhand smoke upon entering and exiting campus buildings. In short, the existing policy is not being adhered to and is not working. Further, the University reviewed the appreciable and ongoing dollars to be saved by eliminating the staff time spent in pick up/clean up activities, as well as damage to university facilities and furnishings.

Prior to adopting any new policy, the University has decided to allow for a campus-wide discussion and feedback. Proposals for alternative approaches will also be considered. Public forums will be held on campus early in the fall semester. A final decision will be made during the fall semester.

Between August 22 and September 10, a Web-based, moderated message board is offering an opportunity for the SVSU community to share their thoughts about the proposed change to the smoking policy. The message board will be available for public review but the posting of messages, made anonymously or otherwise, will be reserved for members of the SVSU community using their SVSU login ID and password. The message board will be moderated to prevent obscene or offensive comments.

The message board can be found at www.svsu.edu/smokingforum/.

Grants for faculty and staff fund projects for various programs

CML College of Nursing & Health Sciences

Sally Decker, Professor of Nursing, received \$1,500 from the Theta Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International to support our nursing students in their study of the health care system of Australia.

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

David Karpovich, Associate Professor of Chemistry, received \$6,035 from GANTEC and \$26,626 from the Greater Saginaw Region WIRED grant for the development of a new methodology in the

processing of neem seeds into natural pesticide products.

Tai-Chi Lee, Professor of Computer Science, received \$2,500 from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium for student Heather Mindykowski's project, "Efficiency of Applications on the Field Programmable Gate Array."

Robert Tuttle, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, received an award of \$3,393.18 from the Saginaw Community Youth FORCE Fund for the "Development of an Amateur Radio Program at First Ward Community Center." Dr. Tuttle also received \$6,690

from HRI-Hardcore Racing Inc., and \$8,400 from the Greater Saginaw Region WIRED grant to be used to conduct a failure analysis on a previous engine and develop a new alloy and/or casting process.

Ronald Williams, Dean of Science, Engineering, and Technology, received \$3,100 from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium Fellowship Program for the Math and Science for Minorities Program. This program inspires high school minority students to succeed in their current classes and to pursue a college degree.

College of Education

James Leming, Carl A. Gerstacker Chair in Education, received \$50,000 from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Inc. to support the "Social Studies in Our Nation's High Schools" program. Dr. Leming will produce and publish a report identifying high school teachers' curricula, values, and classroom practice.

Diane Boehm, Director of the University Writing Program, received \$45,000 in continued support from the National Writing Project to be used to fund the Saginaw Bay Writing Project.

Staff

Monica Reyes, Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development, received \$23,125 from Thumb Area MI Works for Step-Up Workshops in 2008.

Briefly Speaking

- SVSU faculty and staff are eligible for 2007-08 All Sports Passes, which allow the holder into all home, regular season football and basketball games. Contact Shelly Reminder in the Ryder Center at ext. 7306.
- Information Technology Services has relocated the IT Support Center and MicroLabs offices to 128 South Complex B. The Support Center will begin using network technology to assist users via secure remote-access to help maintain customer service levels. Phone support (at ext. 4225) and hours of operation continue as normal, but walk-in support has changed for the sake of convenience. All IT support needs (including ResNet issues) will continue to be provided at the new Support Center location in SCB128 (located just north of University Police). Users experiencing wireless access or account/password issues may visit either the new location in 128 South Campus Complex B, or go to Network Services in 374 Wickes Hall for assistance. (Note: Network Services will limit walk-in assistance to only wireless and/or account issues.)
- Faculty/staff reserved parking permits for 2007-08 expire Sept. 15. New permits, which are currently being issued by the Cashier's Office, may be purchased via mail by completing the downloadable permit application and forwarding the completed application, along with a check payable to SVSU in the amount of \$20 (no cash please), to the Cashier's Office in 166 Wickes Hall. Your permit will then be mailed to you via interoffice mail by Sept. 15. You may also purchase a permit in person at the Cashier's Office. Please be advised that student traffic may be significant at this time, resulting in longer lines. For the online form, go to www.svsu.edu/newsevents/index.php?id=1459/.

Vice President Beuthin leaving SVSU

Lucille Beuthin, vice president for public affairs and executive director of development and the SVSU Foundation, has announced that she is resigning effective Sept. 12 to take a development position at the Michigan headquarters of The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit conservation organization.



Lucille Beuthin

Beuthin joined SVSU as director of community relations in 2001, became executive director of the SVSU Foundation the following year and added the role of vice president for public affairs in 2003.

"I am looking forward to new challenges, and joining the Nature Conservancy meets a passion of mine," said the native of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. "I have a great love of nature and our state."

During Beuthin's tenure, SVSU's endowment more than doubled, growing from \$21.8 million in 2002 to \$45.8 million at present. During that time, 54 new endowment funds were established, including 38 scholarships. She oversaw the strategic planning and implementation of the largest campaign in University history, which has raised \$18.8 million to date.

Beuthin also directed the "Creating the Future" capital campaign, which met its goal and secured \$9.5 million in private gifts for campus buildings, as well as a collaboration with the Saginaw Community Foundation, the Partnership for Creating Community Capital, that raised \$1 million for SVSU, resulting in a match of \$333,333 from the Kresge Foundation.

Condolences

- To **Gala Bank**, aquatics director, whose mother, Glenda Hock, passed away July 29.
- To **David Lutenski**, assistant director of grants development, whose father, Andrew Lutenski, passed away Aug. 15.
- To **Susan Manke**, administrative secretary in financial aid, whose father-in-law, Guy Manke, passed away July 31.
- To **Patrick Oliveraz**, custodial specialist, whose father-in-law, Anastacio Ramos, passed away Aug. 10.
- To **Karen Roseberry**, cashier, whose mother, Dorothy Shelagowski, passed away Aug. 15.
- To **Sue Schmidt**, faculty secretary, whose husband, Peter Schmidt, passed away June 24.
- To the family of **Abou Traore**, a biology major from Senegal who passed away Aug. 18.
- To the family of **Generose A. Wilson**, an SVSU student who passed away June 2.

New Cardinals

- **Jill Allardyce**, assistant director of creative services, welcomed a son, Brock William Allardyce (8 lbs., 21 in.), May 21.
- **Matthew Anderson**, library technology specialist, welcomed a son, Aaron Anderson (8 lbs., 2 oz., 21 in.), June 19.
- **Tammy Barrientos**, mathematics educator, welcomed a son, Antonio Arizola Barrientos (7 lbs., 10 oz., 19.5 in.), May 31.
- **Jason Frisch**, custodial specialist, welcomed a son, Cameron James Frisch (7 lbs., 3 oz., 20 in.), July 4.
- **Dennis Hughes**, senior systems administrator, welcomed a son, Matthew Robert Hughes (7 lbs., 6 oz., 19.5 in.), May 19.
- **Scott Julian**, associate professor of marketing and management, welcomed a daughter, Kristina Elizabeth Julian (8 lbs., 6 oz., 20 in.), Aug. 8.
- **Jean Prast**, fieldwork coordinator in occupational therapy, welcomed a son, Derek Michael Prast (9 lbs., 10 oz., 22 in.), May 10.
- **Andy Rishmawi**, men's soccer coach, welcomed a son, Owen David Bryant Rishmawi (7 lbs., 9 oz., 20 in.), May 17.

- **Scott Schafer**, plumber, welcomed a son, Lance Michael Schafer (10 lbs., 2 oz., 22 in.), June 1.
- **David Schall**, lecturer of mathematics, welcomed a daughter, Isabella Schall (7 lbs., 14 oz., 20 in.), June 14.

Transitions

For new faculty/staff office numbers, phone extensions, email addresses and other information, see www.svsu.edu/lookup.

NEW FACULTY

See "SVSU Welcomes New Faculty" insert in this edition of the Interior

NEW STAFF

- Neil Baumgartner – Assistant Football Coach
- Megan Biskup – Assistant Director of Career Planning & Placement
- Susan Blackhurst – Assistant Director, Health Services
- Jessica Bonnema – Resident Director
- Bryan Crainer – Resident Director
- Hillary Crichton – Health & Wellness Educator
- Michelle Davis – Database Administrative Assistant
- Alan Freed – Clifford H. Spicer Endowed Chair in Engineering
- Elaine Hunyadi – Assistant Director, Saginaw Bay Writing Project
- Kimberly Hurt – Administrative Secretary (Macomb)
- Dale Klimmek – Network Analyst
- Benjamin Lien – Instructor/Technician, Physics
- Matthew Oberlin – Ryder Center Operations & Summer Camps Coordinator
- Tesfa Smith – Assistant Football Coach
- June Stefanko – Director, Health Services
- Melissa Tibbits – Senior Secretary, Continuing Education/CBED
- Michelle Wegner – Coordinator, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

PROMOTED/TRANSFERRED/TITLE CHANGE

- Laurie Bennett – Senior Operations Specialist
- Marcus Bennett – Resident Director/Assistant Director of Residential Life
- Richard Buford – Coordinator for Campus Recreation Programs/Assistant Director, Student Life Center
- Thomas Canale – Associate Professor of Art
- Pamela Clifford – Associate Director of Alumni Relations
- Anthony Crachiola – Assistant Professor of Mathematical Sciences
- Jacqueline Detrick – Head Athletic Trainer
- Jesse Donahue – Professor of Political Science
- Ann Garcia – Technical Publication Secretary/Office Coordinator
- John Grolle – Associate Professor of Geography
- Ming-Tie Huang – Associate Professor of Physics
- John Kaczynski – Instructor of Political Science
- Jeffrey Koperski – Professor of Philosophy
- John Lesko – Associate Professor of English
- Kathy Lopez – Certification Officer
- Kimberly McDonald – Associate Certification Officer
- Todorka Nedeva – Assistant Professor of Mathematical Sciences
- Mark Nicol – Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Elizabeth Roe – Associate Professor of Nursing
- Cynthia Sager – Associate Professor of Educational Leadership
- Gerald Stuart – Director of Construction
- Stephen Taber – Associate Professor of Biology
- Tony Thomson – Director of Counseling & Health Services
- Erik Trump – Professor of Political Science
- Joseph Vogl – Director of Annual Giving
- Diana Vreeland – Interim Director of the English Language Program

LEFT/LEAVING

Janet Ader, Seve Bradley, Melissa Cribley-Wahl, Alexa Dare, Mary Dymek, Lance Edwards, Charlotte Glesner, William Graham, Danny Hsu, Abigail Jewkes, Michael Juscik, Melissa Kaczmarek, Leslye Long, James MacDonald, Corey Malloch, Scott Manley, James Matthews, Janet Miller, Donna Richards, Heather Speweik, Crystal Starkey, Heidi Vellenga, Robert S.P. Yien, Norma Zivich

RETIRED

Russell Gingras, David Hall, Gloria Hansen, Norman Sterchele, Mason Wang

Professional Profile

• **Francis C. Dane**, Finkbeiner Endowed Chair in Ethics, had a paper titled "Ethics of Stem-Cell Research: A Framework for Ethical Dialogue Regarding Sources of Conflict" published in the online journal, *Forum on Public Policy*, available at www.forumonpublicpolicy.com/index.htm/.

In addition, Dane was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society. The RSS was chartered in 1887 by Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The appointment letter was dated June 24, 2007.

• **Eric Gardner**, professor of English, has an article titled "Face to Face": Localizing Lucy Delaney's *From the Darkness Cometh the Light* in the current issue of *Legacy, A Journal of Women Writers* (24.1: 50-71). It is the first published work to consider Lucy Delaney's c.1891 slave narrative in its St. Louis contexts.

Also, Gardner presented a paper titled "Fortune-Telling, Christian Recording, and Julia Collins" at the American Literature Association's Annual Meeting in Boston.

• **Gladys Hernandez**, professor of modern foreign languages, was a finalist for the 2007 Distinguished Professor Award that has been implemented by the President's Council of the State Universities of Michigan. She and the other finalists were recognized at a June 20 luncheon in Lansing.

• **Judith Kerman**, professor of English, has had two poems, "Re:Volución" and "Canto Extraño," published in the *Mad Hatter Review*, Issue 8 LIVE, online at www.madhattersreview.com/issue8/index.shtml/. The publication includes both text and audio of the author reading each poem.

• **Jeffrey Koperski**, associate professor of philosophy, was invited to attend the first Open Theology & Science Seminar, hosted by Eastern Nazarene College and held June 17-July 6. Koperski was one of only 14 participants because of his current and potential contributions to the emerging field of open theology and science. The Open Theology and Science Seminar brings together the best open theologians to converse with prominent scientists, building a new field in the science and religion discussion to explore the issues of cosmology, biology, and human sciences as they relate to open theology.

• **Enayat Mahajerin**, professor of mechanical engineering, presented a paper titled "Computer Modeling of Vibration during Truck Transportation" at the 21st Canadian Congress of Applied Mechanics (CANCAM 2007) June 3-7 at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada.

• **Paul Munn**, professor of English, presented a paper titled "Thomas Gray's Eton Ode and Philip Larkin's 'The Building': The Poetics of Dislocation," July 1 at the 3rd Hull International Conference on the Work of Philip Larkin, in association with The Philip Larkin Centre for Poetry, The University of Hull, England. Munn also presented a paper titled "The Cultural Position of the Sonnet in the Modernist Period: Transatlantic Investments in the Sonnet in a Time of Experiment," July 14 at The 6th Biennial Symbiosis Conference, Brunel University, Uxbridge, England.

• **Carlos Ramet**, executive assistant to the president, published an article titled "Ken Follett's *On Wings of Eagles*: Narrative Negotiation of 'True Story' Fiction" in the *Michigan Academician*. The article makes extensive use of Follett's working papers, early drafts, and other original materials donated to SVSU by the British novelist, and examines the working relationship of Follett and H. Ross Perot in the early 1980s.

• **Janet E. Rubin**, professor of theatre, recently conducted a juried workshop on "Creative Partnerships: Integrating Drama/Theatre into University Classes" at the Improving University Teaching International Conference in Jaen, Spain. The conference theme was "The Creative Campus."

• **Danilo Sirias**, associate professor of management and marketing, had a paper titled "Comparing the Levels of Individualism/Collectivism Between Baby Boomers and Generation X: Implications for Teamwork," co-authored with Timothy Brotherton, assistant professor of management and marketing, and H.B. Karp (Hampton University), accepted for publication by *Management Research News*. Another paper coauthored with H.B. Karp titled "Counseling Across Generational Differences" was accepted for publication in *Virginia Counselors Journal*. Sirias also coauthored a book, *Success ... An Adventure*, that was published this year.

• **Stephen Taber**, associate professor of biology, was elected Member-at-Large to the Michigan Entomological Society.

• **Matthew Zivich**, professor of art, had one painting accepted for showing in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Open Competition 2007, held on campus at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery. The acrylic-on-canvas painting is titled "KHHVH 8.30 AM, 2005." The show ran June 1-July 12. Also, Zivich participated in the University of Michigan School of Art and Design Reconnecting: The U-M Art & Design Alumni Show, held July 13-Aug. 10 in Ann Arbor. Zivich's painting, "Flu-like Symptoms, 2007," (acrylic on canvas) was exhibited in the all-alumni art show.

Briefly Speaking

• **Drew Hinderer**, professor of philosophy, will deliver the Rush Lecture, set for 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18, in Founders Hall. Admission is free of charge.

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