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689 TO RECEIVE SVSC DEGREES

A record 689 degrees will be conferred at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, during SVSC's 16th annual commencement exercises in Cardinal gymnasium. Included will be 450 undergraduate recipients and 239 students who have earned master of arts in teaching or master of business administration degrees.

Two long-time supporters of the college will be granted honorary doctorate degrees. Josephine Griswold Ashmun of Midland will receive a doctor of fine arts degree for her encouragement and support of development of the music and fine arts programs at SVSC.

Melvin Zahnow of Saginaw, an incorporator of the college in 1963 and member of its state-appointed Board of Control since 1965, will be given a doctor of laws degree.

SVSC president Jack M. Ryder will preside during the commencement exercises. Associate professor of biology Walter R. Rathkamp will be honored for receiving the 1981 Franc A. Landee award for excellence in teaching, the college's highest faculty recognition. (See related story.) Marilyn Atkins of Lansing will be recognized by the SVSC Alumni Association, which will award her its distinguished alumni award for 1981. (See separate article.)

Mrs. Ashmun is a talented musician and supporter of the fine arts who has given much of her life to the encouragement of musical endeavor. She has played an

important role in encouraging the development of SVSC's music program. Her contribution to the arts has been extensive, and she has also had a long time interest in the Midland Symphony Orchestra. She is a voracious reader and world traveler, with a deep concern for quality in community life.

Born Josephine Griswold in Midland, she is the daughter of Thomas Griswold, Jr., and Helen Josephine Dow. She has followed the tradition established by both families of prominent leadership in the development of SVSC and Northwood Institute, Midland.

Mrs. Ashmun was an early supporter of SVSC's Pioneer Hall construction project. The Ashmun Chamber Series, instituted in 1980 by the Midland Symphony, was made possible by her. This series has also served as an outreach program to communities where an extensive musical experience had previously been unavailable. She has been a member of the John Alden Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution since 1922 and also served her church in Midland for many years as organist.

Zahnow was an incorporator of SVSC and has served as a member of its operating board since its beginning. Currently treasurer of the Board of Control, he also is a Board member for the SVSC Foundation and was instrumental in the successful fundraising campaign which made the college possible.

After graduating from Albion College in 1934, he joined the Wickes Boiler Company, Saginaw, and soon became its secretary and director. He served in similar capacities with Wickes Brothers and with the Wickes Corporation, where he also became treasurer and later vice president of finance and senior vice president. Now retired,

he continues to serve as president, treasurer and trustee of the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation.

Zahnow has been a director of the United Way of Saginaw County and the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce. He has been a trustee, vice president and executive committee member on the St. Luke's Hospital board and has served as a trustee and on the executive committee for Saginaw General Hospital. He was first chairman of the Saginaw Medical Center, a joint activity of St. Luke's and Saginaw General hospitals, and has also been a trustee and treasurer for Delta College.

He has been involved in a score of other community projects, including service as president of Neighborhood House Community Center, which named its recreation building in his honor. He has been a trustee and alumni board member for Albion College, a trustee on the Michigan Citizen's Research Council and vice president of his church. He is also a member of the Saginaw Club, Bay City Country Club, the Germania and the Saginaw Exchange Club. He and his wife, Lillian, reside in Saginaw township.

LANDEE AWARD GOES TO RATHKAMP

Walter R. Rathkamp, associate professor of biology, has been selected as this year's outstanding faculty member. He will receive the Franc A. Landee award for excellence in teaching during Saturday's commencement exercises. He was chosen by a college-wide selection committee which included faculty, administrative, student, alumni and community representatives.

"Dr. Rathkamp was selected because of his service through effective and innovative teaching. He has consistently provided outstanding leadership in areas contributing to the growth of the college. His work has helped extend SVSC's impact, people and resources into the larger community," noted SVSC president Jack M. Ryder.

The Landee award consists of a medal, monetary gift, and a year of honor in memory of the late Dr. Landee, former Dow Chemical Company research scientist who taught part-time at SVSC.

Rathkamp came to SVSC in fall 1973 as an assistant professor of biology, was promoted

to associate professor in July 1977 and presently serves as department chairman.

He has conducted extensive research into avian gland involvement in the reproductive system and in thyroid gland growth and function. He has also investigated the hypothalamus and its regulation of thyroid function TRH. Other research has involved treatment of diabetes mellitus.

Rathkamp presently serves on SVSC's Planning Resource Council and its Medical Technology Advisory and North Central Accreditation steering committees. He has been a member and chairman of the all-college judiciary and has served on the college curriculum committee and various advisory groups.

Rathkamp conducts guest lectures in endocrinology at area hospitals for medical residents and interns. He has also developed an SVSC continuing education program for physicians in "human endocrinology."

A native of Medford, Long Island, New York, he earned his B.S. degree from Cornell University in 1964 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University, where he also conducted postdoctoral research in endocrinology from 1971-73. He has published articles in the "Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Science" and in "Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications."

Memberships include the New York and Indiana academies of science, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions Incorporated, Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters and Sigma Xi. He has been named to "Who's Who in the Midwest," received an Indiana University fellowship in 1971 and earned an SVSC faculty merit award in 1977.

He and his wife, Anita, reside at 960 N. Frost Drive, Saginaw, and are the parents of three sons.

LEGAL COUNSEL IS SVSC DISTINGUISHED ALUM

Marylin Atkins started as a bank teller in Saginaw in 1965. Today she's in Lansing as a legal counsel to the Michigan legislature, drafting legislation for lawmakers. She believes her achievements have resulted from her educational experience here at SVSC,

where she received her bachelor's degree in 1973.

Atkins will be honored by SVSC with its Distinguished Alumni award at commencement.

Atkins began at SVSC in 1965, stopping out to get married and start a family in 1966. She returned to SVSC in 1971 and completed her degree in psychology in 1973. During her undergraduate years, she also cared for her aged parents and suffered the loss of her father. After graduation, she worked for the Michigan Employment Security Commission as an examiner.

An interest in the disadvantaged led Atkins to the University of Detroit Law School in 1976. While attending night school there, she continued to work full time at MESC and became assistant to the director of labor relations in Detroit. Meanwhile U. of D. gave her awards for best oralist in the Mandatory Moot Court competition and for the best brief in the Gallagher Moot Court competition.

In February 1980, Atkins passed her state bar exam and in September began working for the Legislative Service Bureau as legal counsel to the Michigan legislature. She has lectured at both grade school and high school assemblies in the belief that minority students need encouragement to succeed. Her professional memberships include the State Bar and Women's Bar associations of Michigan and the American and Michigan Trial Lawyer's associations. Atkins now lives in Lansing with her husband, Thomas, and two daughters, Elizabeth, 13 and Catherine, 12.

PLANNING VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Volunteers from the faculty, staff and student body are being sought by president Jack M. Ryder to fill five vacancies on the SVSC Planning Resource Council. The term of office is two years beginning July 1, 1981 on the 11-member group, which is chaired by Dr. Ann K. Dickey on an ex officio basis. Membership on the committee includes two deans, four faculty members, two administrators and two students. Current members whose terms are expiring are Drs. Crystal Lange, Douglas Hansen and Walter Rathkamp and Richard Thompson and Rich Gill. If you would like to be considered for membership, please send a note to Dr. Ryder by

the end of May if you are willing to be considered for appointment to this important steering committee.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP TICKETS NOW!

Because this will be SVSC's largest commencement ever, please be sure you pick up any tickets you've reserved for yourself or family now from the campus activities office in Doan Center. Tickets will not be mailed, time is running short and the supply will soon be exhausted.

Also please be reminded that the commencement rehearsal is scheduled for this Friday, May 8, at 3:00 p.m. in Cardinal gymnasium. There will not be a rehearsal on Thursday, the 7th, as had earlier been reported on the calendar. Contact Jo Stanley at ext. 4050 if you have any questions.

MAY BOARD MEETING MOVED UP; SPECIAL PLANNING SESSION ALSO SET

Although the May monthly meeting of the Board of Control would normally be scheduled for next Monday, the 11th, the session will be held instead this Friday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Pioneer Room of Pioneer Hall to coincide with commencement activities. The Board will participate in a private off-campus dinner Friday evening and will be in attendance at the commencement ceremonies on Saturday at 1:30 in the gym.

A special meeting of the Board has been called for Tuesday evening, May 12, and the morning and afternoon of Wednesday, May 13, in the Pioneer Room, to discuss the college plan for the future formulated this past year by the Planning Resource Council. Copies of all proposals from planning units, deans and vice presidents have been reviewed by both the Planning Resource Council and College Executive Committee. Members of the PRC each presented portions of the materials to the Executive Committee during an early session of planning meetings held last week.

The May 12 and 13 Board of Control sessions will be open to the public, with times to be posted and announced for the benefit of those who would like to attend. Following those discussions, president Ryder will supervise the production of a first draft of the college plan for 1981-82 to 1984-85 by Ann Dickey. This document probably will be

revised and extended annually in the future. While the first draft of the four-year plan is being written, the Executive Committee will be at work incorporating the initial stages of that plan into the 1981-82 college budget. A complete set of the current year's planning documents has been placed in the SVSC library and may be used there or checked out for 48 hours.

ACROSS CAMPUS -- *

--SVSC's Chrysallis Center has been selected for publication in the "Directory of Special Opportunities for Women," edited by Martha Merrill Doss and published by the Garrett Park Press. The "Directory" is a source of information for women preparing for a career and entry or re-entry into the work force. Chrysallis Center was chosen because it offers special services, programs, courses and testing for mature students facing changes in lifestyle or employment.

--Coach Doug Hansen's harriers did it again Saturday at Grand Valley by taking the NAIA district 23 outdoor track and field championship for the third consecutive year. Their score of 238 was a district record. Northwood placed second with 110 points, while Ferris State was third with 100 and Hillsdale, fourth with 77. SVSC's Spence Peterson set a district 23 record in the 10,000-meter run, while Eddie Brown did the same in the triple-jump. Eddie Brown also won the 400 intermediate hurdles, and other first place finishes by SVSC runners included John Stadwick in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Dave Stimpson in the 1,500-meter run, Jeff Swanson in the pole vault, and Jerry Hamling, Craig Tatum, Dan Moore and Evans Lalas took the 400-meter relay. SVSC also took 11 second places, while setting four and tying one score record. The team competes at Ferris State this Friday and Saturday in the GLIAC championship, while the NAIA nationals will be May 21-23 at Abilene, Texas.

--A grant to study medieval and renaissance music has been received by assistant professor of music Dr. Eric Nisula for study at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., from June 8 - July 31. The funding came from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

--Physical and psychological adjustments of ostomy patients will be studied at a seminar

here set for 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. next Wednesday, May 13, and sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital and SVSC. The workshop will be held in lower level Doan Center and will include treatment of ostomy patients and information about new surgical techniques and equipment used for patient care. Registration is \$25 for nurses and health care professionals, or \$10 for students, ostomy patients or family members. Lunch and materials are included. For information, call conference bureau coordinator Gerry Survant at ext. 4066.

--Area bank tellers will learn how to improve their work skills at a seminar planned for 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, in Doan Center. The daylong Professional Teller Seminar is offered through the Eastern Michigan Chapter of the Bank Administration Institute and is open to all area bank personnel. A registration fee of \$30 includes lunch and materials. Contact Rebecca Survant at State Bank of Standish, 1-846-4541, for information.

--Although the faculty led 6-0 early in the game, the SVSC staff won the annual softball game between the two formidable foes last Friday afternoon. Staff members rallied in the bottom of the ninth to tie the score as Gary Apsey hit a double, Jim Mulladore slammed a triple, and the winning run came home. Winning pitchers were Patti Zimmer and Jim Finzel. Outstanding faculty players were Eric Peterson, who made many outfield catches, and both Don Bachand and Jon Cisky, whose bats were smoking. Only injury in the game occurred when Gerry Survant sprained an ankle while sliding into third base. Final score was 14-12 in favor of the staff, but the faculty has vowed to get even later this summer.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL A HERE MONDAY

Dr. Gerald H. Miller, director of the state department of management and budget, will make a special on-campus appearance next Monday, May 11, at 4:00 p.m. in lower level Doan Center to discuss proposal A. Dr. Miller will be here to answer questions about the impact of proposal A on higher education. He will also explain the potential impact of the May 19 ballot question on Michigan families. Data will be distributed which explains how the sales and property taxes will be altered if "A" is passed. The general public is invited to attend this session.

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