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**RHEA MILLER**



**LINNEAUS DORMAN**



**ROBERT TIDERINGTON**

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## **THREE AREA RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES**

A Midland scientist, a retired Saginaw music teacher and a Saginaw businessman will be awarded honorary doctor's degrees at SVSU's annual Commencement ceremonies this weekend.

Miss Rhea Miller, a Saginaw resident, will receive a Doctor of Fine Arts at the Friday, May 6 ceremony. On the following day, a Doctor of Science degree will be conferred upon Dr. Linneaus C. Dorman of Midland, and a Doctor of Laws degree will be awarded to Robert H. Tiderington of Saginaw.

**Rhea E. Miller**, 91, is former director of Music Education for the Saginaw Public Schools. A native of Eaton Rapids, she graduated from Albion College in 1919 with a

Bachelor of Music degree, majoring in both piano and voice. She entered the field of public school music at the Township High School in Metamora, Illinois.

In 1922 she became the supervisor of music at Marshall, Minnesota. She entered the University of Michigan in 1924 to complete her A.B. degree. In September 1926, she joined the Music Department of the Saginaw Public Schools, teaching vocal music and piano in the first three grades of the west side schools. She also directed the Girls Glee Club at Arthur Hill High School.

Her interest in orchestra and orchestral music stimulated the promotion of the elementary string program. City-wide Sunday afternoon concerts for the string players and their parents were arranged to encourage and further an interest in

orchestral music.

Miss Miller provided continual incentives for high standard performances by junior-senior high school instrumental organizations. She encouraged them to appear in parades and school concerts. Annual scholarships to the Interlochen Music Camp, given by the Morley Foundation, were awarded to deserving junior-senior high school students from each school.

Miss Miller was recognized statewide as an authority in music education for the classroom teacher. She developed a unique program of eurhythmics, which was demonstrated throughout the state, for elementary children.

During her tenure in the Saginaw Public Schools, Miss Miller was active in community musical activities, including the Tuesday Musicales. She served as a long-time board member and president of the Saginaw Community Concerts Association. She also served on the board of the Saginaw Art Museum, at which time she presented Sunday Afternoon Wind Concerts.

Miss Miller holds a life membership in the Music Educators National Con-

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ference. She retired from the Saginaw Public Schools in 1965.

**Dr. Linneaus C. Dorman** joined the Dow Chemical Co. in 1960 in the Special Assignments program. He has earned several promotions during his employment with Dow, moving successively to the E.C. Britton Laboratory, Pharmaceutical Research, the Central Research Plastics Laboratory and the Central Research Polymer Research Laboratory. His position titles have included Research Chemist, Senior Research Chemist and Senior Research Specialist.

In 1983 he was named Associate Scientist, recognizing the many significant contributions he made in several areas of research, especially in the biomedical field. Dorman holds more than 20 U.S. patents, and has been recognized for his research on mineral-filled poly (amino acid) composites. His role in the development of a latex-based pregnancy test reagent, the development of new methods in solid-phase synthesis and his work on peptide synthesis also has achieved recognition. Much of his work is known and respected internationally and is covered by foreign patents.

Dorman has written numerous scientific papers. He holds membership in several professional organizations and honorary societies, including the American Chemical Society, in which he has held local, regional and national offices.

Other memberships include the National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Black Executive Exchange Program of the National Urban League and the Society for the Advancement of

Material and Process Engineering.

Dorman also has been active in civic organizations, among them the Midland Jaycees, the Midland Commission on Community Relations, the Midland Rotary Club, the Midland Black Coalition, the Midland Foundation, the United Negro College Fund Inc. and the Midland Center for the Arts Board of Directors. He is a life member of NAACP.

Dorman is an emeritus member of the SVSU Board of Fellows. He served as secretary, vice chairman and chairman of the Board for two years.

Born in South Carolina, Dorman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Bradley University and a Ph.D. degree in chemistry from Indiana University. He and his wife Phae reside in Midland and are the parents of two children, Evelyn Suzanne and John Albert III.

**Robert H. Tiderington** is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Fischer-Flack Inc. The firm was created through the merger of the Flack-Pennell Co., purchased by Tiderington in 1955, and the J. George Fischer Co., which he purchased in 1971.

Tiderington attended the Detroit Business Institute. His business career began with his employment as a stockman and delivery driver for Detroit Ball Bearing Co. in 1935. In 1941, following his marriage to Charlotte Hughes, he transferred to the Saginaw Branch of Detroit Ball Bearing Co. Soon after, he was promoted to manager of that operation.

Active in community affairs, Tiderington is past president

of the Saginaw Downtown Lions Club, the Saginaw Club, and of the Saginaw Township Board of Education. He also served as president of Junior Achievement of Saginaw County and of the United Way of Saginaw County.

He currently serves on the directing boards of St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals Inc., and the Navy League. He is secretary-treasurer of St. Luke's Healthcare Association and president of the Home for the Aged and of the Japanese Cultural Center and Tea House.

Other organizations that have benefited from Tiderington's board service include Family Federal Savings and Loan Association, United Way of Michigan, Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, Samaritan Center of Saginaw Valley and Saginaw Valley Rehabilitation Center. He is past vice president of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce.

His current memberships include the Saginaw Club, Saginaw Country Club, Torch Club, Germania of Saginaw, Hidden Valley and Otsego Ski Club, Elf Khurafeh Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters Court #74, and the Bay City Consistory. He is Past Master of Pioneer Lodge #79 F&AM, and continues to be an active member of the organization.

Tiderington is a member of Cardinal Club and Coaches Corner.

The Tideringtons reside in Saginaw Township and are parents of three sons, Robert H. III, James E. and Thomas E.

## SVSU, MESC OPEN PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT OFFICE

SVSU is the new home of the Michigan Employment Security Commission Job Service's Professional Placement Office. The office will service all tri-city area residents with an associate's or higher degree from any college or university.

The two groups attribute the opening of the office to the increasing number of people in the area who do not use their higher education skills. They hope to remedy this situation by finding employment for these people through the office. Applicants can receive training in job-seeking skills, resumé writing and interview techniques. Professional employment counseling also is available.

The agreement is unique to the state, according to Jill Szagesh of MESC, who will work with the SVSU staff to assist applicants in utilizing their education to the fullest possible extent.

"Many people with college degrees, including recent graduates, have great expertise in their chosen fields; but they are not experts in finding employment," Szagesh said. "The Professional Placement Office can provide assistance."

Gary Apsey, director of placement, cooperative education and counseling services, said the University will be a professional environment for people to come for assistance. Apsey's office will oversee the Professional Placement Office.

Apsey also said that the University will receive exposure by professionals coming here.

"We will have someone here that can help degreed professionals find employment," Apsey said.

MESC and SVSU have a one-year contract, which began April 18 when the office opened.

The office is located on the first floor of Wickes Hall. For an appointment, call extension 4072.

## TYNER MEMORIAL AWARD SET

The English department has established a creative writing endowment fund in memory of Dr. Raymond Tyner, former professor of English, who died April 10.

Tyner joined the staff in September 1968.

Checks or pledges may be made payable to the SVSU Foundation. A notation should be included stating "The Raymond E. Tyner Creative Writing Award."

## COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES ON MAY 6 AND 7

The 23rd Annual Commencement ceremonies will take place May 6 and 7 in Cardinal Gymnasium.

The events will feature the first students to graduate since the college became a university. Diplomas will be bestowed upon bachelor and master degree candidates.

In addition, honorary doctorates will be awarded to Rhea Miller, Dr. Linneaus Dorman and Robert Tidington. The Distinguished Alumni Award will be given to David Roche. The Warrick Award will be given to Dr. H.S. Chen, professor of physics; and the Landee Award to Dr. Eric Petersen, professor of history.

## ACROSS CAMPUS

-- The campus community extends its sympathy to the family of **Betty Chenoweth-Wineland**, Bookstore manager, on the recent death of her husband Dr. Maynard Chenoweth. Condolences also are extended to **Sue Leonard**, executive secretary to the vice president for academic affairs, on the death of her father; and **Dr. Matthew Margres**, assistant professor of psychology, on the death of his father.

-- Congratulations are in order for **Dora and Noel Garcia**, senior accounting clerk and Bookstore shipping/receiving clerk, on the birth of their first child on April 24. Adam Noel was 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds, 9½ ounces. Also, **Joyce Payne**, parking bureau clerk, and her husband Patrick had a baby boy, Kevin Patrick, on March 17.

## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

-- The Valley Film Society will show "**Miracle in Milan**," an Italian film, beginning at 7:45 p.m., May 6 in the Theatre. For ticket information, call extension 4332.

-- The **Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club** will name its Entrepreneurs of the Year and Master Entrepreneur during a May 11 meeting in Lower Level Doan. The evening begins at 6 p.m.

-- The dedication of the newest campus structure, the **Arbury Fine Arts Center and Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery**, will take place at 2 p.m., May 15.

## TRANSITIONS

This column lists staff changes that occurred during April. Please note the changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory.

### Promotions/transfers

-- **Ms. Jane Anderson**, promoted to assistant controller in the Office of the Controller.

-- **Ms. Alice Cornejo** (ext. 5669), promoted to coordinator of personnel services in the Personnel Office.

-- **Ms. Nancy Deike** (ext. 4109), promoted to assistant to the director of personnel in the Personnel Office.

-- **Mr. Brian Fisher**, promoted to financial analyst in the Office of the Controller.

### Departing staff

-- **Mr. Randy Julian**, custodian, third shift.

-- **Mr. Jeff Muno**, assistant computer operator for the Valley Library Consortium.

### FACULTY FAMILIES NET HONORS

Two children of SVSU faculty recently earned top honors in the Michigan Middle School Regional Mathematics Competition at Delta College on April 23.

Sponsored by the Michigan Council of Teachers of mathematics, the event included more than 400 students representing more than 50 school districts in the Thumb and east central regions. The students qualified by winning local competitions.

Andrew Thaler, son of Robert J. Thaler, assistant professor of sociology, snagged first

place among all sixth grade competitors. Andrew Menard, son of Dr. Albert Menard, associate professor of physics, placed third in the seventh grade division.

The duo will join young mathematicians from seven other regional sites in the State Mathematics Finals Competition at Central Michigan University on May 21.

### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

-- **Dr. Douglas Hansen**, professor of physical education and education, made a presentation April 29 to the Compensatory Education State Conference in Kalamazoo. Hansen discussed "Problem Solving for Compensatory Education Students."

-- **Mrs. P. Ann Rae**, associate professor of social work, and **Dr. Deborah Bishop**, assistant professor of management, will discuss "Motivation/Job Satisfaction" May 4 during the "Tools for Success" conference of the Michigan Association of Volunteer Administrators in Frankenth.

### HIGH FIVE

-- The **women's tennis** team will make its seventh straight trip to the NAIA national tournament in Overland Park, Kansas. The Lady Cardinals won the NAIA District 23 tournament at Aquinas during the weekend.

-- The Lady Cardinal **softball** squad lost to Wayne State 2-0 in the GLIAC tournament, forcing a tie between the two schools for the league title. The crown is the second for SVSU, which won the title outright in 1984. The Cards are the top seed in the NAIA District 23 tournament at

Vet's Park today and tomorrow as the defending champs.

-- The **baseball** team lost two to Siena Heights on Tuesday, 7-1 and 10-7; swept Northwood on Friday, 6-3 and 3-0; lost two to GVSU on Saturday, 4-3 and 15-7; then split with Oakland on Sunday, 3-4 and 5-1. The Cards are now 23-22 overall and 7-9 in the GLIAC. Senior third baseman Ray Stover became the all-time RBI leader with 146 and also became the third Cardinal to reach 200 career hits.

-- The **golf** team finished seventh among 14 teams at its own Bay Valley Intercollegiate Golf Tournament at Bay Valley Golf Club on Friday and Saturday. Freshman Mark Yates was the top Cardinal finisher with 81-74 for 155, tying for eighth. Ferris won the 15th annual meet for the sixth time.

-- During the Hillsdale Relays, sophomore **trackster** Verlynda Wilson set an SVSU record in the triple jump with her 36-foot, one-inch second place leap. Junior Jeanette Elwell won the 100 meters in 12.18 to qualify for the NAIA nationals. Sophomore Tom Badour won the high jump with a 6-foot, nine-inch leap. The Cards will be at Grand Valley on Friday for a GLIAC meet.

### EVENT WATCH

May 2-3...SB Districts  
May 6...VFS:  
"Miracle in Milan"  
May 6-7...Commencement  
May 7...BB vs. Hillsdale  
May 11...Entrepreneurs  
May 13...District Track

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May 1 (Sunday)	CLOSED
May 2-6	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
May 7 (Saturday)	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
May 8 (Sunday)	CLOSED
May 9 (Begin Summer Term)	Regular Summer Hours
May 30 (Memorial Day)	CLOSED
July 3-4 (Independence Day)	CLOSED
August 18-19 (Final Exams)	Regular Hours
August 20-21 (Weekend)	CLOSED
August 22-26	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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August 29 (Begin Fall Term)	Regular Fall Hours
September 5 (Labor Day)	CLOSED

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