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## Science Club Seeks Funds for Second Endowed Scholarship

Having successfully met a monetary goal to endow a biology/chemistry scholarship, the SVSU Science Club plans to raise money for a second scholarship, this one to fund student research projects.

As with the first award, \$10,000 is needed to create the endowment. Grants representing the cost of one credit hour of senior research will be awarded upon the successful completion of study in biology, chemistry, mechanical and electrical engineering or physics.

The club has set a June 30, 2000 target date for completing fund raising efforts, with \$2,500 due by June 30, 1994. Club members recently received a \$500 check to kick off the campaign. The money was earned by support services the students provided to Dow Corn-

ing Corporation during a regional conference held on campus. The conference was co-sponsored by the College of Science, Engineering and Technology and Dow Corning.

## Director of Institutional Research Appointed

Dr. Jan W. Lyddon has been appointed Director of Institutional Research at SVSU. She will begin her duties Feb. 1, 1990.

Currently Lyddon is a legislative research analyst for Michigan's House Democratic Research Staff. She also is an adjunct faculty member at Davenport College of Business. Earlier experience includes positions with Michigan State University's Center for Urban Affairs, the Legal Aid Bureau of Greater Lansing and Voluntary Action Center of Greater Lansing.

Lyddon recently completed a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Michigan. She holds an M.P.A. from Western Michigan University, an M.A. from MSU and a B.S. from Iowa State University.

"We believe Dr. Lyddon brings valuable experience and strong preparation to this support position, and we are delighted that we have been able to attract her to our University community," said SVSU President Eric Gilbertson.



Dr. Jan W. Lyddon



Dow Corning Corporation's Bonnie Miller (c) and Dr. Larry Ruhr (r) present a \$500 check to Joe Grappin (l), president of the SVSU Science Club. The honorarium earned by club members will be applied toward a science research scholarship.

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## **SVSU, Redcoats to Host Softball Tournament**

SVSU has joined forces with the Midland Redcoats to serve as hosts for the 1990 and 1991 Division II National Women's Softball Championships. The "Final Four" event will feature the top four teams in the nation competing in a double-elimination tournament May 18-20.

SVSU athletic director Bob Becker, who has served as tournament director for four NAIA National Golf Championship Tournaments, and Marty McGuire, director of parks and recreation for the City of Midland, worked together to prepare a formal bid to the NCAA last month.

"We're excited about the opportunity to host the event and we'll run a first-class tournament," predicted Becker.

Past president of the Redcoats, McGuire will serve as Tournament Director. The Redcoats were founded in 1975 to promote the Midland community through softball. The group has hosted nine national events, including the world softball championships in 1984.

"It was apparent to me the NCAA's number one concern was to make this event a quality experience for its student-athletes," McGuire said. "I think our track record was the deciding factor in getting the bid."

"We would not have been able to win the bid without a history of success in hosting national events, said Becker. I think the Redcoats and SVSU are highly regarded for our efforts in hosting events like this."

The Lady Cardinals won their first-ever women's national championship by claiming the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) crown last spring. SVSU since has dropped its NAIA affiliation to comply with legislation passed by its Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and has become exclusively an NCAA member.

In the fall of 1988 SVSU Coach Art Tolfree dreamed of his team winning the NAIA title then saw the dream come true last spring. He returns all nine starters from his 39-13 championship team. "The final four is an elite group and SVSU figures to be in the hunt to make it," said McGuire.

The four teams will meet for first round games Friday evening, May 18. Three games are scheduled for Saturday, to eliminate two teams. The championship and "if necessary" games will be played Sunday evening.

All games will be played in Currie Stadium, a 3,500-seat lighted field. Becker also suggested the possibility of hosting a regional tournament prior to the national event if SVSU advances.

## **Letterhead Orders Due**

The Graphics Center will be printing SVSU letterhead in January. Departments and offices are asked to place letterhead orders now, as letterhead will not be printed again until July. For more information, contact Information Services at extension 4039.

## **Children's Center Has Openings**

The SVSU Children's Center has openings for children ages two to six. For information about hours, rates or Children's Center services and programs, call coordinator/teacher Brenda Lee at 753-8631.



*Marty McGuire (r), director of parks and recreation in Midland, joins SVSU Athletic Director Bob Becker to host NCAA Division II National Women's Softball Championships in 1990 and 1991.*

(Lyddon, cont. from pg. 1)

Lyddon will conduct research directed at identifying trends, relationships between variables and concepts useful in understanding student behavior. She will participate in University decision-making through the provision of a variety of analyses, interpretations and assessment of trends for higher education and for SVSU, and she will develop data required by external agencies. She replaces Dr. Ann K. Dickey, but the redefined position does not include responsibility for institutional planning.

### Briefly Speaking

-- **The Marshall M. Fredericks Gallery** will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20.

-- A retrospective exhibit of the work of **Henry and Julia Roecker** will be on display in the University Art Gallery from Jan. 9 through Jan. 31. For Gallery hours call extension 4159.

### Professional Profile

-- **Dr. Jill Wetmore**, associate professor of finance, has had an article accepted for publication in *The Financial Review*. The article, titled "Interest Rate Risk and the Optimal Gap: An Empirical Study," is co-authored with **John R. Brick**, Michigan State University professor of finance.

-- **Will Mulvaney**, assistant professor of management, presented a paper at the annual National Conference of the Association of Black Culture Centers, held at Knox College on Nov. 10. The paper, titled "A Dual Strategic Focus for Black Culture Centers and Colleges," is co-authored with **Dr. Joseph Ofori-Dankwa**, assistant professor of management.

-- A painted foam core sculpture by **Matthew Zivich**, professor of art, was awarded honorable mention in the All Area 1989 exhibition at the Saginaw Art Museum. The piece, described as an homage to the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, is titled "Falling Water." **Michelle Rose-Shields**, curator and museum director for the Cranbrook Academy of Art, was juror for the show.

## Bilingual/Bicultural Center Honors Students

Bilingual students and their spouses were recognized for various achievements at the 4th annual awards night program Dec. 9. More than 40 certificates and awards were presented at the banquet held in Bay City.

Five students received bilingual teaching endorsements. Nine were recognized for completing requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree. Nine were honored for achieving the Deans' List during fall semester 1988 and/or winter semester 1989, while three received accolades for attaining the President's List during the 1988-89 academic year.

Several spouses and parents received certificates of appreciation for support given to their student family members and to Bilingual/Bicultural Center programs.

"Go Get 'Em" Awards went to **Brenda Del Rio** and **Virginia Cruz**, who are enrolled in the student teaching program.

The banquet was dedicated to the memory of **Ephriam Lopez**, who was a student of the program.



*Elida Mendoza (l) receives a certificate of appreciation from Bilingual/Bicultural Center Director Jose Valderas (c) while Dean of Education David Nelson looks on. Mendoza and her husband, Juan, are the parents of Dora Mendoza, a graduate of the Bilingual/Bicultural program.*



*Art historians and critics agree on at least two things about artist Andy Warhol: he always wanted to be famous, and he achieved the fame he always wanted. However, according to Tara Glass Robinson (above), coordinator for the Statewide Services of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Warhol's biggest disappointment might be that his death prevented him from enjoying his notoriety. Robinson, who was on campus Dec. 6 to present a slide lecture in conjunction with the Midland Center for the Arts exhibit "Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes of Fame," explained Warhol created a public image of himself that was "an art in itself." The traveling exhibit of Warhol's works will remain on display at the Midland Center for the Arts through Jan. 7.*

### Across Campus

-- Mrs. Barbara Mitchell, wife of Dean of Business and Management James L. Mitchell, is a patient in St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw. The campus community wishes her a speedy and full recovery.

Forum  
to discuss  
Issues in Higher Education  
hosted by SVSU  
in cooperation with  
Presidents Council,  
State Universities of Michigan

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.  
January 23, 1990  
Ryder Center  
(Details to be announced in January)

### High Five

-- Junior guard Rod Creech became the 13th Cardinal to score 1,000 points in his career by netting 26 points in a 93-74 men's basketball victory at Aquinas College Saturday. Creech now has 1,005 points as he helped the Cardinals snap a two-game losing streak and improve their overall record to 6-3.

SVSU began a four-game home stand by hosting Northwood Institute Monday. Spring Arbor College will visit O'Neill Arena Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Cardinals close 1989 by resuming GLIAC play, hosting Northern Michigan University Saturday, Dec. 30 at 3 p.m.

The Lady Cardinal basketball team split two decisions at the Huskie Classic in St. Cloud, Minnesota, last weekend. Host St. Cloud State University beat SVSU 76-65 Friday night, but the Cards rebounded with a 74-56 win over Mankato State University, Saturday.

SVSU concluded the trip by playing Cal State-Los Angeles Monday. The Lady Cards face a 12-day Christmas break before returning to action Saturday, Dec. 30 in O'Neill Arena against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at 1 p.m.

### Personnel

The following position is open to all regular employees of the University until Friday, Dec. 22, 1989:

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, Greater Saginaw Valley Regional Education Cooperative - One-year, grant funded (replacement) position. Grade Level 4; rate of pay \$7.75 per hour. For details, contact the Personnel Office at extension 4112.

### Happy Holidays!

SVSU offices, except for those providing essential student services, will close at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 22. Normal office operations will resume Wednesday, Jan. 3.

# InnerView

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## "Blowing Up" O.K. in this Chem Class

As an undergraduate student, Peter Moehs was intrigued by the accomplishments of a physical chemistry professor who used glass blowing techniques to make equipment for the lab. "That attracted me; I asked if I could come into the lab on the side and use the (glass blowing) equipment," Moehs said.

"Slowly I built up the skills."

It's an interest that has stayed with Moehs, and now he teaches glass blowing periodically as an elective course at SVSU.

"I like to think of it as a fun course for the students," he says, but indicates he includes both art and practical glass work in the course. Students who enroll "need to be able to make some artistic pieces of glass," he said, noting they are required to make something out of solid glass as well as tubular glass.

Delicate, curving swans are a beginning project, but many students go on to make quite intricate pieces. Miniature sailing vessels, trees and a variety of other pieces presented to Moehs by those who completed his class decorate the shelves in his office. He clearly is proud of their work.

Moehs's interest in students also is evident in his service as advisor to the SVSU Science Club. He has held that role since 1973. The group was organized as a chemistry club by Dr. Berner Gorden, Moehs said, and still maintains ties to the American Chemical Society, though membership has broadened to include biology, engineering and nursing students and others interested in science.

For the past three years, the club has sponsored a series of seminars designed to attract and involve the public. The series focuses on topics of general interest, such as asbestos dangers, AIDS and radon.

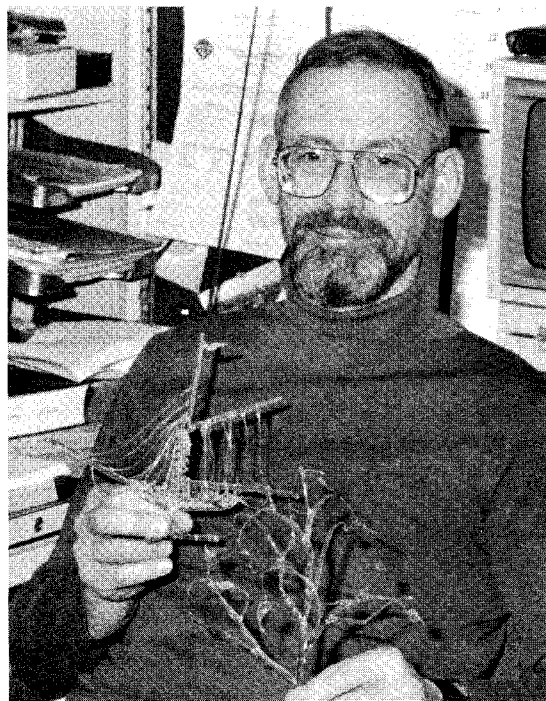
A few years ago, Moehs and the Science Club members took on another challenge -- securing funding for an endowed scholarship for biology/chemistry. They achieved their \$10,000 goal last year.

Now the group has embarked on another challenge -- members are out to raise \$10,000 for a second endowed scholarship, this one to fund science research by SVSU students. Their effort was initiated with a check for \$500 earned by service to the Dow Corning Corporation. (See related story on page 1.)

Moehs's enthusiasm for working with students leads to obvious interaction with the scholars, who pop in with questions or for casual conversation. It is evident in Moehs's reflection upon changes at SVSU.

Now a professor of chemistry, Moehs joined the SVSU faculty in 1969 when the institution had little in the way of facilities. That has changed in the intervening years. "We have a fantastic physical facility," he says "and equipment is exceptional."

He pauses and notes, "I think, however, that we do not have enough (full-time) faculty to support our facilities and students." It's not only time in the classroom that counts, he feels, but accessibility outside of the formal teaching situation that creates superior education. "I think we have lost sight of that a little bit over the years."



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## Yikes! Residential Housing Post Has Many Facets

Brian E. Gano finds himself playing a variety of roles in his position as assistant director of housing and residential life at SVSU. Most recently, he was pressed into service -- with only a couple of hours' notice -- as Santa for the Dec. 6 Christmas gala sponsored by Campus Activities.

With the aid of three pillows and the usual red and white costume complete with flowing beard, Gano managed to transform his lanky frame into a credible Santa. "I decided to go out and around campus and invite more people to come to the party," Gano said. In a brief time he managed to visit most buildings, spreading a bit of early holiday cheer.

Most days Gano can be found in and around Doan Center, the dormitories or Pine Grove Apartments, performing a host of tasks. He genuinely enjoys his duties, aimed at making the residential housing experience a pleasant one for campus dwellers.

"To me, it is the variety that's rewarding," he says. "I enjoy being around students. There is always something new going on. We have such a small staff that we get involved with a variety of things."

The work has a seasonal flow, Gano says. "It changes all the time. In the summer there are conferences." The summer guests, he reports, are quick to show their appreciation of the appearance of accommodations, as well

as the quality of services provided.

By contrast, students tend to report problems. "When things don't go right, we hear about them."

During fall and winter semesters, Gano's duties tend to focus on "the operations side" of housing. He deals with budgeting, purchasing, computer input and similar tasks, as well as programs to keep the buildings problem-free.

"This year we started a new program," he explains. "Every week a member of the residential housing staff visits one of the houses to make sure that students are keeping the suites looking good." Following the unannounced inspection, an award is presented to the best suite in the house.

"The award may be a plant, or a pizza or something else we think the students will enjoy." The purpose of the program, he says, is to instill pride and ultimately to insure that health and safety standards are maintained.

Word is getting around, so students are beginning to expect the impromptu visits and keep their suites in what they hope will be award-winning condition, he says.

Gano came to SVSU as a student in 1970. He was among the campus crew of student workers, but also moonlighted as a performer in a rock band. He played keyboard and "even did some singing," he notes. While he no longer performs, he has fond memories of those days. "When you play for people, you make them happy. Everybody wins."

Life hasn't always been a bowl of cherries for Gano, however. After four years of coaching the SVSU tennis team, a stint that included participation in national playoffs each year, Gano resigned from the position to spend more time with his children. His marriage was dissolving, and he felt it important to give as much stability as possible to his children. "My children really mean a lot to me," he says.

