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Three to Receive Honorary Degrees May 5

An area legislator, a lawyer who formerly served on the SVSU governing board, and the director of the University of Detroit's Institute for Urban Affairs each will receive Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees at Commencement ceremonies May 5.

Those being recognized are Saginaw attorney Hugo E. "Ted" Braun Jr., Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives Lewis N. Dodak, and Executive Director of the Institute for Urban & Community Affairs, University of Detroit, Marc Stepp. The honorary degrees will be conferred during the annual graduation ceremony scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 5 in Ryder Center's O'Neill arena.

Ted Braun served on the SVSU Board of Control from 1981 to 1989. His tenure included service as treasurer and as secretary of the board. He also served on the board of directors of the SVSU Foundation, where he held the position of secretary.

A Saginaw native, Braun attended Arthur Hill High School and is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Michigan Law School. He is a partner in the law firm of Braun, Kendrick, Finkbeiner, Schafer & Murphy.

Braun long has been active in community and charitable activities. He is a trustee and vice president of the Wickes Foundation, trustee and past president of the Saginaw Community Foundation, trustee and past president of the United Way of Saginaw County, past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saginaw General Hospital, past president of the Child and Family Service of Saginaw, past president of the Saginaw Community Clinic, and past trustee of the Voluntary Action Center.

In 1987 Braun was the recipient of the annual Outstanding Volunteer Award, presented by the United Way of Saginaw County in recognition of community service.

From 1957 through 1983, Braun served as an instructor in real estate law for the University of Michigan and the Michigan Association of Realtors. He is co-author of the book, The Language of Real Estate In Michigan, and was appointed by the Governor to the Real Estate License Law Commission.

He serves on the boards of directors of Second National Bank of Saginaw, Citizens Banking Corp. and Wolohan Lumber Co.

Braun has been affiliated with many organizations and clubs. He served as treasurer of the Saginaw County Bar Association and is past president of the University of Michigan Alumni Club. He has been active with the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Saginaw Club.

Braun and his wife, Ruth, are the parents of three children.

Lewis N. Dodak (D-Birch Run) was elected by his colleagues in January 1989 to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives. He is the first Michigan-born Speaker in 29 years, the first Saginaw County lawmaker to become Speaker, and the 77th person to hold this position.

Dodak, who is of Slavic descent, was raised on a farm in Saginaw County. His family still owns and operates the farm. Growing up in a large farm family instilled in Dodak the important values of family, hard work and sincerity.

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Ranked the most effective state legislator in a 1988 Detroit News survey, Dodak began his political career in Taymouth Township, where he was elected supervisor in 1974. He was first elected to represent the 86th House District in 1976 and consistently has won re-election. He was chosen House Majority Floor Leader in 1985 and 1987. He has been praised for his work in such areas as insurance liability reform, transportation, farm issues, local government and community service.

A Vietnam veteran, Dodak served in the 25th Infantry Division that set a record for enduring 234 consecutive days in combat. The unit was portrayed in the movie Platoon.

Dodak and his wife, Mildred, who currently serves as Saginaw County Register of Deeds, have two sons and a daughter.

Marc Stepp was born in Versailles, KY, but moved to Evansville, IN, while still in elementary school. He graduated form the Wolverine Trade School in Detroit, attended Lewis Business College in Detroit, and graduated from the University of Detroit with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He has completed certificate courses at the Wayne State University School of Law.

Stepp has been active in the United Auto Workers union since joining the Chrysler Corporation in 1942. He has held a number of union positions, including chief steward, chairman of the shop bargaining committee, vice president of Local 490, negotiator for the National Negotiating Committee, staff member of Region 1B of UAW International, and vice president of International Union, UAW. He is chairman of the Southeastern Michigan Community Action Program.

Also politically active, Stepp is a member of the Michigan State Democratic Party State Central Committee and has been a member of the Democratic National Committee since 1977. He serves on the steering committee of the National Democratic Party Black Caucus and is a member-at-large of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments.

Stepp is affiliated with numerous community organizations and serves on a number of boards. Among them are the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the National Council of Christians and Jews, the NAACP finance board, the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, the Metropolitan Affairs Corporation, Boys Republic and Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan. He also is a board member for Metropolitan Detroit Realty Corporation, Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO Council, First Independence National Bank and Transafrica, Inc.

Stepp and his wife, Eleanor, are residents of Detroit.

VFS to Nominate '90-'91 Films

Kicking off its 12th season, the Valley Film Society will nominate films for the 1990-91 season on Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in room 108 of the Science Building. The Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the best in classic and contemporary films to the tri-city area.

Those joining before the selection process is complete may do so at a discounted rate of $18.50 for regular membership, and $8.50 for students. The non-discounted rate is $21. Films are shown on the first and third Friday of each month, September through May. For more information, call ext. 4332.

Spectators enjoy browsing through the student art exhibit, which closes April 25. The work by SVSU student artists in a variety of mediums has been on display in the University Art Gallery throughout the month.
MAGB Honors Students, Faculty

SVSU seniors Thomas J. Nellenbach and Amy Rogers, along with Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Enayat Mahajerin and Professor of Economics Hong Y. Park, were among the honorees at the April 18 Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities awards convocation. The annual event recognizes distinguished faculty and outstanding students from each of the 15 public four-year universities in the state.

Nellenbach is graduating in management and finance with a cumulative grade point average of 3.7. He has been on the SVSU Deans' List for four semesters and on the President's List for two. He is a member of Alpha Chi honor society and has twice been listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. He also is a recipient of the Award for Excellence and the Residential Life Scholarship. He serves as assistant hall director.

Rogers has successfully managed the dual role of part-time student and working parent as she completed degree requirements in SVSU's Honors Program. Her senior thesis is titled "Marginal Lands in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio." Rogers was 1989-90 editor-in-chief of the Valley Vanguard, and heads the newly organized Campus Women's Support Group. She is a member of Alpha Chi honor society and she tutors in the Writing Center as well as the history department's "Write to Learn Program." She also serves on the All-campus Judiciary.

Mahajerin joined the SVSU faculty in 1984. He has conducted research related to structural analysis, composite materials, applied mathematics and computer modeling and has numerous publications dealing with various aspects of mechanical engineering and computer applications to his credit. He was the 1988-89 recipient of SVSU's Franc A. Landee Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Park came to SVSU in 1975. A native of Korea, he specializes in economic theory, economic development and regional and resource economics. He initiated and is editor of the SVSU Economic and Business Review and he directs the SVSU Center for Economic and Business Research. He was the 1988-89 recipient of the Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research.

Safety Brochure Earns Praise

Alex G. Perez, Saginaw chief of police, and Dennis D. Browning, school safety officer for the Saginaw Police Department, have commended two SVSU nursing students for developing a brochure on school bus safety.

As a special project for their Maternal/Child Nursing class, Bethany Blasius, a junior from Vassar, and Mary Leen, a senior from Car-sonville, created a brochure that provides bus safety tips, puzzles and games for children. The class is taught by Beth McNott-Fettinger, instructor of nursing.

Seven thousand copies of the brochure have been printed with plans for an additional fall run. Officer Browning will use the brochure in conjunction with his presentation on bus safety, which he gives with the help of a remote-control bus named "Buster." Browning and Buster speak to children at Saginaw schools and the Saginaw County Fair.

In addition to developing the brochure, Blasius and Leen delivered a bus safety program to children during a health fair held March 27-28. "I wish to thank these students and SVSU for all the help," Perez writes.

Area Entrepreneurs to be Honored

Owners, founders and managers of four small businesses in the Saginaw Valley will be recognized for outstanding accomplishments at the Wednesday, May 9 meeting of the Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club. The annual awards are based on job creation and economic stimulation achieved by the businesses, as well as sustained profitability, innovation and creativity.

The keynote address will be presented by Stephen B. Vogt of Ludington, Michigan. He will address the need for better partnerships between business and education. He places special importance on utilizing entrepreneurial methods for initiating and sustaining business/education partnerships.

The meeting begins with a 6 p.m. social hour, followed by dinner at 7, the keynote address at 8:15 and presentation of awards at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are $9.50 in advance and reservations are recommended. For more information, call the BIDI office at ext. 4048.
Briefly Speaking

- The Career Adjustment Planning Program series continues tonight with a session on role changes. The program concludes with a May 1 seminar on fitness for life. The sessions are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the large seminar room, Administrative Services Bldg.

- A follow-up session for participants in the Worksite Health Promotion Program takes place at noon Thursday, April 26. The group will meet in room C256 Ryder Center.

- The Distance Learning symposium takes place Friday, April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. in Wickes Hall. For more information, call ext. 4113.

Professional Profile

- Tirumale Ramesh, assistant professor of electrical engineering, presented a paper titled "A Re-Configurable Reduced Bus Multiprocessor Interconnection Network" at the Fifth Distributed Memory Computing Conference April 9-12 in Charleston, SC. The conference, aimed to foster greater interaction among groups of parallel computing community worldwide, was sponsored by U.S. scientific research organizations that included the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, NASA Ames Research Laboratory and Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

- Margaret M. Flatt, associate professor of nursing, spoke to the Vietnam War class at Delta College. She was one of a panel of speakers addressing the topic of the wounds of war. The physical and psychic traumas experienced by military personnel who served in the war were discussed. Information on current research and related experiences with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Agent Orange was shared with students.

- Dr. Altaf-Ur-Rahman, professor of electrical engineering, has been granted a University Faculty Grant by the National Engineering Consortium Information Industry Faculty Grant Committee to attend the 1990 Eastern Communications Forum May 7-9 in Boston. Participation in the forum provides the opportunity to keep current in information sciences by interacting with professionals from major universities and corporations.

- A photo titled "Ciba/Pin with Light Bulb" by Hideki Kihata, assistant professor of art, took first place at the Buckham Gallery Works on Paper competition. The exhibit included 55 works selected from more than 500 entries. Another Kihata photo, "Mural: Window," received Honorable Mention at the Michigan Fine Arts competition held by the Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Association. Kihata also has been invited to serve on the Alma College art department's Honorary Advisory Board to review the works of the school's graduating art students.

Across Campus

- Condolences are extended to former SVSU President Jack M. Ryder and his wife, Lila, on the death of Mrs. Ryder's father. Dredlen Baker died Saturday, April 21 following an extended illness. His funeral took place this morning, with arrangements by the Bedino-Fox Funeral Home in Riley, Indiana.

High Five

- Freshman Ron Cole became the second Cardinal golfer in 21 seasons to shoot a hole-in-one, leading SVSU with a 71 round at the Tri-State University Invitational Saturday. The Cardinals finished fifth among 12 teams in the tournament. First-year Coach Joe Vogl had the other ace for SVSU in 1975.

The SVSU track teams earned nine first-place finishes at the Spartan Open at Michigan State University Saturday. Junior Sue Breternitz won three events, including the shot-put, discus and javelin. Junior Merritt Anderson set a school record with a 50-6½ toss in the shot-put.

SVSU's school-record 14-game softball win streak was snapped in a 3-2 loss at Hillsdale College Friday. The No. 8-ranked Lady Cardinals came back to sweep double-headers at Lake Superior and Ferris State to push their overall mark to 35-6 and the GLIAC record to 6-1.

The baseball team dropped three of four games to GLIAC leader Ferris State over the weekend. The Cardinals have a 12-16 overall record and 4-4 GLIAC mark.
Bilingual Center Publishes Textbook

A common interest in bilingual education, parent-child relationships and value systems that encourage development of human potential have united a celebrated Bolivian poet and short story writer, an SVSU professor of Spanish, and the director of SVSU's Bilingual/Bicultural Teacher Training Program in a textbook publishing project. The text contains both English and Spanish versions of a child's story, along with teaching guides and questions in both languages.

"We live in a global society, and we must work towards educating the youngsters of today, who, tomorrow, will lead the world," notes Dr. José L. Valderas, director of the Bilingual/Bicultural Education Center at SVSU. "The dreams of today can conceivably be the reality of tomorrow."

"The underlying theme of Cuando Yo Era Un Trenzico - When I Was a Little Train has to do with a young boy's fantasy that goes beyond childhood dreams," he said. "I have had visions that go beyond the obvious, the preparation of bilingual educators."

"This textbook provides the impetus for a series of writings that will emanate from this Bilingual Education Center. Our long range plan is for the Center to assist in the production of instructional materials that will not only benefit Limited English Proficient youngsters, but other children as well," Valderas says.

The textbook includes a story written by Bolivian author José Camarlinghi. The work was translated by Karen Lumsden and edited by Dr. Ricardo Pastor, SVSU professor of Spanish. It includes the illustrations of Clovis Dias found in the original Spanish version of the Camarlinghi book.

"When I Was a Little Train, a story not only for children, but for people of all ages, has been carefully selected and edited for use in the schools and bilingual centers throughout the United States," Pastor says. "Parents whose children find themselves in that beautiful and yet critical stage of transition from childhood to adolescence will find real-life pictures that will help them better understand childhood behavior."

The All-University Awards Banquet is Saturday, April 28. The event begins with a 5:15 p.m. reception in Ryder Center, followed by a buffet dinner at 6 and the awards program at 7. For more information, call ext. 4096.

To celebrate the textbook's publication, a copy of the first edition will be given to SVSU President Eric R. Gilbertson at a 2:30 p.m. presentation ceremony Tuesday, May 8 in lower level Doan Center. Valderas will make the presentation, and Pastor and other staff members from the Bilingual/Bicultural Center will be on hand. The event is open to the public, and copies of both the children's and teacher's version of the book will be available.

Later that day, the SVSU Hispanic Students Association will host its annual awards banquet. The event honors Hispanic students with outstanding achievements and/or graduation from SVSU during the 1989-90 academic year. The activity begins at 5 p.m. in lower level Doan Center. A $3 fee will be charged to cover cost of the dinner.

For more information about the bilingual textbook, the book presentation or the Hispanic Students Association awards banquet, call Valderas at ext. 4487.

Rites of Spring — Sunny, but cool and breezy weather greeted students and staff who gathered in the Wickes Courtyard for the annual 'Spring Fling' April 18. Coping with paper plates and potato chips in the crisp breeze presented a definite challenge, but didn't dampen spirits as the University community looked forward to the conclusion of another academic year. Music by "Water 4 the Pool" kept the pace lively.
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4 The baseball team will take on Madonna College at 1 p.m. For more information, call ext. 7300.

4 The Valley Film Society will meet at 7 p.m. in room 108 of the Science Building to nominate films for the 1990-91 season. All paid members are welcome to attend. For information on membership, call ext. 4332.

5 The Commencement ceremony, featuring the 1990 graduates, will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the Ryder Center. For more information, call ext. 4052.

5-6 The softball team will host the GLIAC Tournament. For more information, call ext. 7300.

6 The baseball team will take on Hillsdale College at 1 p.m. For more information, call ext. 7300.

7 Producer/Director/Author Orlin Corey will present two slide lectures. The first will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge and the second will occur at 4:30 p.m. in room 106 of the Artbury Fine Arts Center. For more information, call ext. 4492.

8 A presentation of the first book published by the Bilingual/Bicultural Center will be made at 2:30 p.m. in Lower Level Doan. The children's book, When I Was A Little Train, by José Camarlinghi, was edited by Dr. Ricardo Pastor, professor of Spanish. For more information, call ext. 4487.

8 The Hispanic Students Association will hold its Awards Banquet, honoring its graduating students, at 5 p.m. in Lower Level Doan.

9 The Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club will hold its annual Entrepreneur of the Year and Master Entrepreneur Awards Dinner in Lower Level Doan. The event will begin with a 6 p.m. reception followed by dinner at 7. Guest speaker Stephen B. Vogt will make his presentation at 8:15 and the awards will be presented at 8:45. For more information, call the BIDI office at ext. 4048.

11-12 The golf team will host the GLIAC Championships at 8 a.m. at the Bay Valley Golf Club. For more information, call ext. 7300.

18-20 The softball team will host the NCAA Division II Nationals. For more information, call ext. 7300.

19 The men's and women's track teams will host the SVSU "Last Chance" Meet at 11 a.m. For more information, call ext. 7300.

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