Honorary Degree Recipients, Distinguished Alumni Honored May 2

The University's most prestigious acknowledgement, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, will be conferred upon Jack M. Ryder during Commencement ceremonies held in the facility built during Ryder's tenure as president and which now bears his family name.

Two others also will receive honorary doctoral degrees and two Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented as part of the 27th Annual Spring Commencement ceremonies at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 2, in the O'Neill Arena of Ryder Center. Approximately 400 baccalaureate and master's degrees will be conferred upon members of the 1991-92 graduating class.

SVSU's second president (1974-89), Ryder is credited with more than doubling the University's enrollment and with spearheading the drive that meshed private donations and state appropriations to develop new instructional, arts, administrative and residential facilities that now grace the campus.

Between 1983-89, nearly $52 million was raised to construct the Ryder Center for Health and Physical Education, Maurice E. Brown Hall, the Science Building, Melvin J. Zahnow Library, the Administrative Services Building, Pine Grove Apartments, Arbor Fine Arts Center and the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery.

During Ryder's presidency, enrollment grew from 2,242 to 5,517. In 1987, his efforts resulted in the institution being accorded university status.

Henry J. Klykylo, who was appointed to the SVSU Board of Control in 1984 and served until August of 1991, will be honored with a Doctor of Laws degree. His service was characterized by keen insight and sincere concern for the growth and development of the University.

Klykylo held the office of treasurer and later vice chairperson of the Board. He also served on the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Born on a farm, Klykylo retained his love of the land and returned to the family farm near Pinconning after completing a bachelor's degree in business at the University of Detroit. He was employed for a brief time by Joseph E. Seagram and Sons in Kentucky, but again chose to return to agriculture. While in Kentucky he met and married his wife, Rena.

Klykylo has a wide range of interests that span music, the arts and sports. He is a self-confessed history buff and a prodigious reader. His interests found expression in his support for SVSU programs and activities.

A Doctor of Humanities degree will be awarded to Joyce K. Woods, who was appointed to the SVSU Board of Control in December 1983. She served until July 1991.

While on the Board, she acted as secretary, vice chairperson and chairperson. She was a member of the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors and the Michigan Association of Governing Boards.

Woods earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Northern Colorado University. She obtained a Master of Arts from the University of Michigan. Advanced study includes a year at Cooley Law School.

Woods has been an enthusiastic and innovative participant in fulfilling the goals of (Please see 'Commencement,' page 2)
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public education. Her career in public education in Saginaw schools includes teaching assignments in eight elementary schools, where she taught students in grades three through six. At the present time she teaches grades four and five at Jerome Elementary School. She served six years as president of Saginaw Education Association, as a strong teacher advocate.

Woods’ educational interests extend far beyond this community. She recently spent two summers in Japan, teaching conversation-al English to Japanese high school students. At this time, she hosts a Japanese student who is attaining an advanced degree in English at SVSU.

This year’s Distinguished Alumni are James A. Griffiths ('81) and Gary L. Loster ('88).

Bay City resident James A. Griffiths' post-baccalaureate degree work includes graduate courses in accounting, finance, educational leadership and school law. Griffiths also earned an Associate in Arts from Jackson Community College in 1975.

Since 1990, Griffiths has been employed as Director of Planning, Research and Pupil Services with the Bay City Public School System. An entrepreneur, Griffiths has operated a marketing research and computer applications consulting firm since 1986. The bulk of his professional career has been in the newspaper business, where he worked for The Bay City Times from 1977-87 in a variety of capacities. He started in display sales and worked his way up through circulation, promotions, marketing services and finished his employment as advertising sales manager before accepting his current position with the school system. From 1972-76, Mr. Griffiths worked at The Jackson Citizen Patriot in Jackson (MI) as the paper’s circulation district manager and display sales representative.

Currently an associate administrator of personnel for Saginaw Division of General Motors Corporation, Gary L. Loster earned an Associates Degree in law enforcement from Delta College. A Saginaw native, Loster attended Saginaw High School.

Prior to his present Saginaw Division assignment, Mr. Loster also served as a supervisor for fire, safety and security; as security supervisor; and as special investigator. He was Chief of Police for Buena Vista Township Police Department from 1970 through 1978. He also had one year of experience on the assembly line for Saginaw Division before his work with the BV police department.

An accomplished public speaker and lecturer, Mr. Loster has served as a consultant and trainer for Consumers Power Company, Hemlock Semi-Conductor, Monsanto Corporation, Champion Paper Company, Lake Orion Assembly Plant and Harrison Radiator.

SVSU Junior Wins Nursing Award

A junior nursing student at SVSU has been selected to receive the Michigan League for Nursing’s Student Achievement Award. The award, which carries a $500 cash prize, will be presented to Sarah C. Tice during the League’s annual membership meeting and luncheon at Schoolcraft Community College this Friday, May 1.

Tice is working toward a B.S. in nursing. She has maintained a 3.86 GPA, which led to her selection to the University’s Deans’ and President’s lists. She also is listed in Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and was previously awarded a Theron and Eleanor M. Goldbold Nursing Scholarship.

Tice is a member of the Michigan League for Nursing; the Student Nurses Association, for which she serves as secretary of the SVSU chapter; and the Alpha Chi National Honors Society. She is a co-editor and writer for SNA News, a campus publication. A native of Yale, Tice resides in Saginaw to attend SVSU.

Guest tickets ordered for Commencement may be picked up at the Information Desk in Doan Center. Academic regalia for Commencement may be picked up at the Bookstore.
Young Educators Come to SVSU

As many as 300 students with 100 counselors and teachers from Michigan middle and high schools are expected to gather at SVSU for the annual meeting of the Young Educators Society (Y.E.S.) Thursday, May 7.

Dr. Deborah M. McGriff, general superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools, is the scheduled keynote speaker for the conference, which gets underway at 9:30 a.m. in the Ryder Center for Health and Physical Education. McGriff began her work as superintendent in July 1991, and has since been working to reshape existing schools into classrooms for the future. She links educational success to supportive families, nurturing communities, and equitable financing. She is expected to explain the importance of today’s minority youth moving into the field of education.

Rosalyn Denise Collins of Detroit will be presented with the $500 first place C.D. Moody Construction Company Foundation Y.E.S. Scholarship. Collins will receive the award from Mrs. Christella Moody. The award is named for Charles D. Moody Jr., owner of the Atlanta, Georgia-based company that created the scholarship to encourage students to pursue careers in education. Second and third place certificates also will be awarded.

Students will splinter off into different rooms to discuss topics related to their needs and interests. About 20 presenters will discuss topics including math education, science education, technology in education, teaching the social sciences, computers in the classroom, young educators in college, storytelling skills and cultural diversity.

Students at Lansing Sexton H.S. will be making 350 buttons for the conference.

The conference is sponsored by the College of Education Department of Teacher Education, the President’s Office and the Office of Admissions. For additional information please call Dr. Sohed T. Rodriguez at ext. 4179.

Thumb Area High School Student Wins Scholarship to SVSU

Monitor Sugar Company and SVSU jointly announced the awarding of a full-tuition scholarship to Laker High School senior Jennifer Kreh. She plans to use the $2,500 award to begin studies as an accounting major at SVSU next fall.

During a recent campus visit, Jennifer said she looks forward to experiencing college life. "Coming from a small farming community, I like the campus and a larger area with more people. There were only 100 people in my high school class, so even though everyone here is very friendly, it will be a little intimidating adjusting to college and being away from home."

Established this year, the "Big Chief" scholarship will be awarded annually to students pursuing degrees in the University's College of Business and Management or the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. Scholarship recipients are selected from among applicants by the University's Admissions Office. To be eligible, high school graduates should have at least a 3.5 grade point average. Students transferring to SVSU from another college or university must have maintained at least a 3.4 collegiate average. Preference will be given to applicants based upon need.

Applications for the scholarship are available from the Admissions Office. For more information, contact Dan Strasz at ext. 4208.
SVSU Sets Phonathon Record

SVSU’s Sixth Annual Alumni Phonathon set a new record as 952 alumni donors pledged $28,730 during a four-week period that ended April 9. The new record tops last year’s tally by nearly $1,000. Pledges this year averaged $30.18.

Teams of eight student employees worked Monday through Thursday evenings to successfully reach 2,900 alumni. The pledges will provide scholarship assistance for deserving students and will help meet other needs of the University.

Fredericks Gallery Hosts Parisian Guests from Hemmester Elementary

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery coordinated tours for 30 fifth graders from Hemmester Elementary School in Saginaw and their 30 guests from an elementary school outside Paris, France. The French-speaking students were, at that time, completing their third week of residency in the Trecities.

Dr. David Barker and his students contributed to the visit by translating information presented during the tour. After the tour, the youngsters were treated to lunch on the SVSU campus.

In April Keep Your Eyes to the Skies

With the onset of spring, the Department of Public Safety reminds everyone to be prepared for severe weather and tornadoes. If threatening weather approaches, stay tuned to a radio for the latest updates. A basement or the lowest area of a building is the best place to be if a tornado warning is issued. Avoid gymnasiums or other areas with large, free-span roofs. Call Public Safety at ext. 4141 for further information.

Professional Profile

- Mr. Matthew Henderson, studio art technician and adjunct faculty of art, participated as a judge in the Bay City Public Schools "Vision 2000" Art Contest. The art works will be exhibited May 9 in the Ryder Center.
- Dr. Judith Kerman, dean of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, presented a paper titled "Anthropological Materials and Issues in Le Guin" at the 13th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, held in Ft. Lauderdale (FL) on March 25-29.
- Dr. Peter Moehs, Science Club faculty advisor and professor of chemistry, and five student Science Club members attended the American Chemical Societies’ (ACS) 203rd National Meeting, held in San Francisco April 7. The group gave a poster presentation titled "Hard Work With Lots of Fun: A Professional Learning Experience" at one of the symposia sponsored by the Division of Chemical Education dealing with "What Makes an Effective Student Affiliate Chapter." The presentation had been selected as one of the 16 from among the 800 clubs evaluated nationally on outstanding performances over the past four years. Special thanks go to the Midland ACS Section, SVSU Chemistry Department, SVSU Student Government and Science Club Friends for their support.
- James P. Sullivan, associate professor of English, has been awarded a $3,000 grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Announcement of the awarded grant arrived in a letter dated Feb. 25, 1992 from Lynne V. Cheney, chairman of the NEH.

High Five

- The SVSU bowling team finished in fifth place Saturday at the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships held in Milwaukee (WI). SVSU averaged just 179 for the final 18 games, ending their run at a second straight national title.
- The baseball team downed Ferris State 9-1 in the first game of a double-header on Saturday, April 25. The Cards (9-3, 19-9) dropped the second game 2-1.
- The golf team finished second in a 16-team field at the Tri-State Invitational, held April 24-25 in Angola (IN).
- Track stars Jeff Paras (javelin, 180-1) and Becky Duda (5000m run, 17:20.0) placed first at the Hillsdale Relays on Saturday, April 25. The men’s 800 relay (1:31.07) also came in first. The Lady Cards took second in the 400 (48.86) and 800 (1:47.0) relays.
Darlene S. Rademacher
greeting Monday mornings with a sigh. "This is just a great place to work," she smiles. "I never get tired of coming in. It's the best job I ever had."

Rademacher particularly enjoys the variety of her assignments in the Dean's office. "There is always something new to do. I enjoy working with faculty and students, and I have a great boss," she says.

Her enthusiasm converts to a diverse list of accomplishments. For example, Rademacher played a key role during preparations for the 1990 ABET accreditation team visit.

"There was a lot of typing," she explains. Rademacher prepared the text for the self-study reports, which, she notes, went through many revisions. "I assisted with typing from the beginning draft to the very end, and there were constant changes to the very end. I also gathered information from different departments for use in preparing the drafts."

The report consisted of three volumes, one each for electrical and mechanical engineering and one for the Dean's office. The final product incorporated many charts and graphs. The entire process took about two years to complete, she recalls.

Rademacher also coordinated the development of a management information system to expedite work in the Dean's office. "A student class came in and took this on as a project. I gave them all the different forms and reports that we do for full-time and part-time faculty. They moved them onto the computer. We have eliminated a lot of forms and letters and now can run this all off the computer."

She worked for two years with four separate computer classes to design and implement this customized networked system.

Another project that's developed under Rademacher's guidance is a budget forecasting system for departmental supplies, expenses and equipment accounts. The computer system takes care of seven departmental budgets, using Lotus. "It gives the actual figure of the budget now and what it is going to be so chairs can keep track of their budgets. It helps them keep within budget for the current year and plan for the next year."

Rademacher's daily routine often calls for working with students, particularly in scheduling into class sections. She keeps a waiting list for needed courses and usually is able to accommodate 70 to 80 percent of those requesting a particular course.

She also assists faculty with a variety of support services.

But not all her SVSU activity takes place in the office. "Last year we put together an SET softball team. We had a super season — we beat everybody! That was fun and really brought SET together. I can't wait till it starts again!"

Rademacher's son, Eric, is enrolled in the SVSU Children's Center. "That is just a wonderful place," she notes. "It's a wonderful benefit for SVSU staff."
Less familiar than Florence Nightengale's role in advancing the nursing profession is her contribution to nursing research.

"Florence Nightengale's work still is some of the best research data available about diseases related to war and hygiene factors," notes Sally Decker. "She is the founder of modern social science research."

As a high school student Decker did a study on chromosome damage with LSD usage — "a trendy and fun thing to do," she says. "Ever since then I have been fascinated by the variety of research designs available."

Recently Decker received SVSU's Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research. While the recognition is appreciated, the discoveries affiliated with study are a larger motivation. Also, Decker is particularly gratified by results achieved through a local research cooperative, RUN-EM (Research United for Nursing in East-Central Michigan).

"This is evidence of true scholarly cooperation," she explains. "The nursing staffs of all major health care agencies and SVSU are participating. Each agency has access to its own specific data and to the aggregate data."

Decker receives data from the agencies and prepares separate reports for each participating organization, thus protecting confidentiality of member data. "We have finished three studies and are working on the fourth."

A research investigator with the University of Michigan's Center for Human Growth and Development, Decker has published several studies. Some of her work concentrates on identifying variables that predict changes in cortical bone over time. Loss of bone mass, or osteoporosis, often leads to hip fractures in older women.

"I utilized X-rays taken of a female population at 20-year intervals," she notes. "The X-rays were originally to look for osteoarthritic changes in the hands, but I used them to measure cortical bone, which is a measure of how much bone you have. From that same data set, dietary information was converted into calcium intake and other factors."

"Basically, what I found was the best indicator of prior- and post-menopause bone was the original bone status, not later diet. Everybody loses bone over time. The study suggests that we should be targeting the young population with education on methods for building bone mass."

In June Decker will be presenting results of a class project at a conference on "Transforming R.N. Education: Dialogue and Debate." The project, funded by a mini-grant from the Teaching Enhancement and Innovation Team, developed as a method to aid R.N.s in SVSU's B.S.N. program.

"They have some tough changes to make. We are asking them to think about what they do professionally on a daily basis in a very different way," Decker says.

She enlisted the aid of Hideki Kihata to teach the nurses photo techniques for expressing transition. Each student produced slides to illustrate change. The slides became the topic of class discussion and evaluation.

"We came up with a composite set and put it to music that the students selected. Then the whole show was videotaped. They seemed to enjoy it and it helped free their thinking."
FORMER SVSU VICE PRESIDENT ADDRESSES CONVOCATION — Dr. Curtis L. McCray, president of California State University of Long Beach, offered his views on education at the April 16 Honors Convocation. McCray’s talk was titled "Is Wisdom Worth It When You’ve Got It?" The assembly also recognized the accomplishments of 11 graduating Honors Program seniors. For a complete list of Honors Program students who presented theses this year, see box at right.

Flavio M. Bassani
The Combined Impact of the DIDMC Act of 1980 and the GSGDI Act of 1982 on Commercial Banks Profitability and Risk

Mary Irene Dallas
Exercise Walking for Obesity Management in Older Adult Black Women

Sandra Lee Dullinger
The Poetry of Mary Oliver

Kathleen A. Eickholt
A Study to Determine Major Obstacles to U.S./EC Trade in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Industries

Paula J. Gorney
A Comparison of Feminine Characterizations of the Christian Triune God and the Perception of Women in the Writings of Irenaeus, Tertullian and Augustine

Lynn Ann Harris
Effects of Reinforcement on Rules

Michael Raymond Kinsella
Constitutional Protection of Abortion Rights: The Future of Roe versus Wade

Glenda J. Knepp
A Case Study of Home School Education

Mary Jo McLaughlin-McVicker
Illusions in Mixed Media Art

Marie J. Rabideau
Case Study of Waterfront Development in Bay City

Michelle Lynn Rupprecht
The Electro-Acuscope 80: Pain Management of Chronic Ankle Injuries

Karen Marie Sleno
On Antipodal Digraphs: Using Distance as a Digraph-Creating Parameter

Rosemary Georgianna Stafford
Evaluation of Cell Wall Changes in Phaffia Rhodozyma Mutants

Sara Jane Steding
Finding My Voice: A Search of Self

Holly M. Zeino
Didactic Enrichment Schedule: Increasing Client Guidance and Interaction in Group Home Settings

Department of Social Work Honors Students, Leaders

The Department of Social Work held its Annual Field Placement Luncheon April 22 in Lower Level Doan Center.

The program included a special presentation by Ann Rae, professor of social work, to Orville Hansen, who retired in March 1992 from the Bay County Department of Social Services (see photo, left). Hansen was given recognition for providing supervision for at least 20 social work students from 1976 until his recent retirement.

In addition, Rae recognized the accomplishments of Barbara McGregor, assistant professor of social work, who is retiring as chairperson of the social work field placement committee.
English Department Announces Tyner Prize Winners

Dr. Paul Munn, associate professor of English, presented the Tyner Prize for creative writing to Becky Thibodeau [top photo]. Her winning entry was titled "A Summer's Day." Thibodeau's writing was nominated by Tom Hearron. Munn also presented a Tyner Prize to Melanie L. Harembski [bottom photo] for her nonfiction entry titled "Paradox and Prejudice in Rousseau's Lettre à d'Alembert." The piece was nominated by Tom Renna.

Visiting Poet Comes to SVSU this Spring

Chicago poet Gail Lukasik will be on campus May 20-21. Her activities will include:

May 20
2-3: Workshop in B274
4-5: Reading in P224
5-6: Reception in Alumni Lounge

May 21
3-4: Presentation on poetry and the visual arts in P224

For more information, contact Munn at ext. 5624.