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Entrepreneurs Honored

The owner of a Freeland-based metal fabricating company, whose declining fortunes were turned around after he purchased the company’s assets seven years ago, was one of three business owners sharing the "Entrepreneur of the Year" Award at a May 13 dinner sponsored by the Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club.

Honored by his fellow business owners and managers was Thomas Willard, president of Metro-Fabricating, 1100 E. Washington, a manufacturer of enclosures for electronic control panels and various sheet metal products used by General Motors Corporation, Dow Chemical Company and Saginaw Machine Systems, Inc.

About 30 percent of the company’s sales are in the Saginaw Valley, with the balance going to companies in Detroit, Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Since purchasing the company in 1985, Willard has increased its work force from 45 to 60.

Sharing honors with Willard are Richard C. Pendell, Sr., retired chairman of the board, David G. Pendell, president, and Richard C. Pendell, Jr., secretary/treasurer, all of Pendell Printing, Inc., 1700 James Savage Rd., Midland; and Richard Bell, president and owner of Bell Engineering, Inc., 735 S. Outer Drive in Saginaw. Collectively the three companies sustain more than 500 jobs in the Tri-County economy.

The Master Entrepreneur of the Year Award went jointly to J. William and his wife Lorraine M. Miller, president and secretary/treasurer, respectively, of CPI Engineering Service, Inc., 2300 James Savage Rd., Midland.

Keynote speaker for the awards dinner was Scott L. Holman, former BIDI "Entrepreneur of the Year" award winner.

Owner and manager of Bay Cast, Inc. and Bay Cast Technologies, Holman’s enterprises employ 85 Saginaw Valley residents. He has been acknowledged for his initiatives by Northern Michigan University, which in 1989 named him one of its Distinguished Alumni, and by Inc. magazine, which designated him its 1991 "National Turnaround Entrepreneur of the Year."

The Entrepreneur of the Year awards originated in 1984 and have continued as a tradition to publicly recognize successful area entrepreneurs. The awards are restricted to owners, founders and managers of small businesses that have made a positive impact on the community through job creation and economic stimulation. Innovation and creativity, as well as sustained profitability, are other prerequisites for receiving this honor.

Over the course of eight years, 27 Entrepreneur of the Year awards and seven Master Entrepreneur awards have been presented to area business persons.

The May 1 edition of the Board Report, which was inserted in the May 12th issue of The Interior, contained inaccurate information in regard to faculty tenure. The article should have listed Dr. Steven Sherlock as an associate professor in the sociology department. Dr. Dee Storey, an associate professor in the department of teacher education, also was granted tenure.
SVSU to Host M3-PEP Summer Workshop

As many as 80 students from high schools all around the state will spend six days of their summer vacations exploring futures in engineering and getting a taste of college life through the Mid-Michigan Minority Pre-Engineering Program (M3PEP). They will arrive at SVSU from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 14.

The program consists of a series of workshops aimed at giving the students a small sample of different fields of science and engineering, a tour of the Dow Chemical Company, and a tour of Buick City in Flint.

There also will be some strictly entertaining activities. Gene Anderson, an adjunct professor at the University and Dow employee, will stage a magic show. In addition to the magic show, there will be a toy rocket launching, pizza party, sports clinics, and recreational sports.

The students will get a taste of college life, spending nights in the residence halls and taking part in recreational activities in the Ryder Center for Health and Physical Education. While they are on campus the students also will tour the campus, including the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, participate in career aptitude testing and counseling, and have a picnic.

For additional information please call Ray Foster at ext. 5653.

Poetry Reading and Workshop to be Held at SVSU

Michigan poet Conrad Hilberry will read from his works at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9 in the Zahnow Alumni Lounge. Earlier in the day, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., he will lead a poetry workshop in Science 108. Both the reading and the workshop are open to the public. Those interested in attending the workshop should sign up in advance by contacting the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences at ext. 4062.

Mr. Hilberry is the author of several poetry books, most recently Sorting the Smoke: New and Selected Poems, published by the University of Iowa Press and winner of the Iowa Prize.

Mr. Hilberry, who teaches at Kalamazoo College, is the featured poet at this year’s Midland Writers’ Conference. His appearance on campus is sponsored by the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences.

Congressional Page Selected for 1992-93 School Year

A 16-year-old Laker High School sophomore from Pigeon has been appointed to serve as a Congressional Page in the nation’s capitol during the next school year. Congressman Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) made the announcement May 29 as Liesl Eichler attended a reception in the Board of Control Conference Room (third floor Wickes Hall) at SVSU. She was accompanied by her parents, Edwin and Wanda Eichler.

Congressional Pages are selected by a four-member SVSU faculty committee, chaired by Dr. David R. Weaver, professor of political science. The selection procedure was instituted by Traxler to insure objectivity in the competition for Page positions.

As a Congressional Page, Eichler will deliver correspondence and small packages, answer phones or relay messages from the House floor for the Eighth District Congressman. Traxler also named Benjamin Maskal as an alternate Page who would serve in the event Eichler is unable to participate in the program. Maskal, 16, of Bay City, is a sophomore at All Saints Central High School.

Eichler, who will be a high school junior next year, will attend the Page School at the Library of Congress. Pages begin their school day at 6:45 a.m. before assuming their duties as Congress convenes in the Capitol at noon. A Page’s work day ends about 5:30 p.m.

Pages may study independently or contract to do additional work in a specific course, which could qualify them for credit in an honors course. The first semester runs through the end of January. The second semester begins in February and continues through mid-June. Pages must maintain at least a 2.75 grade-point average while attending Page School.

For additional information about the Page program please contact Don Hare in the Congressman’s Saginaw office at 752-6999.
Professional Profile

- **Gary Apsey**, director of corporate relations, was recognized for 11 years of leadership and service by the Michigan College/University Placement Association. The recognition was part of the Placement's annual spring meeting, which was held at the Holiday Inn in Flint, May 13-15.

- **Diane Brimmer**, director of student life, has been appointed as a board member of the Leadership Saginaw Alumni Association. The Association is composed of graduates of the Leadership Saginaw program and works to provide leadership support to Saginaw County.

- **Dr. Jean Brown**, professor of teacher education, recently attended the spring conference of the National Council of Teachers of English in Washington, D.C. Brown is the chair of the Conference on English Education's Commission on Intellectual Freedom. In Washington, she chaired two meetings of the Commission. Additionally, she participated in an invitational NCATE workshop for folio reviewers.

- **Dr. Lynn Herkstroeter**, professor of French and German, presented a paper at the 18th international SIETAR Convention (Society for Intercultural Education, Teaching and Research) on May 12 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Her presentation was titled "Foreign Languages and Intercultural Communication Can Be Taught Together."

- **Dr. Jonathan Leonard**, assistant professor of electrical engineering, has received a College Faculty Research Opportunity Award from the National Science Foundation for the summer of 1992. This program enables faculty from teaching institutions to work with investigators conducting NSF funded research. Leonard will work with Dr. James Baish, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA. Baish's research project is a study of heat transport by blood flow in tissue.

- **Dr. Michael W. Panhorst**, director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, attended a May 14-15 training workshop in Washington, D.C., for state and local coordinators of SOS! SAVE OUTDOOR SCULPTURE. He presented an illustrated lecture titled "A Brief History of Outdoor Sculpture in America" and celebrated the publication of an article with that same title in the SOS! Volunteer Surveyor Handbook, the primary training document of SOS!

- **Dr. Hong Y. Park**, professor of economics, was invited to participate in the workshop on workforce diversity by Economic Research Service (ERS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. All expenses were paid by the ERS. The workshop was held in Washington, D.C., May 4-5. ERS conducts research on agricultural technology, resources, trade and policy. The workshop focused on recruitment, retention and mentoring of minorities and females. Park said he learned that ERS provides graduate scholarships for minorities and females who wish to work for ERS after completing their doctoral degrees.

- **Dr. Thomas Renna**, professor of history, presented a paper, titled "The Wilderness and the Origins of the Christian Utopia," at the IV Congresso Internazionale di Studi sulle Utopie, held at Rome, Cassino and Reggio Calabria, May 20-26. Also, Renna had three papers recently accepted for publication in Cistercian Studies Quarterly; American Benedictine Review; and Fifteenth Century Studies.

- **Dr. Gladys Hernandez von Hoff**, director of the Bilingual Education Center, attended the Michigan Hispanic Education Conference and Awards Banquet in Lansing on May 8. She was accompanied by three bilingual students and the bilingual academic advisor. At this conference, Hernandez von Hoff presented a paper titled "Principals' Perceptions of Their Preparation for Administering Educational Programs for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students in Selected Ohio School Districts."

Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred since May 12. Please make changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory.

**Departing Staff**

- **Mary Ebelt** — Formerly director of Continuing Education and Public Service.
A closer look ...

WE BEAR-LY CAN STAND UP — A bronze cast of the *Two Bears* sculpture became part of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery's permanent outdoor collection. The piece is shown here being unloaded after delivery to the SVSU campus May 21 from the foundry in New York. Mr. Fredericks was on hand to personally supervise the installation of the bronze in the Arbory Fine Arts Center plaza, near the *Three Clowns*.

Participants in the Young Educator's Society (YES) Conference, held May 7 at SVSU: [from left] Dr. James Boyer, YES Executive Board Chair; Dr. Deborah M. McGriff, keynote speaker; Renita Patton, first runner-up, Ann Arbor Pioneer H.S.; Rosalyn Denise Collins, $500 C.D. Moody Scholarship winner, Detroit Cass Tech H.S.; Ontay Johnson, honorable mention, Saginaw H.S.; and Dr. Eric Gilbertson.
Anita C. Dey

During 1991, SVSU’s library staff was challenged by the departure of several key personnel. Those who remained accepted additional workloads to maintain services. Anita Dey made especially outstanding contributions, serving for a time as Acting Head of Public Services and as Interim Director of the Library in addition to her primary responsibility at that time as Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian.

The dual role in public services and reference/interlibrary loans extended for approximately a year, beginning in April 1991. She was interim director from May 1991 until the arrival of new director Jean Houghton in September.

Dey has high praise for her new supervisor. "We should all be really grateful that we got the director that we did," she says. "Jean Houghton has such vision and is a great leader."

Dey is very enthusiastic and optimistic about the success of the library. "We definitely are looking toward the future and see good things," she says. Aside from dedicated personnel, Dey feels much progress will come through improvements in technology.

"We soon will have the whole library automated in the Dynix System," she says. "That will mean that we share a catalog with 15 area libraries. We can borrow from as close as Delta or as far away as Europe."

While she doesn’t expect many calls for materials from England or France ("It takes a long time, though the technology is there"), she does anticipate a general increase in activity as the new system is fully implemented.

"Dynix is incredibly user friendly," she explains. Not only can the system quickly report on the status and location of requested materials, but it has the capacity to be accessed via modem from a user’s home or office. "It will improve access to information."

The SVSU library is used by many people from the community, Dey notes. Among them are students who commute to other colleges, business people and area high school students. "Our High School Research Assistance Program brings many student groups to campus." Services also are provided through SVSU’s Business and Industrial Development Institute, "and CIESIN personnel have been over to see us," she adds.

"We do our best to work with area libraries. Eventually I think we will turn into a regional library. That is a two way street. We give good service and receive it from them."

Asked to name the best part of her job, Dey says, "People; definitely people. People first; technology second. In an academic environment we see all kinds of people from all disciplines. You have to be a generalist."

Dey identifies funding limitations as the biggest challenge for the library staff. "Journal subscription costs continue to increase at phenomenal rates; so do book prices and fees for interlibrary loans. Cutting costs is really hard to do and sometimes puts us into an adversarial position with the people we serve. We will have to look into more grant writing to support funds that we get from the University."
"Moons," Math and Marriage

For Gretchen Mooningham, the advantages of sharing a career choice with her husband, John, far outweigh the disadvantages. Both are members of the mathematical sciences department at SVSU.

While that sometimes has a down side — "It can be difficult to find two positions at the same spot," Mooningham notes — for the most part it's a benefit.

"For example, we are team-teaching a class this summer," she says. Aside from working with a faculty member whose teaching style is very similar to her own, the team assignment facilitates the math of creating a six-credit summer teaching load from four-credit courses. Each spouse teaches one four-credit class, then splits the credit load of the shared course.

Team teaching works well for the Mooninghams in other respects, also. "If I correct a paper and John corrects a paper, we will be within one or two points on our scoring. We tend to be very unified in our grading."

In addition to the professional benefits, "It gives us something to talk about. We can always work a math problem together," she smiles.

Mooningham endorses the concept of "family math" for others as well. "Family math is a new concept promoted the last few years around the country. Schools may schedule a Family Math Night and invite family groups to come in and do mathematics problems together."

She plans to see if their older son's school (Hemmeter) would be interested in something like that.

The Mooninghams are the parents of two sons; Mark, 10 and Timmy, 8.

This year Gretchen served as co-chair of SVSU's Math Olympics contest. The competition brings high school students to campus and tests their math skills through a series of challenging problems. The winner of the Level II competition is eligible for a scholarship covering tuition and fees.

In recent years, the format of the Math Olympics changed to include two levels, Mooningham says. "Level I was added more for younger students that have had algebra and geometry. The Level II test is more advanced." Last year two scholarships were awarded, one to a student now majoring in math and another to an engineering major.

Students entering the Olympics test in the morning and the exams are scored on the optical scanner while they eat lunch. "Then we give them the results, with both individual and team scores," Mooningham says.

While she observes that many girls lose interest in math during the middle school years, Mooningham says this did not happen in her case. She also feels that she did not encounter gender bias in her chosen field. While it may occur, there are positive signs of change, she feels.

"Our math majors are about evenly split between men and women at SVSU," she says. Interest in math tends to follow job opportunities, although Mooningham feels the problem-solving skills taught in math are excellent preparation for many fields. "Math majors have the skills necessary for success."