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SVSU to recognize community leaders at May 4 Commencement

During ceremonies to be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, SVSU will award bachelor's and master's degrees to students who have completed their programs winter semester or expect to finish in the 1996 spring/summer semesters.

Baccalaureate degrees will be awarded to 374 winter semester graduates, while 86 students will be accorded master's degrees. About 220 students plan to complete degree requirements during the summer.

Honorary degrees will be awarded to two Saginaw community leaders. Rev. Roosevelt Austin Sr. will receive the Doctor of Humanities degree, and a Doctor of Laws will be conferred upon James V. Finkbeiner.

Austin, pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Saginaw, has played a leadership role in seeking neighborhood improvement. His activities go beyond pastoral duties for his congregation to include service as vice president of the Clergy Coalition Against Crack Cocaine, Saginaw, Michigan. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Habitat of Saginaw and is Honorary Chairman of the Board for Opportunities Industrialization Center of Metropolitan Saginaw (OIC-MS).

He is a religious and spiritual advisor to inmates of the Saginaw County Jail and a board member of the Saginaw chapter of N.A.A.C.P. A former Saginaw City Councilman, Austin serves on the Commission on Quality Education for all Children, a board of the Saginaw Public Schools. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of Second National Bank.

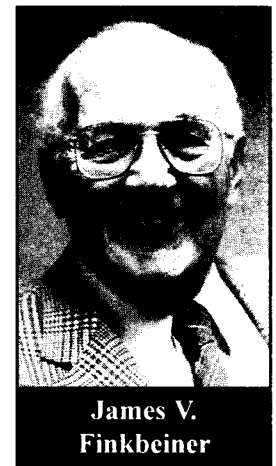
Austin has been accorded many honors,

including the Robert H. Albert Community Service Award from the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and the "Citizen of Saginaw 1990" designation by Saginaw's Community Award. He was honored by Saginaw First Ward Community Center for "Outstanding Service for Saginaw, 1996" and received the Whitney M. Young Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Finkbeiner, a native of Saginaw, attended Bay City Junior College prior to graduating from the University of Michigan. He received his Juris Doctorate degree with honors from the University of Michigan and was selected Law Clerk to the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, where he served for two years.

After military service, Finkbeiner returned to practice law in Saginaw and was a founder of the firm now known as Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C. He continues in active practice and has for many years been recognized as one of the outstanding attorneys in the State of Michigan. He is a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and of the American College of Trust and Probate Counsel.

For more than 25 years Finkbeiner has served on the Board of The Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation, acting as its president and CEO since 1985. His leadership has directly led to the Foundation having become one of the largest and most effective charitable foundations in mid-Michigan. He also has provided expertise to many other charitable organizations, including more than 25 years' service as a member of the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the St. Francis Home in Saginaw.





M. Knight



J. Willertz



H. Kihata



E. Sparapani



P. Moehs



D. Schneider



R. Will



M. Panhorst

SVSU honors service, achievements of many at All-University Awards Banquet

A prominent Bay City couple and another from Midland were awarded SVSU Distinguished Service Medallions during the Seventh Annual All-University Awards Banquet held April 19 in Ryder Center. The award, which recognizes leaders who have demonstrated exemplary service to the University and their communities, were presented to Gerald and Rosaline Blumenau of Bay City, and G. James and Lyla Williams of Midland.

Several SVSU faculty and staff also received recognition for outstanding achievement and dedicated service. The Franc A. Landee Teaching Excellence Award was shared by Marilyn Y. Knight and John R. Willertz. Hideki Kihata garnered the Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research.

The Ruben Daniels Community Service Award went to Ervin F. Sparapani. Named to the Terry Ishihara Award for Outstanding Co-Curricular Involvement were Peter J. Moehs and Michael W. Panhorst. The House Family Award for Teacher Impact went to David E. Schneider, and the Mary H. Anderson Adjunct Faculty Award was accorded to Russell C. Will.

Eugene J. Hamilton, special assistant to the president for government and community relations, served as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet, which also recognized 59 people who have provided between 10 and 25 years of dedicated service to the University and one professor who has taught at SVSU for 30 years.

Gerald Blumenau is vice president of Bay City Milling & Grocer. He has served on SVSU's Board of Fellows for more than a decade. Mr. and Mrs. Blumenau have been deeply involved in the development and programs of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery and donated a "Flying Wild Geese" bronze to the University. Rosaline Blumenau has served as a volunteer docent for the Gallery for the past three years.

G. James Williams, retired financial vice president of The Dow Chemical Company, was a member of SVSU's Board of Control from 1980 to 1983 and served as treasurer in 1982-83. He also has served on the Board of Directors of the SVSU Foundation from its inception in 1977 until 1988, and chaired that board from 1977 to 1981 and again from 1985 to 1987. In recognition of his service, Jim Williams was granted an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1979. Jim and Lyla Williams serve on the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Board.

Marilyn Knight has been a member of the

SVSU faculty since 1984 and an assistant professor of accounting since 1988. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from SVSU, and an M.S. in taxation from Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration. Knight is a Licensed Certified Public Accountant and holds memberships in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) and the American Accounting Association. She was the 1994 recipient of the House Family Award for Teacher Impact.

Professor John Willertz has taught history at SVSU since 1968. He holds an A.B. degree from the University of Detroit, as well as master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Michigan. He has served on many University committees and is actively involved in community service. He has a strong interest in politics, having served as mayor of Bay City from 1973 to 1979, and on the Executive Board of the Bay County Democratic Party.

Hideki Kihata joined the SVSU art faculty in 1987 and has attained the rank of associate professor. He received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Michigan State University in photography and painting, completed post-graduate work in photography at Ohio University and earned a master of fine arts degree in photography from the University of Cincinnati. He has won numerous awards for his photos, many of which have been published. He is a member of Michigan Friends of Photography, the Saginaw Art Museum, College Art Association, Society for Photographic Education, and Friends of Photography.

David Schneider, associate professor of communication, joined the SVSU faculty in 1987. Active in University affairs, Schneider served for five years as advisor to SVSU's student newspaper. He has served as president of the SVSU Faculty Association since 1994 and recently was re-elected to a new term. Much of his scholarly work has centered on communication in the field of health care and he has served as a consultant for Bay Medical Center. A graduate of Delta College, Schneider holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University and a Ph.D. from Bowling Green State University.

Employed in local industry in computer service, systems design and data processing, Russell Will has taught a number of mathematics and computer science courses at SVSU since 1982. Will holds a B.S. degree from Grand Valley State University and an M.A. from the University of Notre Dame. He resides in Midland.

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Ervin Sparapani, professor of teacher education, was recognized for his many activities as a volunteer in numerous community organizations. He has been involved in ecumenical activities in his church, where he served as president of the congregation, lay leader and church school teacher. Sparapani served on the Board of Directors of the Via de Cristo of Central Michigan, a nonsectarian Christian retreat program. His involvement in prison ministry takes him to the Upper Peninsula twice a year for 72-hour sessions with inmates. He also meets monthly in training sessions for inmates who have completed the ministry program. Sparapani served on the St. Luke's Hospital Capital Campaign and regularly participates in Hunger Walks, raising money to feed the poor. He holds a bachelor of science from Northern Michigan University, a master of arts from Eastern Michigan University and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Peter Moehs, professor of chemistry, has taught at SVSU since 1969. During that time he has served on many campus committees and was faculty advisor to the SVSU Science Club

from 1978 to 1995. Under his leadership, the club has received national recognition on several occasions. In 1983 student members began efforts to raise \$10,000 for an endowed scholarship for science students. When that goal was reached, they undertook funding of a second endowment to support research projects by students in the College of Science, Engineering & Technology. Moehs received the Midland Section Award for Outstanding Volunteer for Science Education in 1994. He holds a B.S. from Norwich University (Vermont) and a Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire.

As the first and only director/curator of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, Michael Panhorst has been responsible for organizing records for the collection and for opening the gallery to the public. Since his arrival on campus in 1989, Panhorst has established a docent program to recruit and train volunteer assistants. Panhorst also has established a program of tours for area K-12 schools that brings nearly 4,000 students to campus each year. He graduated from the University of Alabama, and earned master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Delaware.

"Valuing Diversity" topic of conference at SVSU

People interested in effective diversity management for business and education are invited to attend "Valuing Diversity: The Diver-Similarity Approach," from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 15 in Doan Center. The conference, presented by BIDI, is designed for managers, human resource directors, consultants and academic researchers.

Conference leader Dr. Joseph Ofori-Dankwa, associate professor of management, has conducted DiverSimilarity training workshops, strategic planning and management training sessions for private and public organizations worldwide.

The conference will be followed by an interactive children's concert with Diffi & Simi. The concert will feature appearances by Richard Wagner, Gamma Kappa Kudos Performing Group, Shirlene Brown, and the A.R.C. Children's Dance Group. Deadline for registrations is Thursday, May 9. For information and a faculty/staff discount call ext. 4048.

University Art Gallery sets summer schedule

During the spring and summer months artworks from SVSU's growing permanent col-

lection will be on display, according to gallery director Barron Hirsch. The exhibition includes work in a variety of mediums from 18 artists, including: Doris Belger, Morris Brose, Bernie Eng, Benita Goldman, Gary Greenberg, William Gustafson, Craig Hinshaw, Steve Jessmore, Curtis Leece, Susanna Linburg, Paula Otto, Frances Quint, Julia Roecker, Robert Rokita, Jeff Schrier, David Sommers, Bobbi Stevens and Bruce Thayer. The gallery is open by request only during the summer. For an appointment call Hirsch at ext. 4391, Sara Clark at ext. 5684 or Nancy Whalen at ext. 4159.

Corporate Challenge organizers request assistance

Organizers of the annual YMCA Corporate Challenge are sending out a plea for help in preparing for the competition. Those who may have an interest in organizing co-ed teams to compete in the September 10-21 event should contact Mike Holliday at ext. 7710.

Campus Dining will reopen the food court in Doan Cafe on Monday, May 13. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; closed Fridays.

Professional Profile

• **Diane Boehm**, writing program director, was the author/speaker for two Young Authors recognition events in the Clare Public Schools, speaking to 6-12th grade Young Authors, teachers and parents on April 19, and to K-5 students and their families on April 20.

• **Jean Brown and Elaine Stephens**, professors of teacher education, have published a new resource book for teachers, *Exploring Diversity: Literature Themes and Activities for Grades 4-8* (Teacher Ideas Press, 1996). The book is an outgrowth of their teaching and research with multicultural children's and young adult literature.

• **Drew Hinderer**, professor of philosophy, spoke on "End of Life Issues After Jack Kevorkian" to the Tri-City Council for Continuity of Care at Anderson Center, Saginaw General Hospital, on April 9.

• **Barron Hirsch**, professor of art, served as a juror for the 1996 Women'sWork Art Exhibit presented by the Northeast Michigan Art Council in Standish. An opening reception is scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 3.

• **Tai-Chi Lee**, professor of computer science, presented a paper titled "A Graphical Database System" at the 34th Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) annual conference, April 17-19 in Tuskegee, Alabama.

• **Albert Menard**, associate professor of physics, will participate in "The CPU Project" funded by the National Science Foundation June 16 through July 3 at San Diego State University. Menard will be accompanied by two area educators at the workshops, which will provide opportunities to develop computer-supported learning materials for physics education.

• **Michael Panhorst**, director of the Marshall Fredericks Gallery, has been appointed to a three-year term on the West Main Street Historic District Commission in Midland. He also is serving on the Dow Community Centennial Sculpture Committee in the Midland community.

• **David K. Pugalee**, assistant professor of teacher education, presented two papers at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New York. The first paper, "Changing Teachers' Perspectives Through Modeling," was co-presented with Dr. Carol Malloy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The second paper, "The Use of

Written and Verbal Data in Characterizing Mathematical Problem Solving," provided a description of the problem solving processes that high school algebra students use in solving mathematics problems.

• **David Rayfield**, professor of philosophy, won the first place award in the All Area Photo Competition 1996 for three polaroid emulsion transfers titled "Narcissism I.B.," "Narcissism III.A.," "Narcissism IV.A." **Hideki Kihata**, associate professor of art, also had two photos accepted for the show. The exhibit ran April 13-28 at the Saginaw Art Museum.

Campus Happenings

• **Entrepreneurs Club**—6 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 in Doan Center. Annual Entrepreneur of the Year Awards ceremony. For reservations, contact the BIDI office at ext. 4048.

• **Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop**—7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 at Studio K Caffe.

Accent on Alumni

• **Cathy Walderzak** (B.B.A., 1986) graduated in the top third of her class with a Juris Doctorate degree in January from Thomas Cooley Law School.

• **Tammy Meredith** B.A., criminal justice, 1985) recently formed a research consulting business in Atlanta and also is an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Georgia State University. She has lived in Atlanta for two years with her daughter, Taylor.

High Five

• **Baseball** (14-12-2, 8-5-1)—suffered a rare home loss Saturday when Hillsdale College took the nightcap of a doubleheader on Saturday. The Chargers won 8-3 after dropping the first game to the Cardinals, 11-4.

• **Golf**—finished third at the Bay Valley Invitational this weekend. SVSU was led by sophomore David Allyn, who finished third with a 150 on the par-71 course.

• **Softball**—competed at the GLIAC Northern Cluster Round-Robin Tournament in Midland, defeating Mercyhurst 3-1, but losing to Wayne State 5-1 and Hillsdale 3-1.

• **Women's Track**—Andrea Keiser broke the field and meet records in the shot put at the Hillsdale College Relays. Also, the Cardinals' Angie Sneider qualified for the national meet in the long jump, and SVSU's 400-meter relay team won in 48.3 seconds.

Tickets for a bronze mouse signed by Marshall M. Fredericks are available in the sculpture gallery. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Saginaw Community Enrichment Commission. The drawing will be held Wednesday, May 15 at the All Area Arts Awards.

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STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

**James P.
Dwyer**

**Director of
Admissions**

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Jim Dwyer has been part of SVSU most of the years since 1972. With the exception of a four-year hiatus following his graduation in 1976, Dwyer has witnessed the University's change from a small, rural campus to its present stage of maturity.

"I have been part of this institution since the early '70s, and to see what has happened and be part of that is extremely exciting," Dwyer says.

A Detroit native, Dwyer says, "I came here (as a student) because of athletics and because I was really looking for a small college environment." He notes that he met with Dick Thompson, at that time an admissions counselor, as he was enrolling.

After playing basketball for four years while obtaining an SVSU diploma, Dwyer says he spent the next couple of years out west, working at several resorts. "I learned if I wasn't nice to people, I didn't get paid," he laughs.

After returning to Michigan, Dwyer took a teaching post at Bay City All Saints High School. In his off-duty hours he served as Bob Pratt's assistant basketball coach. In 1980 he

was contacted by Dick Thompson regarding an open admissions' position and has been at SVSU ever since.

Dwyer began as an admissions representative, later was promoted to assistant director, and took over the directorship in 1988 when Thompson became Dean of Student Affairs.

Dwyer says the first year as director was a major adjustment, but characteristically he met the challenges with enthusiasm and energy. His staff give him high marks for motivating them, and Dwyer in turn credits them for their dedication and commitment. "I am very fortunate to have the staff that I have," he says.

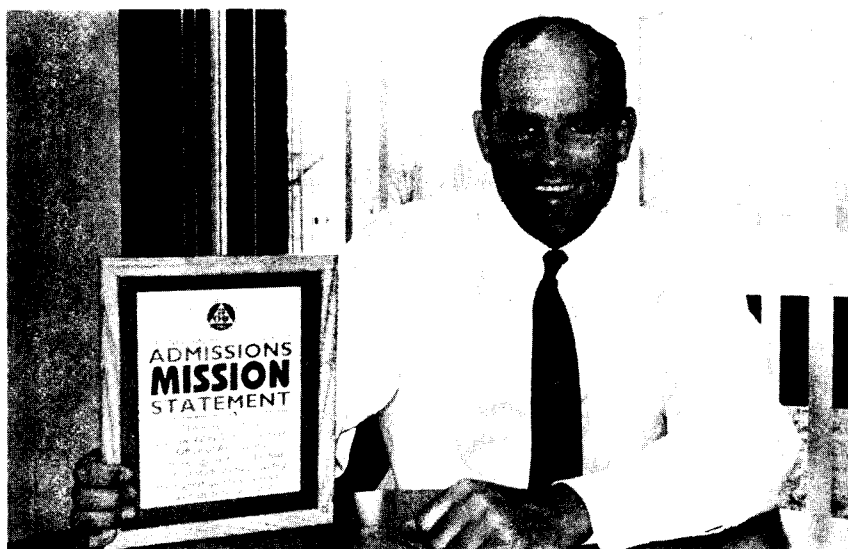
"Two things have had a real impact on what we do," he says. "The first is demographics. We know there are fewer students to attract, so the competition is greater.

"The second factor is the change in technology. We have the same number of people on our staff as when I became director, but technology has enabled us to keep pace and meet our targets and enrollment projections."

Dwyer encourages his staff to keep a personal touch and to emphasize "customer service" at the same time they adopt technological advances. He believes concern for students and the attractive physical facilities are important in setting SVSU apart from other institutions.

Dwyer's life off campus is as frenetic as the many hours he devotes to his SVSU responsibilities. His wife, Cheryl, is a physician whose working hours also are extensive. They are the parents of three children, ages 4, 5 and 9, who keep them very busy. Jim has taken an active parenting role and finds time to coach his children's teams.

He also serves as president of MACRO, the state organization for admissions and registrars officers. Locally, he is involved in the activities of St. Mary's Church, Saginaw.





INNER VIEW

FEATURING FACULTY OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Filling In, Reaching Out

By the second week of winter semester, it was apparent there was a crisis in SVSU's teacher education department. Due to extended illness, one faculty member would be unable to teach a required "Methods of Teaching Reading" course scheduled for three hours each Tuesday and Thursday morning.

That's when Susie Emond stepped in to solve the problem. Already scheduled to teach a section of the same class in the same time slot, Emond volunteered to take both sections, bringing her class size to 56 students.

Just finding a location for the enlarged group was a challenge, she notes. "Kris Gregory was a big help," Emond says, "and several faculty were flexible about sharing Brown 214 to make the situation work.

"Paul Novak changed rooms on Thursdays, and three nursing faculty played musical chairs on Tuesdays."

With location problems settled, Emond concentrated on insuring that all students received the support they needed for a successful academic experience. "Each student signed up independently with me and kept a portfolio throughout the class. I have written reviews about each one.

"This class is taken the last semester before

student teaching. I try to make sure that the students feel ready for this last phase before graduation," she says. "I help them identify areas of strength and areas where they may need to improve."

The six-credit reading methodology course is mandated by the State of Michigan, Emond notes. "It covers developmental reading methodology as well as content reading information."

The course includes a field work component that requires each student to teach eight lessons in a local school setting. "I approve their lesson plans," Emond says. "We have a responsibility to our students, to the classroom teachers and to the children and their parents."

Emond worked with four Bay City schools on this phase of the class. She would start with a group of students at one school on Tuesdays, and finish at a second school with another. Then on Thursdays she worked with two more schools and student groups.

While the combined class was taxing, Emond says, "The students were delightful. I would not want to have missed any of them. We made it work."

The students in turn appreciated Emond's efforts and presented her with a pictorial display (shown left) of their efforts, along with their thanks.

Emond is proud of the quality of SVSU's teacher education graduates, and notes that feedback from area K-12 administrators confirms her opinion of their abilities. "Our students care about students," she says. "Our program gives them a solid foundation. We try to provide a variety of experiences during methodology classes by using a variety of schools for field work and for student teaching."

Emond has been teaching at SVSU since 1978. Both her sons, now 16 and almost 15, were born during her tenure here. "They were cooperative and waited until the semester ended to be born," she laughs.

