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Midland couple establish scholarships in honor of King, Parks

Two scholarships recognizing the outstanding civil rights achievements of Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks have been developed, thanks to the generosity of Linneaus C. and Phae H. Dorman. The Midland couple each developed a scholarship opportunity for SVSU students recognizing the accomplishments of the two 1960’s civil rights leaders.

The Linneaus Dorman Endowed Scholarship in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. will assist students whose leadership and devotion to community issues and academic performance parallel the life of the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

King was the dominant force in the civil rights movement during its decade of greatest achievement from 1957 to 1968. Educated and trained for a career in religious service, King organized peaceful protest campaigns against discrimination. King believed in nonviolent social change, was a peace crusader against military action in Vietnam and spoke out for victims of poverty in the United States.

The Phae H. Dorman Endowed Scholarship in Honor of Rosa Parks is intended to provide scholarship funds to students whose leadership and devotion to community issues and academic performance parallel the life of Rosa Parks.

Parks was one of the major catalysts of the 1960’s civil rights movement. On Dec. 1, 1955, she was arrested for refusing to give up a seat in the front of a city bus, which lead to a Supreme Court ruling that segregation on city buses was unconstitutional. Parks’ courage to defy custom and law to uphold her personal rights and dignity inspired others to stand up for their rights through nonviolent activities.

“We chose to honor the contributions Dr. King and Mrs. Parks made to the civil rights movement through personal leadership, achievement and sacrifices,” Dr. Dorman said. “Their honor and presence will be felt year-round through the personification of the scholarship holders — not just for the one day of the year when we celebrate Dr. King’s birthday.”

Recipients of both scholarships will be selected on the basis of academic achievement and evidence of desirable qualities of character and leadership. Economic opportunity, family status, prior educational opportunity and cultural background are factors that will be considered in the selection process. Each candidate’s potential contribution to the diversity of the SVSU campus community could be a factor in the selection decision.

Both scholarships also may continue from year to year, depending upon the satisfactory academic performance of the recipients.

Each endowment was created through an initial gift of $5,000 each from Dr. and Mrs. Dorman of Midland, with matching grants from The Dow Chemical Co. (for a total of $10,000 for each scholarship). Dr. Dorman said he and his wife “wanted to give to back to others the kind of help and support we received as students — while honoring two great Americans.”

Dr. Dorman began his career at The Dow Chemical Co. in 1960 and retired in 1994 as a senior associate scientist. He holds patents and publications in the fields of biomedical and polymer science. Dr. Dorman also is a community leader and has been active in numerous professional and civic activities, including the SVSU Board of Fellows, for which he was president from 1983 to 1985.

Mrs. Dorman joined The Dow Chemical Co. in 1973 and retired in 1994 as manager of the Business Information Center. She is the author of Chemical Industries: An Information Sourcebook, a guide to the business-related publications of the chemical industry.
“Friends of SVSU” hold roundtable

The SVSU political action committee, more popularly known as the “Friends of SVSU,” participated recently in a legislative roundtable over breakfast in Curtiss Hall. Attendance at the Oct. 13 event was limited to members of the “Friends” and SVSU’s regional legislative team that consists of three senators and seven house members. Sens. Jon Cisky and Joel Gougeon as well as Reps. A.T. Frank, Mike Goschka, Mike Hanley, and Howard Wetters shared breakfast and a lively discussion with more than 20 members of the “Friends.”

The Friends of SVSU political action committee was developed in 1990 to enable the University to have more visibility and input at functions in Lansing and other places where political gatherings occur.

Approximately 40 SVSU employees have made or are making voluntary commitments of varying levels to the PAC, usually through payroll deduction.

Gene Hamilton, Special Assistant to the President, plans to have more legislative get-togethers in the future in lieu of a newsletter.

Hamilton said, “When people choose to become part of a political action committee, they want and deserve to be in touch with the political process. It seems that the best way to accomplish that is to bring our local legislators to campus to discuss first hand with the people issues which affect SVSU, its faculty, staff, students, and its future.”

Hamilton coordinates the Friends of SVSU and the legislative gatherings. With Cisky, he presented statistics during the Oct. 13 breakfast showing public funding of the 15 state universities, of which SVSU was among the lower half.

“We’re getting better,” Cisky said of SVSU’s funding, “but we’re still not getting a fair share of the pie.”

Gougeon agreed. “We’re doing in K-12 education what we should be doing in higher education” in terms of funding. Goschka reminded the faculty and staff gathered that “we are your legislative team. When it comes to Saginaw Valley State University, there are no partisan issues here.”

Wetters discussed the evolution of education and the important role a college degree plays in job opportunities.

“This institution provides the same quality of undergraduate education as any in the top seven in funding,” he said.

Frank discussed a recent bill that would eliminate sales tax on college text books, saving students $110 million during the year.

Paul Novak, SVSU associate professor of educational leadership and services, talked about ways in which the legislators might look at funding and determine a more equitable means of disbursement. Novak said he has worked with the Legislature quite a bit the last 20 years and has developed a greater understanding of funding at both the K-12 level and higher education.

“In K through 12,” Novak said, “when the district gets another student, the state sends more money. In higher education, a new student does not mean more money.” He said the increasing enrollment can help when seeking additional funds from the Legislature, but does not guarantee more money.

A member of “Friends,” Novak supports the committee and the efforts of Hamilton and James E. O’Neill Jr., SVSU coordinator of state relations and retired Michigan state representative.

“Both Gene Hamilton and Jim O’Neill — the two primary people who represent our issues to the Legislature — are extremely well respected and their input matters,” Novak said. “They’re viewed as knowledgeable and trustworthy.

“The primary value of this group is to support what Gene and Jim O’Neill are doing.”

Membership in the “Friends” is open to all SVSU employees and students. There is no required amount of contribution. Any level of commitment is valued and appreciated. Anyone interested in learning more about the Friends of SVSU can contact Hamilton at ext. 4069 or stop by 314 Wickes Hall.
International accounting expert next Wickson-Nickless Lecturer

Dr. Tatiana Krylova, the American Accounting Association’s 1997 Distinguished International Visiting Lecturer in Accounting, will speak at SVSU during a noon luncheon, Tuesday, Nov. 4 in the Curtiss Hall banquet room. Cost of the lecture and luncheon is $10.

Krylova will discuss “Financial Reporting in the Emerging Capital Markets in Russia” as part of SVSU’s Wickson-Nickless Distinguished Lectureship in Business. Krylova, a professor of accounting at Moscow State University, also is a principal in the corporate finance department of KPMG, Moscow.

For more information on the lecture, or to make reservations, call ext. 4475.

Have You Heard?

- The Office of Graduate Admissions will host an open house for its Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership & Administration from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Don Bachand, interim dean of Arts & Behavioral Sciences, and David Weaver, professor of political science, will answer questions and provide details on the O.L.A. degree. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at ext. 1696, or send e-mail to gradadm@tardis.svsu.edu.

- Please submit all information for the Winter 1998 Calendar of Events to Information Services no later than Wednesday, Nov. 19. The calendar will include all events open to the public that take place Jan. 1 through April 30.

- The per mile reimbursement rate for the use of a personal vehicle for University business was changed from $0.29 to $0.315 per mile, effective Sept. 1, 1997.

- The maximum amount of reimbursement from petty cash has increased from $10 to $25, effective immediately.

- Faculty and staff may bestow the Alumni Scroll to graduating members of their immediate family during Commencement on Friday, Dec. 12. Please contact Emmie Busch at ext. 4052 to make arrangements.

- Health Services is sponsoring a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 in Brown Concourse. Donors also may make an appointment to give blood by calling ext. 4271.

- The Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Lobster Dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Candelite Banquet Center in Bridgeport. Dinner is $30, and net proceeds go to the Chamber’s SVSU scholarship fund. Make reservations early — seating is limited to the first 200 people. Call ext. 4052 for more information.

Campus Happenings

- University Art Gallery — Nov. 5-24.
  “Bruce Thayer: Tales of the Working Man,” scenes of factories, industrial catastrophes, corporate downsizing and poverty. Admission is free of charge. For gallery hours, call ext. 4391.

- Center Stage Series — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 in Doan Cafe. Comedian Bill Fry will juggle knives, props and other items. General admission is $3. Call ext. 4170 for more information.

Bridges to appear on Fox 66

Jennifer Bridges, professor of physical and health education, will be the featured guest on WSMH Fox 66 during Mid-Michigan Focus, a program for and about people and issues in the Saginaw Valley. Bridges will discuss family fitness and nutrition. The show will first air at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3.

Hosting and producing the show will be Cecilia Jerome, director of Information Services. Directing the show were Keith Frye, electronic media distribution and production technician for the Zahnow Library, and Brian Mudd, head of audio/visual services for the library.

SVSU golf team wins 1997 conference championship

The SVSU golf team battled the wind, the rain and Ferris State University but held on to win the 1997 GLIAC Championship, Oct. 4 at the Bay Valley Hotel and Resort Golf Course.

Not only did the host Cardinals win, but they did it in style, breaking their own GLIAC Championship record by four strokes — recording a total of 873 strokes for the three-round tournament. Ferris State University finished second (889), 16 strokes behind the leaders, followed by Northwood University (933), and Grand Valley and Ashland University (935) tying for fourth.

SVSU previously set the conference record in the spring of 1996.

It truly was a team effort for the Cardinals as four team members placed in the top five of the Individual competition led by David Allyn’s two-over par 215, which was second best for the weekend. Cardinal teammates Mike Hurley, Brett Baranek and Brian Eggleston finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

“This is the one we wanted,” said Cardinal Coach Joe Vogl. "I'm really proud of the way our guys pulled it together in some tough conditions. Everybody pitched in and came through when it counted."

This is the second conference championship in three years for the Cardinals, who also took home the trophy in 1996, beating Ferris State by four strokes. Last spring Ferris took the conference title with the Cardinals finishing second. The conference championship was moved to the fall season this year.

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Professional Profile

• Donald Himmelspach, adjunct faculty in the English Department, taped two programs for Delta College’s “Valley Voices.” During the first show, he reads one of his published short stories, “The Man Who Thought He Was Hemingway.” In the second show, Saginaw poet Al Hellus interviews Himmelspach on the “ever-blurring line” between prose and poetry. “Valley Voices” airs at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday, beginning Nov. 2, on 90.1FM.

• Judith Kerman, professor of English, has had four of her translations of poems by the Cuban poet, Dulce María Loynaz, published in the Fall 1997 issue of Michigan Quarterly Review: “The Cloud,” “Noah,” “To the Mistrustful,” and “Love Letter to King Tut-Ank-Amen.” Kerman’s original poem, “Staples,” has been published in Peregrine XVI.


• Thomas Renna, professor of history, presented a paper, “Tommaso Campanella and the Italian Utopian Tradition,” at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Utopian Studies, Oct. 16-19 in Memphis, Tenn.

• Kerry Segel, professor of English and reading, presented a paper, “Incorporating Speeded Reading into Reading and Academic Success Courses,” at the 40th Annual Conference of the North Central Reading Association, Oct. 16 at Ohio State University in Columbus.

Across Campus

The campus community extends condolences to:

• Janice Kimmel, reference librarian, whose mother, Thea Martz, passed away Oct. 6.

• Robert Lane, associate professor of political science, whose sister, Susan Martinez, passed away Oct. 10.

• Norma Zivich, director of annual giving and development communications, and Matthew Zivich, professor of art, whose mother, Edna Zivich, passed away Oct. 19.

Accent on Alumni

• Dennis E. Hensley (B.A., English, 1969) recently accepted an assignment as associate professor of English at Taylor University, Ind. His areas of specialization will be American literature, creative writing and corporate communications. Hensley’s newest book will be released in January 1998. Millennium Approaches examines life after the year 2000. Key areas explored include politics, sports, finances, art, music, technology, religion, education and science. Hensley was SVSU’s 1993 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

Transitions

Please note the following personnel changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory:

SVSU Welcomes

• Don Knight, manager of continuing education sales and marketing, 249-4677

• Amy Ryan, accountant, Controller’s Office, 790-4217

• Monika Sciba, assistant registrar, 790-4091

• Mark White, network analyst, Computer Services

Same Face, New Place

• David Quesada, assistant microcomputer lab coordinator, Computer Services, 249-1935

Moving On

• William Healy, Financial Aid

Retired

• Larry Fitzpatrick, Human Resources

High Five

• Football (7-1, 6-1) — earned a 30-27 overtime victory Saturday over Grand Valley State University when senior kicker Leo Loiacano made a 39-yard field goal. Loiacano also sent the game into the extra period by booting a 27-yard field goal with three seconds left in the game. SVSU can at least claim a share of the GLIAC title by winning the rest of the games on their schedule.

• Volleyball (14-12, 6-8) — lost to Ferris State University Saturday in four games, 15-10, 15-8, 7-15, 15-4. The Cardinals travel to Northwood University tomorrow for a 7 p.m. contest.

• Women’s Cross Country — finished second at the GLIAC Championship Saturday at Hillsdale College. Kate Fall was SVSU’s top finisher, crossing the line in third (19:50.4).