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Saginaw Bay Underwriters establish Endowed Business Scholarship

Saginaw Bay Underwriters has had a relationship with SVSU since its founding 35 years ago, said Kurt Ewend, president of the company. "Therefore, it's only natural that we would want to support the University and its students."

The most recent support from Saginaw Bay Underwriters has come in the form of an endowed business scholarship. The insurance agency and its employees have contributed to the Saginaw Bay Underwriters Employees Endowed Business Scholarship.

Grants will be made to full-time students who are juniors or seniors and enrolled in an academic program leading to a degree in business.

Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement and evidence of character and leadership. Students must have at least a 3.25 grade point average to be eligible and financial

need may be considered in the selection process.

Recipients must be declared majors in the College of Business and Management. The scholarship also may continue from year to year, depending upon satisfactory academic performance by the recipient.

Ewend said the business focus of the scholarship, "made sense" to the insurance agency "to try to encourage students to enter our field."

Ewend and other Saginaw Bay Underwriters employees have been involved with SVSU in several areas, including support for athletic programs and various fund-raising campaigns.



Sims named to SVSU governing board

Linda L. Sims, community services manager for the gas division of Consumers Energy, recently was named to serve a seven-year term on SVSU's Board of Control. Gov. John Engler appointed Sims in February and she will participate in her first board meeting Monday, April 13. Sims succeeds Donna J. Roberts.

In her position at Consumers Energy, Sims is responsible for internal and external communications, local government and community relations within the utility's statewide gas service territory. She has been with Consumers for more than 15 years in various public affairs, communications and economic development areas of responsibility. Previously, she was with the Midland Cogeneration Venture for five years as the director of communications, governmental and public affairs.

Sims' term with SVSU's governing board expires July 21, 2005.

"As I think about the kinds of things I typically get involved with and try to maintain a healthy balance of work, family and community, I think of how my involvement with an organization can help improve the community," Sims said. "Certainly SVSU touches so many living in this area. You don't have to be a student to reap the benefits of SVSU in the community."

"I've been affiliated with SVSU through my volunteer activities here and the many events I attend at the University — both SVSU and community events," Sims continued.

"It really is a University that has given a variety of enhancements toward the quality of life in this area."



Linda L. Sims

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Sims received her bachelor's degree in journalism from Michigan State University and is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America. She is past president of the local chapter of PRSA and currently serves on its board of directors.

Sims is active in local community services and political activities. Currently she serves on the executive boards for both the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and Saginaw Future Inc. Sims serves on the board of directors for the Saginaw Community Foundation and chairs its public awareness committee. She is vice president of the Academy for Technology and Enterprise in Saginaw and serves on the Annual Fund Committee at SVSU. Sims is a board member of the Business Education Council and is a past member of the Saginaw Township Board of Trustees.

Sims and her husband, Lawrence, reside in Saginaw Township with their 6-year-old son, Alexander.

Astronomist to present talk on origins of the universe

Bruce Partridge, professor of astronomy at Haverford College (Penn.), investigates the origin and the evolution of large-scale structures in the universe, such as galaxies and clusters of galaxies.

He will present "How the Universe Began: How Much Do We Care?" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23 in the Performing Arts Theatre.

In recent years, Partridge's research interests have shifted to more conventional studies of galaxies with radio, infrared, and optical wavelengths. He is particularly interested in those galaxies in which star formation is proceeding rapidly.

Partridge also will present a semi-technical talk from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 23 in 224 Pioneer Hall. "A Snapshot of the Universe" is directed toward individuals with some scientific background. Partridge will discuss the cosmic microwave background radiation.

There is no admission charge for either presentation. Partridge's visit is made possible by the Harlow Shapley Visiting Lecturer Program, sponsored by the American Astronomical Society; the SVSU Department of Physics, the SVSU Physics Club, the SVSU Science Club, and the SVSU Dean of Science, Engineering and Technology.

For more information, call ext. 4135.

Faculty art on display

The University Art Gallery will feature works by SVSU art department faculty March 11 through 30 during regular gallery hours. The University Art gallery is open from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The works of SVSU art department members shows a diversity of ideas, mediums and approaches reflecting the variety of styles that comprise the contemporary art scene. Drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics and graphic designs will be included in the exhibit.

Terry Basmadjian, adjunct professor of art, will have clay works on display during the exhibit.

Showing their creative works in painting and drawing are Barron Hirsch, professor of art, and Kathy Jones, adjunct professor of art. Laurie Ball-Gisch, adjunct professor of art, also will present drawn works.

Hideki Kihata, professor of art, and David Rayfield, professor of philosophy, will showcase their photography works.

Sara Clark, studio art technician, Matthew Zivich, professor of art, and Marlene Pellerito, adjunct professor of art, will have their sculpture designs featured in the exhibit.

Will Whiteley, associate professor of art and design, will have his graphic design works shown during the exhibit.

David Littell, adjunct professor of art, will have computer painting works on display.

DNA analysis from fossils topic of lecture by Dow Visiting Scholar

SVSU's Dow Visiting Scholars program presents "Reconstructing History: Retrieval and Analysis of DNA from Fossils" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 in 100 Curtiss Hall.

Dr. Edward Golenberg will give a presentation of general interest, regardless of scientific background. The program is free of charge.

DNA, the molecule of life, contains a history of life on earth. The same technology that is used in forensics to identify criminals also can be used to extract and analyze DNA from fossils. Golenberg will explain applications of this new technology and what we can learn from DNA extracted from dinosaurs, Neanderthals, Egyptian mummies and mastodons.

Golenberg received his B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and his Ph.D. from SUNY-Stony Brook.

For more information on Golenberg's visit, call ext. 4484.



Bruce Partridge

Job training grant to fund team building

SVSU has received a grant of \$125,000 from the Michigan Jobs Commission to help three Michigan companies train hourly employees in team building. The Economic Development Job Training Grant will train workers at Carbone of America - Ultra Carbone Division, in Bay City; Star of the West Milling Co. of Frankenmuth; and Voltek, Division of Sekisui America Corp., in Coldwater.

The purpose of the EDJT Grant award is to provide funding to strengthen Michigan's economic base and improve job retention and/or job placement. The Michigan Jobs Commission received more than 360 grant applications with requests totaling \$65 million. Only 55 percent of the applications were funded, according to the Jobs Commission.

Seventy percent of the funds were given to community colleges in the highly competitive application process, said Richard D. Krueger, director of SVSU's Center for Manufacturing Improvement.

Krueger will direct and coordinate the project efforts between the instructors and employers. For additional information on CMI and employee training programs, contact Krueger at ext. 4047.

Have You Heard?

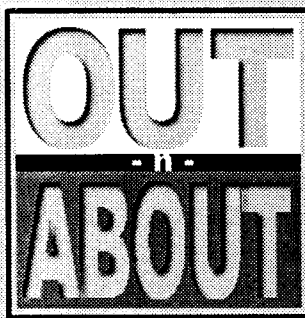
• Registration for **Spring/Summer semester** is under way, with open registration taking place March 12 through 19 and again April 28 and 29. An open registration period for summer only is set for May 11 through 13, and June 23 and 24.

• The deadline for **commencement regalia** orders from the Bookstore is Friday, March 13. For more information on Commencement, call Norma Zivich at ext. 4075.

• The campus community is reminded to buy tickets early for a **country music concert** featuring Neal McCoy at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 in O'Neill Arena. General admission is \$15. Tickets are available from the Campus Life Center, 114 Curtiss Hall.

• Volunteers are needed for **ValleyFest**, Saturday, March 21. A volunteer form is included with this *Interior*. For further information, contact the Campus Life Center at ext. 4170.

• Faculty and staff may bestow the **alumni scroll** to graduating members of their immediate family during Commencement on Saturday, May 9. Please contact Emmie Busch, ext. 4052, to make arrangements.



Did you know . . .

- **Steve Hocquard**, director of Engineering Services, is a member of the Bay City Downtown Development Authority.
- **John Jezierski**, professor of history, is vice president of the Saginaw Valley Stamp Society.

From the Community & Professional Organization Affiliation Survey, retained in the office of Gene Hamilton, Special Assistant to the President, Government & Community Relations. For more information, call ext. 4068.

• Those interested in learning how to use Adobe PhotoShop may want to reserve a seat at a pair of **ITD Workshops**. PhotoShop I will be offered Friday, March 13; PhotoShop II is set for Friday, March 20. Both sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon in 154 Curtiss Hall. For more information, or to make a reservation, call Debbie Peruski at ext. 1934.

• Faculty are requested to remind students to attend the following **Student Success Workshops**, which are sponsored by the Academic Achievement Center, 140 Wickes Hall. Topics, presenters and dates are:

- "Mnemonic Devices," by Matt Margres, Wednesday, March 11
- "Internet 101," by Kim McDonald, Wednesday, March 18
- "Speed Reader," by Kim McDonald, Wednesday, March 25
- "Writing in College," by Diane Boehm, Wednesday, April 1
- "Polish Your Presentation Skills," (TBA), Wednesday, April 8
- "Stress Management," by Tony Thomson, Wednesday, April 15

All workshops are from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, call ext. 5691.

Ethics in Science topic of Beutler Forum

Noted professor Dr. George Bodner will discuss "Ethics in Science: Confronting the Myth of the Objective Scientist" Wednesday, March 18.

Bodner's presentation will begin at noon in Banquet Rooms A&B in Curtiss Hall. His talk is part of SVSU's Albert J. Beutler Forum on Ethics and Practice. Cost for the presentation, including lunch, is \$10.

The professor will visit two SVSU classes, a philosophy class and a mechanical engineering class, also on March 18.

Funding for the Albert J. Beutler Forums on Ethics and Practices was created through an endowment.

For luncheon reservations and for more information, call ext. 4144.

Valley Wind Quintet Spring Concert

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17
Rhea Miller Recital
Hall



Faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets to the concert by calling the Music Department at ext. 4159.

An SVSU junior will be the first to serve as an intern this summer in Washington, D.C. Amy Harber, from Monroe, will work for one month in Rep. Jim Barcia's office, according to Jesse Donahue, SVSU assistant professor of political science. Donahue said Harber is majoring in political science and will work with constituents, sit in on committee meetings and basically see how legislation is created. Donahue added Harber may be the first SVSU student to serve in this capacity, and she is optimistic that Harber won't be the last.

Professional Profile

- **William K. Barnett**, professor of anthropology and sociology, was in Washington for one week in February reviewing proposals for the Department of Education. The proposals were for the "Minority Institutions Science Improvement Program." This was Barnett's 15th opportunity to read for this program since 1977, when it was housed in the National Science Foundation.
- **Mohamed El-Kasabi**, professor of electrical and computer engineering, presented a paper titled "Modeling, Stability and Control in Biped Robots" at the 17th International Modeling, Identification and Control Conference ("MIC '98"), Feb. 18-20 in Grindelwald, Switzerland. El-Kasabi also reviewed three papers on robotics/control for the 1998 American Control Conference (ACC). El-Kasabi is a regular reviewer for the *ACC Journal*.
- **Gary M. Lange**, assistant professor of biology, presented a paper at the 45th Annual Michigan Science Teachers Association Conference, Feb. 21 in Detroit. "Inexpensive Laboratory Equipment to Measure Respiration in Small Animals" described construction methods and presented exercises for use in the classroom of a device designed to measure oxygen consumption in a variety of animals. This work was supported in part by the SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center.

SVSU faculty participate in National Engineers Week

Some 35 members of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE-Saginaw Chapter) met Feb. 12 at SVSU. Thomas Kullgren, dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, gave a talk at the meeting on national trends in engineering education and SVSU engineering programs. The group also was given tours of SVSU's engineering labs by professors Eldon Graham, Yousef Jabbari, Jonathan Leonard and Enayat Mahajerin.

At the meeting, the MSPE named Jabbari, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, "Engineer of the Year." The award recognizes his achievements in the engineering profession.

Across Campus

- **Penny Bailey**, director of Conference Bureau, recently was appointed to the Saginaw County Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors.

- **Tim Burke**, assistant director, Academic and Student Support Services, was the featured speaker at the Noon Rotary Club of Bay City's annual Vocational Day. Sixty-seven Bay City high school students job shadowed a Rotary member in the morning and met for lunch with their Rotary sponsor. Burke's presentation to the group, "Projecting Your Future," dealt with how students could best prepare for the many changes that lie ahead in their careers and the marketplace.

- **Nola Carvey**, on behalf of the American Cancer Society, thanks everyone who ordered daffodils this year. The generosity of the SVSU community resulted in 168 bundles totaling \$840 — more than double last year's participation. Orders will be delivered March 23.

- **Connie Schweitzer**, buyer, Business and Auxiliary Services, is aiding in the construction of a home for Habitat for Humanity. The project is part of Schweitzer's participation in the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Program. The home will be the largest ever built by the Habitat for Humanity in Bay County. Schweitzer also is seeking SVSU personnel to assist with construction this spring. For more information contact her at ext. 4160.

- The campus community extends condolences to **Robert Tutsock**, director of Physical Plant, whose mother, Mary Blevins, passed away March 2.

- Condolences also go out to the family of **Agatha Zvirbulis**, who passed away Feb. 10. She was employed in the library as a cataloger from 1967 through 1978.

Transitions

Please note the following human resource changes in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*:

SVSU Welcomes

- **Ann Miner**, human resource representative, 790-4126

Moving On

- **Jay Pelepchuk**
- **Mary Catherine Nicholson**

High Five

- **Baseball** (3-3) — lost to Salem-Teikyo University, 8-7, Thursday in Fort Myers, Fla. Damon Villareal hit a three-run homer for the Cards.

- **Softball** (5-2) — lost in five innings to Villanova University, 8-0, Thursday in Fort Myers, Fla.

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Center to hold teach-the-teachers night

SVSU's Regional Mathematics and Science Center will host a dinner and instruction night for teachers, grades 5 through 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 in Banquet Room A in SVSU's Curtiss Hall.

Mark Schmeling of Casio will demonstrate a variety of uses for the CASIO 9700 graphing calculator. All participants will receive the CASIO 9700 graphing calculator.

Cost of the dinner, calculator and program is \$45. Teachers who are unable to attend the dinner portion may attend the program and receive the CASIO 9700 graphing calculator for \$35.

For more information and to register, contact the Regional Mathematics and Science Center at ext. 4114.

Mathematician merges theatre, math, art and philosophy

Robert Devaney, a noted professor of mathematics, will be on campus March 18 through 21 as part of the Dow Visiting Scholars & Artist Series. Devaney will lecture in theatre, math, art and philosophy classes. He also will present a public lecture during ValleyFest at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 21.

Devaney will discuss the use of mathematics in computer graphic design, the play *Arcadia*, and determinism and chaos versus randomness and fractals. His public lecture on March 21 will feature a presentation of chaos games and fractals.

Each of Devaney's presentations — including those in the classroom — are open to the campus community free of charge.

A **public reception** is slated from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the third floor lounge of the Science Building. For additional information, contact Tyler Haynes, professor of mathematical sciences, at ext. 4015.

Technology Fair offers tips for online learning

The newest in software and multi-media applications will be presented during an April 3 technology fair at SVSU.

"Online to the Future: New Directions for Teaching & Learning" also will include the best in computer-assisted instruction classroom practices. Teachers and students from throughout the region will join SVSU faculty, staff and students for the tech fair, slated from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Curtiss Hall.

Barry G. Stearns from the Virtual College at

Lansing Community College will give the keynote address at 9 a.m. Stearns will address "Thrust into Cyberspace: The Evolution of an Online Degree Program at Lansing Community College."

The morning will include three rounds of presentations, as well as an exhibit area for software and online vendors.

Registration is \$15 and includes the continental breakfast and all materials. For additional information, contact Diane Boehm, director of the University Writing Programs, at ext. 7728; E-mail: dboehm@svsu.edu. The Epiphany Project at SVSU sponsors the technology fair.

Women's History Month observed

Among the events SVSU will host during Women's History Month are a film series, poet, conference, workshop and re-enactment. A detailed listing of events follows.

"**Women and Film**," a series of films by and about women, will take place at noon in SVSU's Doan Center and at 4 p.m. in SVSU's Brown Concourse for five Tuesdays. The films will air March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7. For more information, call ext. 5687.

Lynette Brown will perform a "**Re-enactment of 19th Century Elizabeth Cady Staton**" at noon Wednesday, March 11 in the Black Box Theatre of SVSU's Performing Arts Center. Refreshments will be provided during this event. For more information, call ext. 4373.

Dr. Claudia Rankine will give a **poetry reading** at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 in SVSU's Founders Hall. Rankine's visit is sponsored by SVSU's Voices in the Valley and Roosevelt Ruffin Lecture Series. For more information, call ext. 4397.

"**Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Persons with Dementia**," a workshop, will take place Friday, March 13 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in SVSU's Curtiss Hall seminar rooms. For registration information, call ext. 4373.

SVSU will present a **Women's History Month Award** at a luncheon at noon Friday, March 27 in the Emeriti Room of SVSU's Curtiss Hall. The award is given in recognition of achievement and concern for the welfare of women at SVSU. The 1998 Women's History Month Award recipient is Gloria Hansen, SVSU director of Health Services. For more information, call ext. 4093.

Michigan Women's Studies Association will hold a conference April 3 and 4 in SVSU's Curtiss Hall. The conference is titled "Women and Health Care: Local, National and Global."

For more information, call ext. 4380.



Gloria Hansen

VALLEYFEST

Saturday, March 21, 1998

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

This year's **ValleyFest** marks the seventh annual presentation of SVSU's kaleidoscope of music, drama, art, science, engineering and technology. It is an event that has appeal to residents of our entire region as well as the campus community and has been described as "one of the top ten art events in mid-Michigan."

It is not without the help of volunteers that events such as this are possible, however. The **ValleyFest** steering committee is asking you to donate a couple hours of time on that day to help with decorating, hosting, providing directions to exhibitors and guests, helping with the hands-on activities in the Fun Arts Factory and the science, engineering and technology area, as well as other miscellaneous tasks that must be accomplished to provide a festival truly representative of SVSU.

Please return the completed form below to the Campus Life Center (Curtiss 114) with your available times and interest areas or call the Campus Life Center, 790-4170, to get more information.

Thanks from the *Valleyfest Steering Committee*: Merry Jo Brandimore, Eric Buschlen, Alice Cornejo, Cecilia Jerome, Gayle Koehler, Jeanne Kraycsir, Morteza Marzjarani, Michael Panhorst, Betty Papajesk, Walt Rathkamp and Bill Wollner.

Please detach and send to the Campus Life Center, 114 Curtiss Hall — due by Monday, March 16th

VALLEYFEST VOLUNTEER FORM

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Name _____ Phone _____

Title _____ Campus Address _____

☐ Yes, I am willing to help on Saturday, March 21st. Please schedule me at the time(s) indicated:

_____ 8 - 10 a.m. (Decorating, set-up, greeting)

_____ 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

_____ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

_____ 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

_____ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

_____ 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Clean-up)

☐ I am not able to volunteer on that day, but would be willing to help in other ways. Let me know how I can help.

Return to the Campus Life Center (Curtiss 114) by Monday, March 16 th! Thanks!

How The Universe Began: How Much Do We Care?

A Lecture Presented by
Dr. Bruce Partridge

Monday, March 23, 1998
7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Theatre
Saginaw Valley State University

The general public is invited.
Question & answer session
following.

FREE ADMISSION!

Dr. Partridge also will give a
semi-technical talk on
A Snapshot of the Early Universe
Monday, March 23, 1998
2:30 p.m.
Pioneer Hall, Room 224

Bruce Partridge asks questions – and finds answers. A professor of astronomy at Haverford College in Haverford, Penn., Partridge's research activities have used radio astronomy to investigate questions about the origin and the evolution of large-scale structures in the Universe. Of long-standing interest is the cosmic microwave

background radiation (CBR) – the residual "heat" or afterglow that still remains from the Big Bang origin of the Universe.

In the early 1970s, Partridge was among the first to search for fluctuations in its intensity. He remains actively engaged in such measurements. Partridge also is involved in the preparation for the Planck Surveyor – the European Space Agency's mission to map out the nonuniformity of the CBR Field with unprecedented sensitivity and precision.



In more recent years, Partridge's research interests have shifted to more conventional studies of galaxies with radio, infrared, and optical wavelengths. In collaboration with his colleagues from Arizona State University and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Partridge has made the most sensitive maps of the sky that have ever been constructed with radio-wavelength light. One of these is a radio-frequency map of the Hubble Deep Field. These Hubble Space Telescope radio images have been made with extremely distant light and show how the star-forming galaxies appeared in the very early history of the Universe.

Partridge's teaching interests at Haverford span a wide range of undergraduate courses in both astronomy and physics.

Partridge received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1962, and his Ph.D. from Oxford University in 1965.

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Dr. Partridge is visiting SVSU under the sponsorship of the American Astronomical Society's Harlow Shapley Visiting Lecturer Program, the SVSU Department of Physics, the SVSU Physics Club, the SVSU Science Club and the Dean of Science, Engineering and Technology.

SVSU's Department of Physics will provide reasonable accommodations for those persons with disabilities. Individuals who wish accommodations should contact the Department at 790-4144 at least three days prior to the lecture. SVSU does not discriminate based on race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical impairment, disability or Vietnam-era veteran status in the provision of education, employment and other services.

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