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Gougeon Bros. Inc. establishes Science Scholarship Fund at SVSU

Gougeon Bros. Inc. is a Bay County company that manufactures epoxy. In that vein, the employees of the company developed the Gougeon Brothers Science Scholarship Fund to benefit SVSU students majoring in chemistry, environmental chemistry, mechanical engineering, or to secondary education majors who plan to teach chemistry or science.

“We’ve had ties to SVSU through the years in a variety of ways,” said Tim Atkinson, an SVSU graduate and chemist with Gougeon. “We’ve had a relationship with the College of Science, Engineering and Technology to conduct government contract research.”

Gougeon employees created the endowment “because they have a strong interest in science and education.”

Atkinson added that Gougeon has “hired interns and Cooperative Education students from the mechanical engineering and chemistry departments at SVSU, and we’ve supported the efforts of the Business & Industrial Development Institute and the Center for Manufacturing Improvement offices at SVSU.”

In addition to seeking a degree in a science field, recipients of the science scholarship also must have a grade point average of at least 2.75, and demonstrated character and leadership. Preference will be given to Bay County residents and first-time college students. Financial need also will be considered. Faculty from the College of Science, Engineering & Technology will nominate recipients.

IndustryWeek editor-in-chief to deliver Wickson-Nickless lecture

The editor-in-chief of IndustryWeek, John Brandt, will deliver the 1998 Wickson-Nickless Distinguished Lectureship in Business. Brandt will discuss “Best Practices: Achieving World Class Status in Manufacturing” at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

IndustryWeek is the definitive source of current information and analyses from the world’s foremost manufacturing organizations. Brandt insists that great manufacturing managers are taught not born. He argues that all successful manufacturers share common traits that can be copied by anyone.

During the past two decades, Brandt has earned more than 20 awards for reporting, writing and editing. Under his leadership, IndustryWeek has earned more than 50 editorial awards for excellence.

Brandt has launched new initiatives that include the IndustryWeek Census of Manufacturers, IndustryWeek’s 100 Best-Managed Companies and expansion of IndustryWeek’s technology and innovation program. He also is responsible for the editorial direction of industryweek.com, a website for manufacturers, as well as IndustryWeek’s executive conference series.

Brandt is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Case Western Reserve University, where he held the James Dysart Magee Economics Fellowship. He has written for a variety of publications and appears frequently on broadcast media as an expert in management and manufacturing.

April 1 is the deadline to make reservations for Brandt’s lecture. For more information and reservations, call the College of Business and Management at ext. 4064.
Poetry reading features MSU prof

Poet, novelist and English lecturer Gordon Henry Jr. will read from his works during a visit to SVSU March 30 through April 2.

In addition to visiting SVSU English, history and sociology classes, Henry will read from his work at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. A reception will take place at 6 p.m. at which Henry will sign copies of his book, *The Light People* (1994, University of Oklahoma Press), which tells the story of a Chippewa boy on the fictitious Fineday Reservation of Minnesota.

Henry, a member of the White Earth Chippewa Tribe of Minnesota, teaches English at Michigan State University. He was a Fulbright lecturer in 1994-95 at the Universidad de Oviedo in Spain. His poems and essays have appeared in several literary magazines.

Henry’s visit to the area is sponsored by the Dow Visiting Artists & Scholars Series. For more information, call ext. 4063.

Gender-switched roles add twist to winter theatre production

The Department of Communication & Theatre is adding a twist to *The Fantasticks*, by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, with some gender-switched roles.

Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 through Saturday, March 28 and Wednesday, April 1 through Friday, April 3 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29 in the Studio Theatre (C180).

SVSU’s twist to this classic 1959 play is still just as witty, touching and hilariously risqué as ever, according to Margaret J. Jones, director and assistant professor of theatre.

Due to the high cost of producing musical theatre, faculty and staff tickets for this production are $5. More information and tickets are available in C184, or call ext. 4147.

Percussion Group performs April 11

The Percussion Group Cincinnati will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. General admission is $5. SVSU students and seniors, free.

The ensemble was formed in 1979 and consists of members Allen Otte, Jim Culley and Rusty Burge. They are faculty and ensemble-in-residence at the College-Conservatory of the University of Cincinnati.

The Percussion Group Cincinnati’s performance is the final concert in the 1997-98 Rhea Miller Concert Series. For more information or reservations, call ext. 4159.

Women’s health conference hosted by SVSU

The 25th Anniversary Conference of the Michigan Women’s Studies Association Inc. will take place April 3 and 4 in Curtiss Hall. The conference will address “Women and Health Care: Local, National and Global.”

Susan Revery will be the keynote speaker. A professor of women’s studies at Wellesley College, Revery is known nationally for her work in the history of nursing and activism in women’s health issues.

Revery’s address is slated for noon, Saturday, April 4. She will discuss “What Does it Mean to be an Expert? A Health Activist at the FDA.”

President Eric Gilbertson will welcome those gathered at 7:30 p.m. Friday for the opening reception. Conference co-chairs are Rosalie Riegel, professor of English, and Cheryl Easley, dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences.

The conference will open Friday evening with a celebration of the silver anniversary of the association. Saturday, participants from throughout the United States and Canada will present a variety of papers at four concurrent sessions. Also included on the program is a panel discussion on beginning and sustaining women’s studies programs, a workshop on women and addiction, roundtable discussions on specific areas of women’s health, an interactive computer session on nursing web sites and women’s health resources on the Internet.

Saturday evening a variety of videos of interest to feminists will be shown.

To register or for additional information on the conference, call Riegel at ext. 4380.

SVSU personnel appear on Fox 66

SVSU teacher education faculty members and two SVSU staff members will discuss “Distance Learning” on WSMH-Fox 66 during *Mid-Michigan Focus*.

Susie Emond, professor of teacher education, and Ellen Fennick, assistant professor of teacher education, are joined by Brian Mudd, head of audio/visual for the Melvin J. Zahnow Library, and Deborah Peruski, teaching assistant in the Instructional Teaching Laboratory.

The show will air at 10 a.m. Monday, March 30.
Landee recipient addresses Honors Convocation

The 1998 Honors Convocation will take place at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 16 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Mary Graiver, associate professor of nursing and winner of the 1997 Landee Teaching Excellence Award, will present the convocation address, “The Essence of the Faculty/Student Relationship.”

A reception will follow the ceremony. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, call ext. 5646.

Professional Profile

- Donald Himmelspach, adjunct English faculty, recently had a story titled “Black Ice” published by The Bridge, a Michigan literary magazine (Vol. 7, No. 1). In addition, two vignettes, collectively titled “The Old People,” appeared in the spring issue of Progenitor.

- Michael W. Panhorst, director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, will attend the Culture & Tourism Conference, April 22-23 at the Flint Cultural Center. The program is presented by the Michigan Museums Association, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

- Janet E. Rubin, professor of communication and theatre, was invited to speak at the Research Institute of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. March 5. Her lecture, “Using Plays To Study The Holocaust,” was followed by a discussion period. Rubin currently holds an appointment as a Research Associate at the USHMM and her lecture was based upon her scholarly endeavors there. Her presentation previewed her forthcoming book, VOICES: Plays for Studying the Holocaust, to be published by Scarecrow Press.

- Jill Wetmore, professor of finance, presented a paper titled “Market Risk of Commercial Bank Stocks: A Focus on Option Risk” at the Midwest Finance Conference, March 19 in Chicago. Wetmore also served as a reviewer on the program committee and as discussant for two other papers that were presented at the conference.

Did you know . . .

- Claudia Anderson, lead programmer/analyst for Computer Services, is a member of the management board for the Saginaw County area of Michigan Special Olympics.

- Robert Braddock, professor of history, is a member of the American Historical Association, the Renaissance Society of America, and the Historians of Early Modern Europe.

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.

Becker to retire

Athletic Director Bob Becker has announced his plans to retire from SVSU. Becker, who took over as athletic director in 1980, was director of business and auxiliary services for 11 years and also founded the golf program. His teams fared well in NAIA national tournaments, finishing better than 17th in 11 of his last 14 seasons. He was elected to the NAIA Hall of Fame prior to the 1986 NAIA national tournament, was voted NAIA National Coach of the Year in 1980, hosted three national tournaments, and led the Cardinals to a runner-up finish in 1984. The Saginaw native retired as SVSU’s golf coach in 1989 to concentrate on his administrative responsibilities, but came out of coaching retirement to assist with the women’s softball program in 1993. A graduate of Arthur Hill High School, Becker earned his B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1958. He received an M.A. in school administration at the University of Michigan. Becker’s retirement will be effective Dec. 31, 1998.

Six complete first supervisor certification program

The American Society of Employers, Mid-Michigan Region, and SVSU’s Office of Continuing Education recently recognized the first six people to complete their joint Supervisor Certification Curriculum.

Certification required the completion of six core and six elective units, or approximately 12 days of instruction. The core programs provided information about communication, interpersonal relations, motivating employees, conflict management, diversity, leadership, group/team skills and organizational change. Elective courses covered goal setting, performance appraisals and presentation skills. All courses were offered at SVSU.

ASE, Mid-Michigan and SVSU formed a partnership to bring continuing education programs to area employees approximately one year ago. The alliance offers the mid-Michigan business community training programs conducted by experienced professionals. In addition to the Supervisor Certification Curriculum, ASE and SVSU offer training for human resource professionals and administrative assistants.

ASE is a not-for-profit employer service organization that is dedicated to human resources management. The Southfield-based society was founded in 1902 by Detroit area business leaders in a united effort to solve mutual problems.

For more information about the supervisory or other training programs, call ext. 4475.

Graduates included Penny Bailey, SVSU; Norris Day, Taylor Building Products; Laurie Arnold, Communications Family Credit Union; and John Benham, Jim Clunie and Steve Chapman with Saginaw Products Corp.
Fredericks Gallery plans 10th Anniversary gala

A new musical composition and bronze sculpture will be unveiled at a Saturday, May 16 celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery.

The festivities begin at 2 p.m. with a performance of The Seven Saints and Sinners, a seven-movement choral composition by Catherine McMichael. Named after a Fredericks sculpture, the piece includes lyrics in the last movement that were based on poetry written by Fredericks. Performers will include the Valley Wind Quintet, Midland Camerata Singers, 32 members from the Saginaw Choral Society and soloists Tamara Grefe on piano, Dee Blair, soprano, and Robert Bracy, tenor.

A repeat performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. Both concerts will take place in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

A quarter-scale version of Fredericks' Cleveland Fountain Figure and Sphere will be dedicated at 4 p.m. in front of Founders Hall, followed by a Patrons Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Curtiss Hall.

The dedication is open to the public free of charge. Other events require reservations. For more information, or to make reservations, call ext. 5667.

Have You Heard?

• 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.

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

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

• Health Services will sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 in Brown Concourse. Donors should eat four hours before giving blood. Appointments also are available by calling Health Services at ext. 4271.

• A reception for Donna Roberts, who served on SVSU's Board of Control, has been rescheduled for Monday, April 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Emeriti Room.

Campus Happenings

• Women's History Month Film Series — noon and 4 p.m. March 24, 31 and April 7 in Brown Concourse.

• Women's History Month Award Luncheon — noon Friday, March 27 in the Emeriti Room. Gloria Hansen, director of Health Services, will be recognized for her achievement and concern for the welfare of women at SVSU. For more information, call ext. 4093.

• Valley Film Society — 8 p.m. Friday, April 3 in the Performing Arts Theatre. 8½ will be the featured film. Admission is by pro-rated season memberships. For more information, contact Tyler Haynes at ext. 4015 or by E-mail at haynes@svsu.edu.

• Senior Art Student Exhibition — April 6 through 22 in the University Art Gallery. For Gallery hours, call ext. 4391 or 4159.

Across Campus

• Congratulations go out to the members of the NtBA (Noontime Basketball Association) for a recent victory over their counterparts at Kettering University in Flint. Leading the Cardinals to a narrow victory was Admissions Director Jim Dwyer, who also drove the team bus and organized the event. A rematch on SVSU’s home turf is being planned for the near future.

Accent on Alumni

• Mark S. Bredholt (B.A., history, 1977) is a hospice chaplain at Baptist Medical Center in Columbia, S.C.

High Five

• Women's Tennis — dropped a 6-3 decision to Northwood University Friday. The Cardinals have a 9-5 season record.

Due to poor weather and field conditions, recent men's baseball and women's softball games were cancelled.
Maureen Kozumplik’s goal in life is to help people. And she feels her position as administrative secretary in the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Science allows her to do that.

“It’s a good feeling when I can help a student, faculty or staff member with a problem,” Kozumplik said. “Every day in our office is a little different. Not only do I have the daily office management responsibilities, but I also have to respond to inquiries and requests from students, faculty and administration.”

Kozumplik said she often cannot anticipate what her day at work will be like.

“I never know what is going to come up during the day,” she said. “Just one phone call can change what might have been a pretty quiet day into a crisis where I have to locate some information or somebody, or solve some other problem when no one else is around.”

Kozumplik joined SVSU in September 1984 as an administrative secretary in the Controller’s Office. She accepted a one-year temporary position in 1988 in the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. The position was created when SVSU received a start up grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Master of Science in Nursing program.

During that period, Kozumplik also made the decision to pursue her bachelor’s degree in nursing.

“I thought the nursing degree would give me a solid career opportunity, plus I knew all the faculty from working in the nursing office here,” Kozumplik said, emphasizing that the health care field again would offer her the opportunity to do what she enjoys — helping others.

Unfortunately, a back injury she sustained while completing her fieldwork requirements forced her to reconsider her major.

“Once I realized that I had a back problem, I said ‘Maybe this isn’t what I should be doing,’” she said. “So I had to make a very quick decision about my academic plans.”

Kozumplik switched from the B.S.N. program to the Bachelor of Applied Studies degree, and she expects to graduate in May. Her training in nursing permitted her to complete a gerontology minor.

“The gerontology minor still would enable me to help people, but more in an administrative role than in a clinical setting,” Kozumplik said.

Although attending classes at SVSU doesn’t leave her with very much time for hobbies, Kozumplik explained that she enjoys working in her yard. She also regularly visits her two grown sons, John, 27 and a manufacturing technician in Holland, and Thomas, 25, who just started studying music at Yale.

“I also enjoy attending on-campus concerts and theatre productions, and I like being involved in ValleyFest and Corporate Challenge,” she said. “These programs allow me to get to know people who I don’t work with every day.”
Janice Wolff just moved into a new home. In fact, she still has several books to unpack. That might just have to wait, however, as Wolff soon will pack her bags to spend a semester in Sweden — as a Fulbright Scholar. Wolff, associate professor of English and chair of the Honors Program, will head to Umeå, Sweden, to spend a semester teaching English. Umeå is just 25 miles from the Arctic Circle, so Wolff plans to pack lots of warm clothing.

Wolff will be the fifth faculty member to receive a Fulbright Scholarship. She is the first to receive a highly-coveted award to Sweden and will teach at Umeå University (pronounced U-may-yah).

“When I applied, I didn’t anticipate it was such a competitive scholarship,” Wolff said. She is receiving a lot of good advice on teaching in a foreign nation from a number of her colleagues — also Fulbright scholars.

Wolff will spend part of her time as a lecturer/teacher and also develop a program in rhetoric and composition.

“I hope to do research on the public debates on education here, and convert them to writing instruction,” she said.

Wolff leaves in January 1999, and returns in May. Her husband, Terry, will join her in Umeå. While there, Wolff hopes to spend some time visiting other parts of Europe.

This summer, Wolff will take a course in Swedish. She also will take some intensive computer training to better prepare to teach writing courses.

Wolff said Crystal Lange, associate vice president of Academic Affairs and the interim director of the Office of Faculty Support & Sponsored Programs, “lit a fire” under her and encouraged her to seek the Fulbright.

“Dr. Lange told me the University would like some of its newer faculty to apply for Fulbrights. If I hadn’t had that little boost, I probably would still be ‘thinking about it,’” Wolff said. “I received a great deal of energy from Crystal Lange.” Wolff joined the faculty in 1992.

Although quite excited, Wolff also admitted to a few apprehensions. She said she didn’t know much about Sweden before she applied for the Fulbright. The closest she came was attending the Swedish Festival in Geneva, Ill. — her home state. Now she receives information both from the U.S. and Sweden Fulbright information offices to help ready her for the teaching experience.

“I intend to be a cultural sponge,” Wolff said.

“I’m looking forward to meeting students and graduate students and colleagues,” Wolff said. “I know I’ll be making new friends and developing international links.”

Other SVSU Fulbright Scholars
Phyllis Hastings, professor of English, Nigeria; Tom Hearron, professor of English, Rwanda; Lynn Herkstroeter, professor of French and German, Germany; and Gary Thompson, professor of English, Poland.