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**SVSU alumni show support for Campaign for Distinction**

A number of SVSU alumni have united in a show of support for future SVSU students, resulting in the creation of the Dow Corning Employees Scholarship Fund, the Alumni Endowed M.B.A. Scholarship and the Bob Becker Endowed Scholarship. Those three, plus enhancement of the Alumni Endowed Scholarship, are the result of efforts by alumni for The Campaign for Distinction.

The Dow Corning Employees Scholarship Fund was established by alumni employed by the Dow Corning Corp. The award recognizes superior academic performance of students majoring in either science or business. Grants will be made to full- or part-time students enrolled in a program leading to a degree in business, engineering or the sciences, and who are at least sophomores. Junior and senior students also may be considered. The recipients must have a minimum GPA of 3.20, exemplify leadership ability and character. Financial need also may be considered. Students may continue to receive the scholarship through graduation, provided they meet all criteria.

The Alumni Endowed M.B.A. Scholarship was designed to assist current M.B.A. students in getting their degrees. Several contributions were received from local businesses and graduates of SVSU’s M.B.A. program. Grants will be made to full- or part-time students enrolled in the M.B.A. program. The recipient must not be employed by a company with a tuition reimbursement program. Recipients must have completed at least 12 hours and be in good standing within the M.B.A. program. Financial need will be considered. Recipients must be residents of the mid-Michigan area and have exhibited desirable qualities of leadership and character. The scholarship may be renewable if the recipient continues to meet the criteria.

The Alumni Association established the Alumni Endowed Scholarship to recognize students who have shown scholastic achievement in their chosen fields. The purpose of the endowment is to recognize and encourage continued progress. Grants will be made to full-time students who are juniors or seniors. They must have a minimum GPA of 3.00, display potential for leadership and quality of character. Financial need may be considered. The Campaign for Distinction generated an additional $7,000 toward the scholarship, which now has more than $35,000 in endowed funds.

The Board of Directors of the SVSU Alumni Association established the Bob Becker Endowed Scholarship to recognize the contributions of Becker, SVSU’s athletic director since 1980. Funds for the scholarship were provided by individual gifts from both SVSU alumni and employees, as well as proceeds from the Bob Becker Open, a golf outing developed for this purpose. The scholarship provides financial assistance to exceptional female athletes who participate in sports other than basketball. The award annually will be rotated among eligible athletic programs. Grants will be made to full-time students who are at least sophomores and have a GPA of at least 3.00. The recipient also must exhibit desirable qualities of character and leadership. Candidates will be nominated by their coaches.

Kathryn Curtiss Spence, director of the Alumni Association and associate development officer, said she is pleased to see the level of commitment displayed by SVSU alumni for the benefit of future students.

“It’s exciting to see this level of financial commitment shown by the alums,” Spence said. “The interest the Campaign has generated from alumni is proof they value their education and want to see others succeed, as well.”
Unique agreement offers choices for students

SVSU and Michigan State University signed a unique agreement in March — the first of its kind for either institution. The March 26 event with the two universities marks the first time either school has signed an articulation agreement with another four-year institution.

The signing, which took place at SVSU, will allow SVSU students to transfer to one of 27 majors within MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources with full transfer credit and student standing at MSU.

For example, a student could attend SVSU for one or two years and then transfer to MSU with 30 or 60 transfer credits and begin their agriculture-related major as a sophomore or junior.

“This gives students choices,” President Eric Gilbertson said, adding, “this would give SVSU students a chance to pursue the superb agricultural programs at MSU.”

Gilbertson credited Alan “Zinger” Reisenger with planting the seed for the program.

“A skilled person on our maintenance crew, Zinger also is involved with youth in agricultural programs. He met with me and explained how many youth would like to remain part of the family farming business, but may not be ready to leave home, or may not have the money.” This agreement, Gilbertson said, would help the students begin developing their career goals at SVSU before transferring.

MSU's director of Admissions and Scholarships, William Turner, said MSU was “used to building relationships with two-year schools. It's unusual to collaborate at this level with a sister institution.

“But when you step back,” Turner continued, “it makes a lot of sense. This is a melding of a lot of obvious things.”

Richard Brandenburg, MSU associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, agreed.

“This is a good first step,” Brandenburg said. “We should be creative in how we amplify that.”

Wynn McDonald, coordinator of transfer student programs and services, coordinated the articulation agreement with MSU and SVSU officials.

Students who may be interested in this transfer opportunity should contact Tim Burke in the Office of Academic and Student Support Services, 117 Wickes Hall, or call ext. 4290.

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MARSHALL M. FREDERICKS 1908 - 1998

Famed Michigan sculptor Marshall M. Fredericks passed away Saturday, April 4 at his Birmingham home. His passing comes less than three months after celebrating his 90th birthday.

Fredericks is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rosalind; three daughters, Frances Ferriss, Rosalind Rynal and Suzanne Fredericks; two sons, Carl and Christopher; and eight grandchildren.

While the funeral will be private, a public memorial is scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday, April 17 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

Memorials may be made to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery.

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RSVPs are due Friday, April 10 for the Ninth Annual University Awards Banquet, Friday, April 17 in Curtiss Hall. Faculty and staff, and their guests, are invited to the banquet at no charge. The evening will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45.

Employees will be honored for 30, 25, 20, 15 and 10 years of service. In addition, the Landee Teaching Excellence Award, the Rueben Daniels Community Service Award, and several others, will be announced. Drawings will take place for dinners at area restaurants and a weekend getaway package for two to Atlantic City, N.J.

To RSVP, or if you have not received an invitation and wish to attend, please contact Nola Carvey by Friday, April 10 at ext. 4068.

recorder, krumhorn, harp, organetto and gamba. Faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets to the concert by calling ext. 4159.

**Student Association announces election results**

Stephon Galloway, a junior industrial management major, was elected Student Association President for the 1998-99 academic year. Galloway will appoint officers when he assumes the presidency later this year.

Elected as representatives were Andy Booms, Richard L. Buford, Marrisa Honeycheck, Heather Matula, Shawnette Moll and Whitney Stuart Osentoski.

Other newly-elected representatives are Scott Rodriguez, Scott J. Shields, Meagan K. Smekar, Trisha Stantz, Brian Waliczek, Gregory Williams and Karla Zinnecker.

**Country music concert features Neal McCoy and Rick Trevino**

County Music Association’s 1997 “County Entertainer of the Year” nominee Neal McCoy will perform at SVSU Wednesday, April 15. McCoy will be joined by special guest Rick Trevino. The show begins at 7 p.m. Doors to O’Neill Arena will open at 6 p.m.

Tickets, which are available at the Campus Life Center, are $15 for general admission.

McCoy began his country music career touring with Charley Pride and has earned a reputation as one of the most consistent crowd pleasers in the business.

Signed to Columbia Records when he was barely in his 20s, Trevino scored a No. 1 hit in 1994 with *She Can’t Say I Didn’t Cry*, from his self-titled, gold-selling debut album. Trevino’s first two albums also were recorded and released in Spanish, and both went gold. He has become the first country artist in decades to build a significant multi-ethnic following.

For additional concert information, contact SVSU’s Campus Life Center at ext. 4170.
Professional Profile

- **Laurie Ball-Gisch**, adjunct art faculty, was presented the Adult Good Samaritan Award by the American Red Cross of Saginaw County at the First Everyday Heroes Award Dinner, March 25. **David Swenson**, H.H. Dow professor of chemistry, nominated Ball-Gisch for the award after she helped raise money to bring a child from Russia to the U.S. for life-saving heart surgery.

- **Jan Blecke**, professor of nursing, received the Michigan League for Nursing’s “Contribution to Nursing Education Award” at the organization’s annual meeting, April 2-3 in Frankenmuth.

- **Garry Johns**, professor of mathematics, presented a paper titled “Appendage Numbers in Graphs” at the 29th Southeastern International Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Computing on March 10. The talk included results that he proved during his research release time this semester.

- **Gary M. Lange**, assistant professor of biology, was the anchor author of two papers presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters at Alma College on Feb. 27. The first paper, “A Rodent Population Survey of Four ‘Highway Islands’ in Saginaw County: Analysis for Use in Field Studies in Behavioral Endocrinology,” was presented by SVSU students Frank Bartlett, Seetha Reddy and Jennifer Stalker. The second paper, “Experimental Design of the Role of Fibers in Aiding Calcium Phosphate Shear Bonding Strength When Used in Dental and Medical Applications,” was presented by SVSU student Gina Meylan.

Across Campus

- **John Fallon**, former SVSU vice president of public affairs, recently accepted the position of president at the State University of New York at Potsdam. SUNY-Potsdam has an enrollment of 4,500 and has a world-class music program — the Crane School of Music. The college has a large teacher education program and several graduate programs. The oldest of the SUNY institutions, it was established in 1816 as St. Lawrence Academy. Potsdam is about 30 miles from the St. Lawrence Seaway, 50 miles from Lake Placid and the Adirondack Mountains, and about 90 minutes by car from Montreal and Ottawa. The Fallons plan to move to Potsdam during early July. Fallon begins his new job on July 15.

- The campus community extends condolences to **Gayle Matoy**, field supervisor in the College of Education’s Office of Clinical Experiences, on the loss of her father, Russel Purchase, who passed away March 20.

- **James Muladore**, assistant vice president of Administration and Business Affairs/Controller, and **James Dwyer**, director of Admissions, helped their team win the Saginaw Township Men’s Basketball League Championship. “Believe it or not, but this is now two years in a row,” Muladore said, adding, “Do you think we are a threat to the Chicago Bulls?”

- **Bethany Rusch**, police officer, joined Sgt. William Gutzwiller of the Saginaw County Sheriff’s Department on WSMH-Fox 66 during Mid-Michigan Focus, a program for and about people and issues in the Saginaw Valley. The two officers discuss teen-age drinking and driving. The show will air at 10 a.m., Monday, April 13.

Have You Heard?

- 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:
  - “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.

- 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.

- **Dr. Zbigniew Mazur**, faculty member at Marie Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin, Poland, will give a talk at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 in Curtiss Hall, Seminar Room G. A Fulbright scholar studying American colonial history and culture at the University of Pennsylvania this year, Mazur will discuss “Gaming, Drinking, Swearing, Horse Racing, Cock-Fighting & Most Kinds of Dissipation.” A reception will follow. For more information, contact Gary Thompson at ext. 4308 or send E-mail to gtl@svsu.edu.
The Saginaw YMCA, Blue Care Network and First of America Bank invite you to participate in the Eighth Annual Community Corporate Games. The community-wide program — designed for people of all ages and ability levels — promotes community spirit, teamwork and camaraderie among co-workers.

1998 Schedule

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Starting time for each event is subject to change depending on enrollment.

Individuals are needed to serve on a committee to organize SVSU's participation in this year's Games. For more information, call Mike Holliday at ext. 5683. Watch for upcoming announcements on sign-up information.