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Rappa Scholarship to assist scientists and engineers

Students in one of SVSU's newest master's degree programs — the master of science in technological processes — have a shot at a unique graduate student scholarship created through the University's Campaign for Distinction.

The Rappa Family established the Harry E. Rappa Memorial Engineering Scholarship Fund as a memorial to Rappa, whom the Eaton Manufacturing Corp. employed for 44 years. He retired from the firm as the second shift superintendent. The scholarship is intended to recognize Rappa's commitment to manufacturing in the Saginaw Valley. The family made an initial gift.

Rappa Scholarships will be made to full- or part-time students enrolled in the Master of

Science in Technological Process degree program. Financial need may be considered in special circumstances. Recipients will be selected based on prior scholastic achievement, progress in a manufacturing environment and/or the desirable characteristics of character and leadership.

Applications will be solicited from students and nominations made by the faculty in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. The scholarship may continue from year-to-year, depending upon satisfactory academic performance by the recipient.

The Rappa Scholarships are designed to encourage employed scientists and engineers to pursue an M.S. with a focus toward the technological processes of use in manufacturing.



Roundtable discussions focus on impact of technology

Technology is changing the way the world does business. It also is changing how we think and how we educate.

"Technology has opened new horizons we haven't encountered before," said Crystal Lange, associate vice president of academic affairs, and interim director of the office of faculty support and sponsored programs. Lange chairs the steering committee of the newly-chartered Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable (TLTR) on campus.

The TLTR also has appointed four action teams, each co-chaired by two members of the steering committee. The action teams include Distance Learning, Faculty/Staff Development and Incentives, Coordination and Communication/Latest Developments and Computer Literacy.

The TLTR steering committee includes Lange, as chair, Diane Boehm, director of the university writing program; Dawn Hinton,

assistant professor of sociology; Gary Lange, assistant professor of biology, Robert Maurovich, vice president of student services and enrollment management; Brian Mudd, head of audio/visual; Nancy Samolewski, coordinator of microcomputer labs; Dave Stanton, assistant professor of biology, and Steve Turner, assistant professor of computer science.

According to the TLTR mission statement, the TLTR seeks to achieve the best in teaching and learning through two areas: the integration of instructional technologies into teaching and learning to create varied, collaborative, "information rich" learning environments; and the development of necessary technology and support infrastructure that is responsive to diverse learning modes and changing instructional requirements.

"We want to increase the utilization of technology on campus to favorably influence the

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Dinners for two, Detroit Lions merchandise, two nights at the Grand Traverse Resort, clothing items . . . sound like the prize list for *Jeopardy*? Well, you won't have to know any questions for tough answers during the **Third Annual PAC Party**, given by the Friends of SVSU. The evening of food, fun and great prizes will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14 at Ted's Party Hall, 5660 Bay Road.

A \$10 ticket includes refreshments and entertainment and the chance for great door prizes — including merchandise from the Detroit Lions. The purchase of a ticket automatically enters you into a drawing for a stay at the Grand Traverse Resort — and you need not be present at the party to win.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Scott Maxwell and Bill Portmann, both from Physical Plant.

Additional information and tickets are available from Gene Hamilton, ext. 4068. Proceeds benefit the Friends of SVSU.

Outstanding Hispanic staff member and students honored

One SVSU staff member and two students were honored by the Michigan Educational Opportunity Fund Inc. (MEOF) at the 1998 Michigan Hispanic Education Awards Banquet.

Gladys Hernandez von Hoff, SVSU bilingual/bicultural education program director, was named Outstanding Hispanic Educator. SVSU students Elizabeth Gutierrez and Daniel Segura were honored as Outstanding Hispanic College Graduates.

As director of SVSU's Bilingual/Bicultural Teacher Training Program, von Hoff works with University officials, school administrators and teachers and community leaders on ways to meet the educational needs of minority students in public schools.

Gutierrez participated in numerous campus activities, including the SVSU Election Commission and 1996 Homecoming Court. She has held leadership positions in the Student Alliance for Latino Support Activities (SALSA) and the King-Chavez-Parks program where she served as a mentor. Gutierrez volunteers for area groups including Project Pride at Jessie Rouse Elementary School, Sherwood Elementary School and the Tender Care Nursing Home.

Segura has held leadership positions in SALSA, Student Association and was a biweekly columnist for *The Valley Vanguard*. He served as a volunteer in various community endeavors including Delta College Public Radio's *Caliente*, a Latino music show; Saginaw's Cinco de Mayo Festival and as a Spanish teacher at Saginaw Bay Church of Christ.

MEOF offers scholarships and recognition to outstanding Hispanic graduates in high

school and college as well as parents, educators and advocates.

Alpha Mu Gamma initiates new members

SVSU's Theta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, a national honor society for foreign language students, initiated 17 new members April 26 in Founders Hall.

French inductees to Alpha Mu Gamma included Jeremy D. Carlisle, Lori Casanova, Daniel S. Decker, Sarah Sutter, Jessica K. Carpenter, Chrisanne Salazar and Jill M. Vlassis. Spanish inductees were Andrea Bickel, Jamie Campbell, Paul Gingras, Diane Vanasupa, Leanne W. Hocquard, Kim F. Tyson, Norma Lee, Sarah A. Sieggreen and Brian Zolinski. Allison M. Kotenko was inducted for both German and Spanish.

New officers for the Chapter are Meagen Smekar and Sutter, co-presidents; Vanasupa, vice president; Bickel, secretary; Nick Scheall, treasurer; and Kara Hopper, historian.

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learning process," Lange said. "Our goal is to enhance learning."

Lange said a number of faculty on campus already are on the cutting edge of computer technology, but many question if they should risk the use of it, or question its value. Still others, she said, have no interest at all. Among the goals of the roundtable groups is to enlighten, educate and prepare faculty.

The Distance Learning Action Team has begun research into the value of distance learning and the options available. The group expects to get a great deal of work done this summer.

"We want to develop a White Paper for campus wide discussion," Lange said. "Our goal is to get faculty involved in it."

She explained that distance learning has several components: Interactive television (which has limited use in the College of Education), straight television with a pre-recorded image, real-time TV (broadcasting the class from campus over a network), post-time TV (pre-recorded class broadcast via a network), and Internet learning. The Distance Learning Team initially will focus on the Internet development, Lange said. This would include a combination of Internet TV and face-to-face experiences.

Contact Lange or other members of the Steering Committee for information on the TLTR and action teams.



Gladys von Hoff



Elizabeth Gutierrez



Dan Segura

Macomb added to schools with articulation agreements with SVSU

Transferring from Macomb Community College to SVSU just became easier for students pursuing bachelor's degrees in elementary education and nursing. The two institutions formalized two separate articulation agreements during a signing ceremony Wednesday, April 29 at MCC.

"These are both very key programs in our institution," President Eric Gilbertson said. Gilbertson told MCC administrators that more than half of SVSU students transfer in from other institutions.

MCC President Albert Lorenzo said the two institutions developed the articulation agreements because "it just makes sense." Lorenzo said that five years ago less than 30 percent of MCC students indicated a desire to complete a bachelor's degree. Since then, however, the number who seek to transfer has grown to 40 percent.

Additional information on the MCC articulation agreements can be acquired through Wynn McDonald, SVSU coordinator of transfer student programs and services, at ext. 4220.

Science camps offered

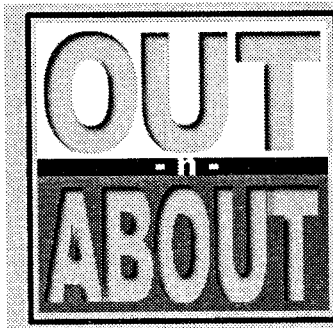
SVSU's Regional Mathematics and Science Center will host fun and learning day camps during the month of July for kids entering grades two through eight next fall.

Science and Mathematics Extravaganza for Kids Camps (SMEK) will offer three sessions with topics ranging from aeronautics and space to volcanoes and computers.

All-Star SMEK, Camp One, will be Monday, July 20 through Friday, July 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. each day for students entering grades five through eight in the fall. The camp will have an aeronautics and space theme for the entire week. Cost of All-Star SMEK is \$150 per student.

SMEK Camp Two, for students entering grades five through eight in the fall, will be a SMASH! (Science/Math Activities for a Summer Holiday) Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. daily. SMASH participants will learn about topics ranging from weather, volcanoes, rocks, minerals and fossils to measurement, small car construction, models of the solar system, star maps, constellations, model rockets and computers. Cost of SMASH is \$150 per student.

SMEK Jr. is for students entering grades two through four in the fall. It will be from 9



Did you know . . .

- Moe Bidgoli, associate professor of computer science, is on the School Improvement Committee for Saginaw Township Schools. Bidgoli also is a member of the parent council of White Pine Middle School in Saginaw Township.
- Tracy Strasz, 1986 B.S.N. graduate and wife of Dan Strasz, coordinator of freshman programs, received the Nursing Excellence Award from St. Lukes Hospital.

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.

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 and Thursday, July 9. Students will participate in a potpourri of science projects centered around hands-on projects. Cost for this program is \$50.

Instruction and supervision at all SMEK camps is provided by teachers, Math/Science Center personnel and SVSU education majors. Camp costs include all materials, snacks, lunches and Ryder Center fees.

If a student wishes to participate in both SMEK Camp One and SMEK Camp Two, the cost is \$275. Two students from the same family also may attend the same SMEK Camp for \$275. There is no discount on SMEK Jr.

For more information and to register, call the SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center at ext. 4114 or send E-mail to mathsci-center@svsu.edu.

Anniversary celebration planned

The campus community is reminded to call now for tickets to the 10th Anniversary celebration of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Saturday, May 16. The evening activities include a gourmet Patrons' Dinner, followed by an evening performance of *The Sculptures Sing*, an Afterglow Champagne Reception and Cast Party.

The day-long schedule of events will begin with the dedication of the quarter-scale model, *Fountain of Eternal Life* sculpture, at 1 p.m. in front of Founders Hall.

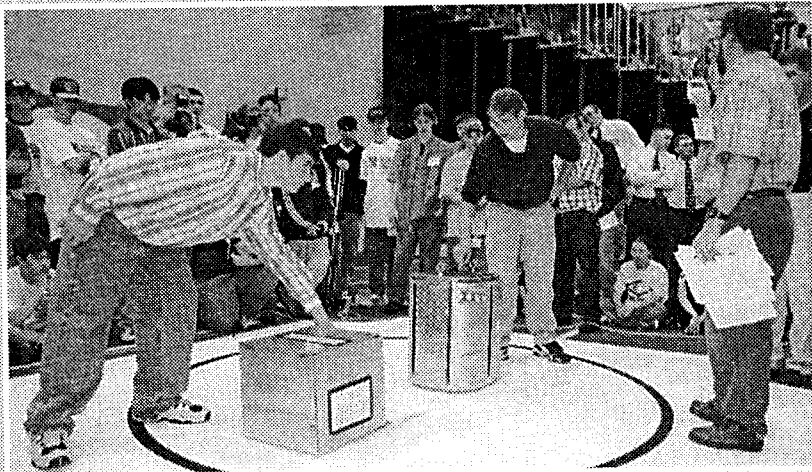
Following the sculpture dedication, the matinee musical performance of *The Sculptures Sing* will be performed at 2 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. A 4 p.m. reception will follow the matinee performance. The evening performance of *The Sculptures Sing* will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. A Champagne Afterglow and Cast Party will follow the evening performance in Arbury Fine Arts Center.

The dedication of the Fountain of Eternal Life sculpture is free of charge. All other events require reservations as seating is limited. To make reservations, call ext. 4475.

1998 is the 35th anniversary of the founding of Saginaw Valley State University. In honor of this anniversary, Basil Clark, professor of English, has penned a chronicle of the first 25 years in our history. The historical account is slated to be available in early October.

Clark is putting the finishing touches on his history and would appreciate any photographs you may have of the early years — particularly before the Wickes Annex fire in 1985, when a number of photos were destroyed.

Photos can be sent to Clark in 314 Science Building, or to the Foundation Office on third floor Wickes Hall.



Some 500 high school students were on campus May 2 for the 12th Annual Student Robotics Automation Contest, sponsored by Robotic International of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Above, student-designed "Sumo Robots" attempt to push each other out of the ring. The event attracted more than 40 schools from nine states to Ryder Center.

Professional Profile

- **Alfred G. Bracciano**, associate professor and director of the occupational therapy program, presented two workshops April 3 at the American Occupational Therapy Association's Annual Conference in Baltimore, Md. Therapists from around the U.S. and Canada attended the workshops, which were titled "Therapeutic Ultrasound: Sound Information for the Occupational Therapist." Foundational information for the use of therapeutic ultrasound as an adjunct to functional activities as part of the treatment protocol for orthopedic conditions was presented, and those attending also participated in a lab component. Adjunct professor Don Early co-presented at the workshops. Bracciano also served as a proposal reviewer for the American Occupational Therapy Association 1998 Conference.

- **Janet E. Rubin**, professor of communication and theatre, was a keynote speaker at the eleventh annual Holocaust Commemorative at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

MAGB honors SVSU faculty, staff

The Michigan Association of Governing Boards (MAGB) of State Universities honored two SVSU faculty members and two students during its 17th annual Awards Convocation ceremony April 7 in East Lansing.

Award recipients from Michigan's 15 state-supported, four-year universities received their awards at a reception at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center.

This year's faculty recipients from SVSU are Jill L. Wetmore, professor of finance, and Mary M. Graiver, associate professor of nursing.

Wetmore received SVSU's 1997 Warrick Award for Excellence in Research, a \$77,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education for International Business and the 1994 Outstanding Paper Award on the subject of financial institutions at the Midwest Finance Association Conference.

Graiver has studied nursing practices in Japan and Israel. She presented "Nursing in America" to the nursing staff of Jinan University Hospital, Guanzhou, People's Republic of China in 1990.

Recipients of the outstanding student awards are Tina Fultz and Manvel Trice.

Fultz, who is studying special education, has maintained a 3.85 grade point average. Trice, a senior majoring in criminal justice, has maintained a 3.80 grade point average.

Campus Happenings

- **Flûte Concert** — 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17 in SVSU's Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The group will present "Myths, Legends and Fairy Tales," featuring two newly commissioned works. Faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets to the concert by calling ext. 4170.

- **Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop** — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Tittabawassee Road. Local poets are invited. For more information, call ext. 4063.

High Five

- **Detroit Lions Training Camp** — The Lions return to SVSU for their 1998 Detroit Lions Experience July 24 to Aug. 19. Joe Vogl, Ryder Center operations manager, said approximately 200 additional volunteers are needed to complement the 70 scheduled to return this year.

Volunteers will be asked to commit to any number of half-days throughout the three and one-half week camp. Each shift is five hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1:15 to 6:15 p.m. Volunteers are needed July 24 through Aug. 20. A commitment for the duration of the camp is not necessary, Vogl said, adding that nearly any schedule could be accommodated.

All volunteers will receive camp T-shirts, camp hats and Reebok brand shoes. Additional compensation is available depending upon level of commitment, Vogl said. Volunteers could receive up to a \$200 bonus for their participation, plus tickets to a preseason football contest or one of the first regular season Lions game.

Interested volunteers should send their name, address, day phone number and age to: Detroit Lions Training Camp Volunteers, c/o Ryder Center; or call ext. 7300.

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Board Report

A Report of the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control

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Board Elects New Officers, Grants Faculty Promotions

The Board of Control granted promotions to seven members of the faculty. In addition, the board approved emeritus status for two retiring members of the SVSU faculty and one retiring adjunct faculty member.

The following faculty members received promotions to professor status, including a \$2,500 raise to their base salaries: Alfred Bracciano, Occupational Therapy; Jonathan Leonard, Electrical and Computer Engineering; and C. Surender Reddy, Management and Marketing.

The Board promoted the following members of the faculty to associate professor, including a \$2,000 increase to their base salaries: Jane Girdham, Music; Mary Hedberg, History; Karen Lang-Krause, Sociology; and Janet Nagayda, Occupational Therapy.

Robert S.P. Yien, vice president of academic affairs, said 12 faculty members were eligible for full professor status and another 11 were eligible for the rank of associate professor.

The board approved a Program Statement for Instructional Facility No. 3. The proposed facility will provide for the renovation and expansion of science laboratories, and additional classrooms, faculty offices and library space. SVSU will be responsible for 25 percent of the funding to complete IF-3; the state of Michigan will provide the remaining funds. Stephen Hocquard, director of engineering services, presented schematics of the proposed facility for board review.

President Eric Gilbertson said the renovations include an expansion of nearly 50 percent in available space, including 20 classrooms, 30 faculty offices and additional square footage for the library.

Robert Walpole of Cass City was re-elected chairperson of the Board of Control. Burnett Kelly of Midland was elected vice chair, D.

Brian Law of Essexville was named secretary and Robert Vitito of Freeland was elected treasurer.

The Board approved emeritus status for Peter J. Moehs, professor of chemistry; and Barbara L. McGregor, assistant professor of social work — both are scheduled to retire this spring. Emeritus status also was given Hero Singh M. Singh, who retired this year as part of the adjunct faculty.

Moehs was honored for his dedication and distinction in the chemistry department. He was known as a mentor, counselor and friend to numerous students and as faculty advisor to the Science Club/American Chemical Society SVSU student chapter. Moehs joined the faculty in 1969. In 1996, he was a co-recipient of the Terry Ishihara Award for Outstanding Co-curricular Involvement.

McGregor, a member of the social work faculty since 1987 was commended for her outstanding contributions in leading her colleagues through the reaffirmation process for accreditation by the Council of Social Work Education. She was department chair for four years and was the field placement coordinator from 1996 to 1998.

Singh was among the first faculty members hired at SVSU and served for 35 years. He was named associate professor of psychology in 1963 and served as an adjunct professor in the psychology department from 1985 to 1998.

In other Board action:

- Welcomed Stephon Galloway of Saginaw to the board as the Student Association representative. Galloway was elected president of the association for 1998-99.

- The Board approved a resolution to amend the policy and procedures for granting faculty/staff emeritus status, to add qualitative elements to the process.

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of Board
activities.
Official minutes
are on file in
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Library.**

- Approved a resolution to grant baccalaureate and master's degrees during the May 9 Commencement.
- Approved the Board of Control Calendar for 1998-99.
- Confirmed board members for previously authorized charter schools: Grattan Academy, Northwest Academy, Michigan Health Academy and Creative Learning Academy.
- Postponed the regular scheduled June 1 board meeting. A new date will be set in the future.