New scholarship could include internship and co-op opportunities

A new endowed scholarship not only provides financial assistance to SVSU students, but possible internship and co-op opportunities as well.

The leadership of Northern Tube created the Northern Tube Endowed Scholarship through the Campaign for Distinction as part of its commitment to higher education and the mid-Michigan area.

The company is funding an endowment that will make grants to full-time juniors or seniors enrolled in a program leading to a degree in mechanical engineering, industrial engineering, electrical engineering or any degree focusing on the manufacturing process. Priority will be given to qualified students who are children of Northern Tube employees and apply for the scholarship. When there are no qualified applicants from families of Northern Tube, grants will be made to other qualified SVSU students.

Michael Brooks, Northern Tube vice president and general manager, said the company seized the opportunity to develop a scholarship program at SVSU because of the chance to be involved in the process, as well as have “employees’ sons and daughters in the program.”

Northern Tube, a manufacturer of components for the commercial truck industry, recognizes that supporting students in their scholastic endeavors helps create future employees dedicated to continuous improvement in the manufacturing process. As part of this commitment, Northern Tube will offer scholarship recipients preferential treatment for positions as interns and co-op students, if appropriate.

Brooks said Northern Tube has hired a number of SVSU graduates and appreciates the caliber of both the graduates and the University’s engineering programs. It is this quality that inspired Northern Tube to extend the opportunity to co-op and internship possibilities.

“The co-op opportunity provides both the students and the company with benefits from the scholarship,” Brooks said. “With somebody at SVSU, it’s a pretty reasonable, low-cost co-op opportunity for students due to our proximity to the University” compared to other state institutions, he continued. Northern Tube is located in Pinconning.

Recipients must have a 2.75 grade point average, with a 3.0 GPA in the major field of study. Financial need will be considered. The scholarship may be renewed for students who maintain a 3.0 GPA in their major field of study and continue to display an interest in the field of technological improvement.

The 10th Anniversary celebration of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery included the May 16 dedication of the Fountain of Eternal Life sculpture in front of Founders Hall. The Fountain of Eternal Life bronze was made by Fredericks between 1946 and 1964 for the city of Cleveland, Ohio. The 10-foot high, quarter-scale model of the figure and sphere is permanently mounted on an octagonal granite pedestal.
CHOICES receives grants

SVSU’s Cardinal CHOICES student organization recently received grants from two organizations — the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Bay County Neighborhood Resource Center. CHOICES (Choosing Healthy Options in College and Every Situation) provides education and mentoring to potentially vulnerable students, and validates and empowers students who are making healthy, responsible choices.

Funding from the NCAA CHOICES grant will be used to develop a peer-driven effort using trained peer educators and student-athletes to incorporate a comprehensive alcohol prevention program on campus. According to Tony Thomson, personal counselor, the grant is for three years: 1998-2001.

CHOICES received two $1,000 Bay County Neighborhood Resource Center “Youth Prevention Initiates” grants. The grants will fund community outreach efforts in the Bay County high schools this fall.

More information on Cardinal CHOICES is available from Thomson at ext. 4228.

Gallery recognized for tourism

The Marshall M. Fredericks Gallery was among six Saginaw County entities recently recognized for their contributions to tourism in the region. The six each celebrate a significant anniversary during 1998 and received resolutions of recognition and a plaque in appreciation by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners and the Saginaw County Convention & Visitors Bureau. The gallery was recognize for its 10th anniversary celebration. The six groups were recognized during an April Board of Commissioners meeting. The CVB awarded plaques on May 4.

Friends of SVSU raise funds

Nearly 200 tickets were purchased for the third annual Friends of SVSU PAC party, which took place May 14. SVSU employees and external friends of the University purchased 160 tickets and a little more than $1,000 was raised toward the PAC’s efforts.

The PAC funds enable SVSU to participate in political activities, particularly in Lansing, without using public funds. SVSU’s participation in specific political activities has been critical to the University’s efforts toward acquiring general operating funds, as well as capital outlays, during the past several years.

Plans already are under way for the 1999 PAC party, which promises to be even bigger and better with more prizes at the same price.

For additional information on the PAC party and the Friends of SVSU, contact Hamilton at ext. 4069.

Housing sought for international guests

The Office of International Programs will have a two-week summer study program for students from Tenri University in Japan. Students will study English at SVSU and participate in activities designed for an experience in American life. Tentative dates for the program are July 4 through 17.

During the second week of the students’ stay, SVSU would like to house them with local hosts. Dates for the home stay portion of the program are July 11 through 17. These students have “high intermediate” English proficiency.

Hosts may be single people or families, and homes may be apartments or single-family dwellings. Hosts may choose to have more than one student in the home.

For more information, and for an application to participate in the program, contact the Office of International Programs.

Visitors from Down Under

The Office of International Programs also is seeking housing for an Australian couple who will be visiting SVSU during fall semester. Ideally the visitors would house-sit for someone who plans to be away from home during the semester, and access to a car would be an added benefit for the visitors. A reasonable rent charge could be arranged. For further information, contact Woody Pelton at ext. 4268.
Professional Profile

- William K. Barnett, professor of sociology and anthropology, was invited by the U.S. Department of Education to evaluate Title III-Institutional Aid Program proposals in Arlington, Va., April 25 through May 1. The funding is aimed at developing institutions that have a high percentage of minority and/or low income students. This is the second invitation extended to Barnett this year by the Department of Education.


- Douglas E. Hansen, professor of physical and health education/elementary and special education, recently published an article titled “A Systematic Approach to Student Achievement” in the May issue of Secondary Education Today (vol. 39, pp. 36-40), the quarterly journal of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

- Kay Harley, professor of English, along with a team of 26 teachers and six principals from Midland, completed the last of six school-year follow-up workshops in April as part of the Saginaw Valley National Writing Project (SVNWP)/Midland Goals 2000 Writing Improvement Project. Supported by a state of Michigan grant, the aim of the group was to design, lead and evaluate a staff development project that met the needs of disadvantaged students. Throughout the year, Harley and her colleagues involved in the project held monthly three-hour follow-up workshops, observed other teachers’ classrooms, attended state conferences, and conducted school-based reading and study groups. Their work culminates this month with a week-long workshop, which includes sessions presented by SVNWP Fellows and Fellows from other Michigan Writing Projects.

- Enayat Mahajerin, professor and chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department, presented a paper titled “A Boundary Element Method for Over-Specified (Ill-posed) Heat Transfer Problems” at the 19th Southeastern Conference on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, hosted by Florida Atlantic University’s College of Engineering May 3 through 6 in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

- Sandy Mixer, Marilyn McFarland, and Norma Zeihnder, nursing faculty, facilitated a program featuring several nursing students completing their first semester who presented a lively program about osteoporosis and exercise to a group of more than 100 Bay County senior residents at First United Methodist Church. Students told the seniors that men as well as women are at risk for osteoporosis, and calcium and exercise are critical for prevention. The audience participated in exercises from their chairs. A representative from the Bay Community Center requested a “repeat performance” this fall.

- Gerald L. (Gary) Peterson, professor of psychology, presented a paper titled “Developing a Portfolio Method to Assess Critical Thinking” at the Council of Teachers of Undergraduate Psychology-Creative Classrooms Poster session at the Midwestern Psychological Association’s annual meeting, April 30 through May 3 in Chicago, Ill.

- Thomas Renna, professor of history, presented a paper titled “Penance in Margaret of Cortona and Angela of Foligno: Two Traditions” at the 33rd International Congress on Medieval Studies held at Western Michigan University.

- James G. Royle, visiting professor of elementary and special education, recently facilitated a panel presentation titled “Restructuring University Curricula to Meet State K-12 Certification Standards” by special education teacher training faculty representing Institutions of Higher Education in Michigan. The presentation was made at a meeting of the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education. Royle is the Immediate Past President of this organization, composed of nearly 500 special education professionals from Michigan.
Tutoring Award Presented

Pam VanHaitlma accepts the first Mayme Hamilton Tutoring Award for her efforts in helping students in the University Writing Center. Presenting the award are two of Mrs. Hamilton’s children and a son-in-law: Gene Hamilton, special assistant to the president for government and community relations, and Genora Goyette Halligan and her husband, Tom Halligan.

Transitions

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

**SVSU Welcomes**
- Kathleen Chantaca, admissions and certification secretary, College of Education, 790-4179
- Diana Fiumano, administrative assistant, Macomb Campus, (810) 412-0056
- Dean Lockwood, men’s basketball coach, 791-7314

**Same Face, New Place**
- Patty Gomez, administrative secretary, Controller’s Office, pmg@svsu.edu, 790-4218
- Heather Hilliker, library circulation assistant, 790-4240
- Patrick Olivarez, assistant foreman, Physical Plant, 791-7317
- Thomas Zantow, library reference and document delivery, 790-4238

**Retiring**
- Barbara McGregor

**Moving On**
- Jackie Goldman
- Monika Long
- Tirumale Ramesh
- Amy Ryan
- Warren Wood

Across Campus

The campus community extends condolences:
- To Kathy Lopez, coordinator of graduate admissions, on the loss of her mother, Agnes Post.
- To Terri Sulem, switchboard operator, on the loss of her mother, Fides Marie Wise, who passed away May 26.


Have You Heard?

- An Employee Assistance Program (EAP) orientation will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 17 in Curtiss Hall Seminar Room G. The program will provide supervisory employees in-depth information on our EAP. Supervisors who did not attend the February sessions are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Tarnie Gronow, assistant to the director of Human Resources, at ext. 4111, or send E-mail to tgrunow@svsu.edu.

- Central Stores will be closed for inventory June 25 and 26. Any orders received by Tuesday, June 23 will be delivered and charged to 1997-98 budgets. Orders received beginning Wednesday, June 24 will be charged to 1998-99 budgets. Deliveries will resume Monday, June 29.

- A Graduate Programs Open House will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25 in Curtiss Hall. For more information, call Kathy Lopez at ext. 4167, or send E-mail to klopez@svsu.edu.

Campus Happenings

- University Art Gallery — through Aug. 21. “Selections from the Frances H. Quint Collection” will be on display. Those interested in visiting the exhibition should contact Sara Clark at ext. 5684 or Barron Hirsch at ext. 4391.

High Five

SVSU has promoted Jerry Kill to director of athletics. Kill, who will remain head football coach when he assumes the AD position in December, has been with SVSU since 1994. He will replace Robert Becker, who has been in the AD position since 1980. Becker retires in December.

Under Kill’s leadership, the SVSU Cardinal football team in 1997 compiled a 9-2 record. In his four seasons with the Cardinals, Kill has accumulated a 29-11 record — the most regular season victories in any four-year period for SVSU.
Lori Lipinski remembers driving to work one morning recently when she heard a strange radio announcement for an event taking place on campus.

“A guy from a local radio station was attempting to jump the fountain near the Fine Arts Center on a tricycle,” Lipinski said. When she arrived at her office, she immediately alerted the Student Affairs Office of the situation.

Reports of incidences like this are not all that unusual to Lipinski, who claims she has seen and heard everything during her 12 years as administrative secretary in the Department of Public Safety.

In fact, Lipinski said her day often begins with phone calls or written reports that require follow-up action on her part.

“I’m usually the first person who people will call for more information,” she said. If the phone isn’t already ringing, Lipinski said she will start each day by reading incident reports from the previous day.

“Police departments have a culture that is completely different than a regular office setting,” Lipinski explained. “I’ve found that police officers are a close-knit group due to the nature of their profession. We’re a very team-oriented department, which is one reason why I have enjoyed working here.”

Lipinski said the increasing size of SVSU’s physical campus and student population, along with an internal departmental reorganization, have added new responsibilities that keep her role interesting and challenging.

“I serve as liaison with government agencies such as the Prosecutor’s Office, District Court and Probation,” she said, emphasizing that she provides information after verifying it for accuracy. Much of the information that Lipinski organizes for court cases involves very strict confidentiality issues.

Grant writing is another office function that Lipinski said interests her.

“I’d like to gain more knowledge in assisting with research and writing of grants and other officer training programs,” she said. To help her reach this goal, Lipinski has enrolled in SVSU’s Master of Arts program in Organizational Leadership and Administration.

“I’m somewhat of a computer geek,” Lipinski said, smiling. “I’ve developed all sorts of databases, record systems, brochures and forms for the department, along with training co-workers on computer applications.

“My goal is to use my experience and computer skills to become more involved in environmental issues.”

Outside the office, Lipinski said she enjoys traveling with her family to Petoskey for downhill skiing during the winter, and boating on Lake Huron in the summer months. She also is a devoted sports fan, everything from auto racing to figure skating.

Additionally, Lipinski takes advantage of the facilities in Ryder Center for fitness activities, as well as attending events such as auto, home and boat shows, and the TriSource Business Expo held last month.

Lipinski’s husband, Wayne, is employed by Walbro Corp. They have two daughters, Kelsey, 4, and Carly, 1, and live in Essexville.
Embracing What Technology Has to Offer

David Stanton, assistant professor of biology, doesn’t claim to be the most knowledgeable of computer users on campus, but he is among those most willing to give it the (ahem) “old college try.”

“What I’m doing is pretty low-tech right now. It’s not interactive,” Stanton said. “But, it’s a step in the right direction and the best thing for me to do.”

Stanton’s enthusiasm for embracing technology in the classroom earned him a position on the recently-formed Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable (TLTR). He and Diane Boehm, director of the University Writing Program, co-chair the Faculty/Staff Development & Incentives action team of the TLTR.

When he arrived here two years ago, Stanton said he used traditional methods for classroom lectures. His first semester, he used overhead transparencies exclusively. The second semester he composed notes on his Mac, then copied them onto overheads. During his second year, Stanton discovered PowerPoint.

“Every lecture in the last year I have used computers,” Stanton said. “For 10 years now I’ve had a computer of some kind and have typed all my lecture notes on the computer.” Then he had to copy them onto transparencies.

Stanton moved toward using an LCD panel with overhead projection for his lectures, but he often had trouble putting his illustrations on the same disk as his notes, due to memory capacities.

“With PowerPoint, I can import my figures and import my (Microsoft) Word text. In 10 minutes, I have converted my lecture — which I’ve already written — into a PowerPoint presentation.” All without once reading a manual.

“I don’t know how to do all the fancy stuff, but it’s the content that’s important — not the bells and whistles. Most of my students like it.” Stanton specifically asks for comments regarding his PowerPoint teaching methods on his evaluations.

“I realize the way I do things relies on technology and may appear impersonal,” Stanton said. “But I’m still there to interact with the students.”

He advises his colleagues considering new technology to stop in the Instructional Teaching Laboratories or attend one of the many campus workshops.

“I am absolutely not a ‘technogeek,’” Stanton said. “I do whatever Laurie (Reed, physics lecturer) and Deb (Peruski, ITL) tell me.”

Reed, Peruski and others have offered to serve as technology mentors for faculty and staff at all levels of interest. The TLTR committee still is in need of more, Stanton said.

“Anyone who knows what they’re doing and is willing to share can be a mentor.”