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Scholarships enhanced through Campaign for Distinction

Several new student scholarships and faculty endowments were created through The Campaign for Distinction. There also were several scholarships that were "enhanced" during the campaign.

The Virginia Groening Memorial Scholarship was established in 1980 as a memorial to Mrs. Groening, a longtime Midland resident, active in the community and a devoted supporter of her husband, William A. Groening Jr., and their five children. The scholarship is designed to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education at SVSU.

Groening scholarships are awarded to part- or full-time students. Factors considered in the selection of students include the applicant's scholastic achievement and potential, and the need for financial assistance.

The family and friends of Virginia Groening established the endowment fund at the time of her death in August 1990.

Now a Florida resident, William Groening received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from SVSU in 1974. He was a member of the SVSU Board of Control from 1963 to 1973, where he

also served as the board's first chair. He was a member of the SVSU Foundation Board from 1977 to 1988, initiated the Annual Fund Committee (member from 1977 to 1988, the chair from 1977 to 1981). He also is a member of the SVSU Board of Fellows and has been since 1973.

The Jack and Alice Wirt Scholarship was established to encourage continued progress and provide financial assistance to students pursuing a degree at SVSU. The fund was created in honor of the Wirts, longtime Bay City residents, and founders of Wirt Transport Co.

The Wirts established a tuition award fund in 1979, then created an endowed scholarship in 1985. It is one of the longest-standing endowments at SVSU.

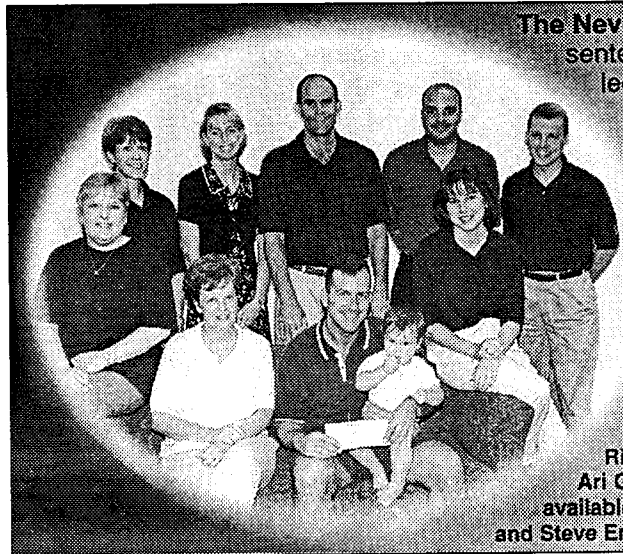
Grants are made to part- or full-time students who have completed 30 or more credit hours toward a degree program. Recipients must have a grade point average of 2.5 or better and evidence of financial need. The scholarship may be renewed from year to year, depending upon satisfactory academic performance by the recipient.

William Groening and Jack Wirt were members of the Honorary Cabinet for The Campaign for Distinction.



The Neve Golden Education Fund committee presented a \$3,000 check to Ari Golden after collecting donations from the campus community. The fund drive for Neve was created following the Jan. 2 passing of Neve's mother, Kari, a staff member in the Office of Admissions. Donations still are being accepted for the fund. Send checks, made payable to "SVSU/Neve Golden Education Fund," to the Office of Admissions.

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Committee members participating in the June 25 check presentation were, clockwise from left, Deb Albrough, Vickie Hayes, Jennifer Auer, Jim Dwyer, Robert Lemuel, Dan Strasz and Kelly Richards. Seated in front from left are Diane Parrish, Ari Golden and Neve Golden. Committee members not available for the photo were Sue Straebel, Don Bachand and Steve Erickson.





A campus audience heard award-winning children's literature author Jan Bode discuss her work June 25 in Founders Hall. Bode attributed her love for writing to keeping personal journals as a young girl growing up in London. Bode's nonfiction works tell the stories of young people involved in a variety of difficult circumstances: serving time in jail, coping with the loss of someone close to them, struggling with eating disorders, overcoming crippling family and personal problems. Bode discussed how her own experiences as a crime victim enabled her to relate to youthful offenders. Bode's visit to SVSU was arranged by Jean Brown and Elaine Stephens, professors of teacher education.

Professional Profile

• **Eric Gardner**, assistant professor of English and Writing Center coordinator, has an article titled "Stowe Takes the Stage: Harriet Beecher Stowe's *The Christian Slave*" in the current issue of *Legacy, A Journal of American Women Writers* (vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 78-84). The article is the first published analysis of the dramatization of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* Stowe wrote for African American actress Mary Webb in 1855.

• **Patrick Pan**, associate professor of mathematical sciences, presented a paper titled "On Triangular Extension Spectrum of Operators" at the 1998 Great Plains Operator Theory Symposium (GPOTS), May 26 through 31 at Kansas State University.

• **Ann Rae**, professor of social work, presented a paper titled "Linking Social Work Practice and Social Welfare Policy in Communities and Organizations with Scientific Reasoning and the World Wide Web" at the Joint World Congress of the International Federation of Social Workers and the International Association of Schools of Social Work, July 5 through 9 in Jerusalem, Israel. Rae's presentation took place July 8 in the conference session titled "Computers in Policy Making, Administration and Practice."

• **Gary Thompson**, professor of English, presented a paper at Kings' College, London, as

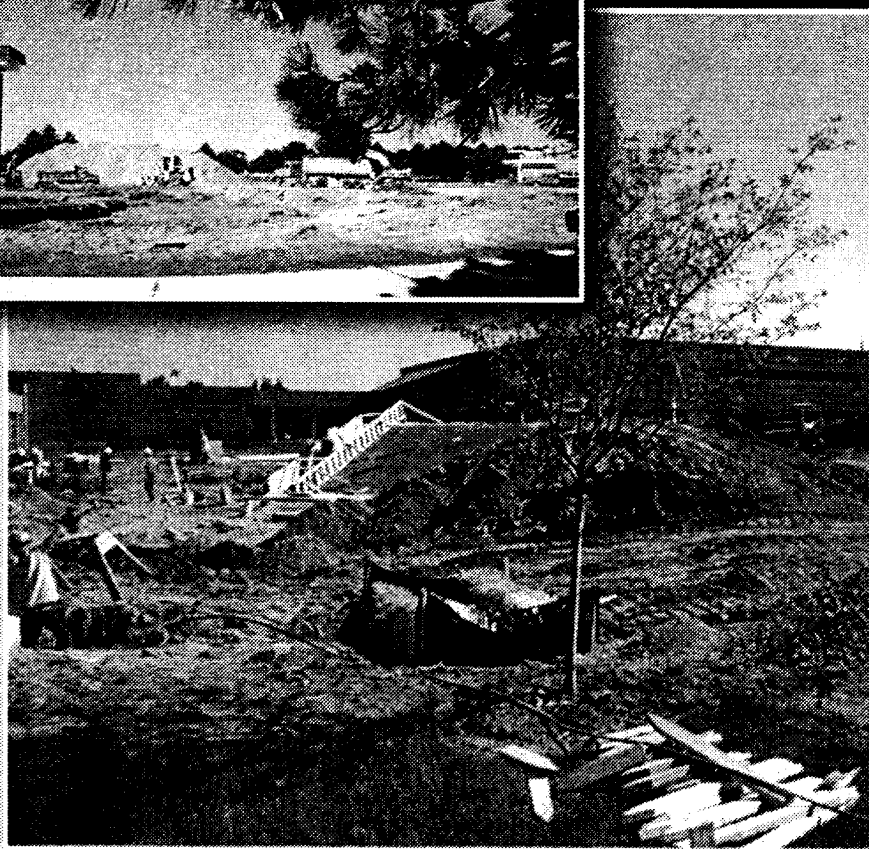
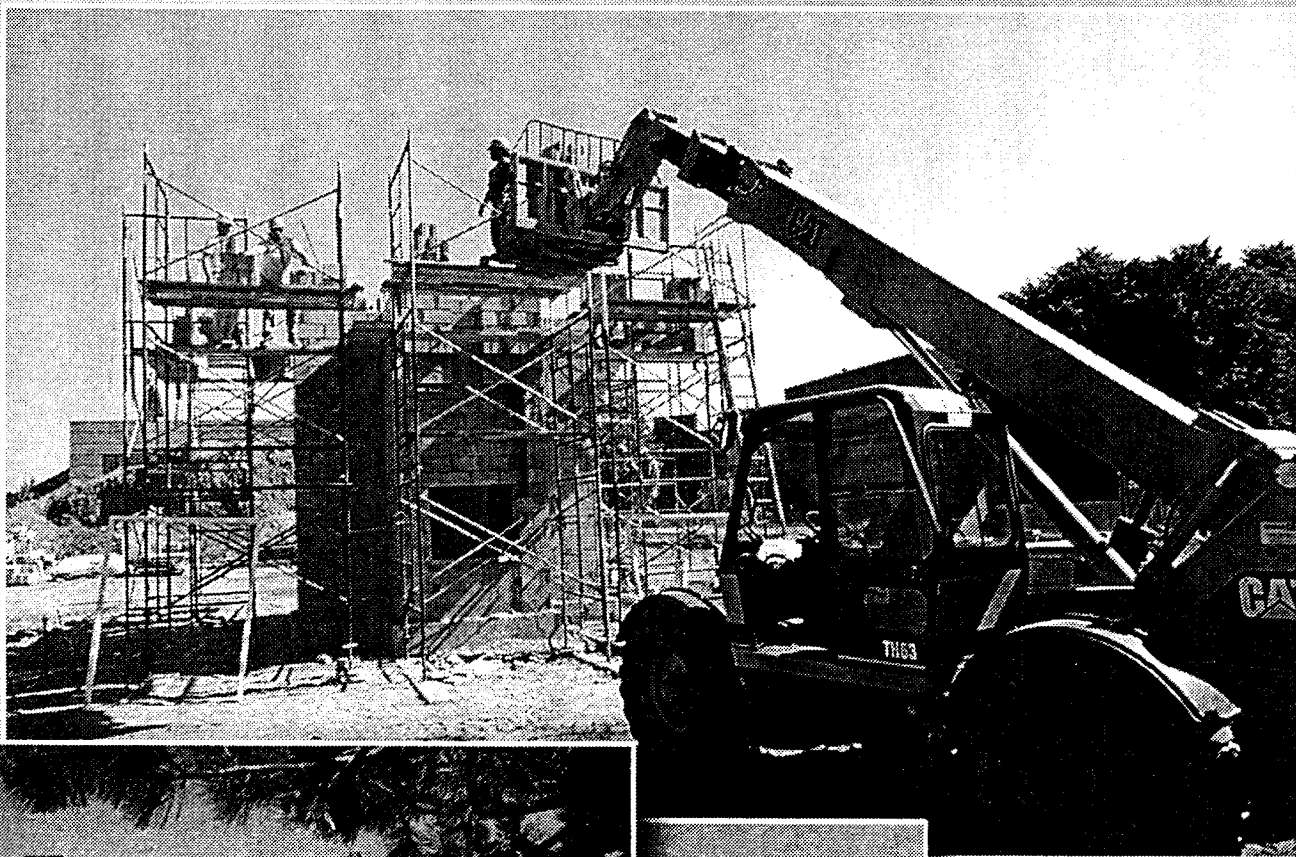
part of International Pynchon Week.

"Pynchonian Pastiche" looked at the 1997 novel, *Mason & Dixon*, as an 18th Century post-modern novel, a paradox that has a profound effect on how the reader negotiates toward a satisfactory account of its meaning. The conference was one of two held over a seven-day period; the first, held in Antwerp, Belgium, commemorated the 25th anniversary of Thomas Pynchon's novel, *Gravity's Rainbow*; the other was on any or all of Pynchon's works.

Across Campus

- The campus community extends condolences:
 - To **Nick Badalamenti**, electrician and working foreman, on the loss of his mother, Audree L. Badalamenti, who passed away July 2.
 - To **Eugene Hamilton**, special assistant to the president for Government and Community relations, on the loss of his mother, Mary Margaret (Mayme) Hamilton, who passed away July 7.
- **Jerry Woodcock**, vice president of administration and business affairs, was reappointed by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Board of Directors to the Budget Review Committee and Appeals Panel under the Participating Hospital Agreement. Woodcock has served on this committee since 1976.

"Gaze Into Your Business Future" is an executive educational opportunity for mid-Michigan leaders who want to be on the forefront of technological change, team motivation and self-development. The day-long seminar on Aug. 4 includes keynote addresses from business leaders Paul Kordis and Joel C. Robertson. The seminar is sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education. A special part of the seminar will include free tickets to a Detroit Lions intrasquad scrimmage. To register for the seminar, which takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., contact the Office of Continuing Education at ext. 4475.



Several campus construction projects are beginning to take shape. Among the changes to the campus are, counter-clockwise from top, the bell tower, a dorm complex and the amphitheatre. Completion of the Edwards Bell Tower and Zahnow Amphitheatre is expected to be late November 1998, with the student housing units ready by mid-August 1999. Other projects that also are under way this summer include renovation of D and E houses in the residence halls and the \$3.5 million energy loop. Although it will be the least visible, the energy loop may turn out to be the most disruptive project since it will involve every campus building except Brown Hall, Zahnow Library and Ryder Center. Piping will be installed in ceilings, which will require evacuation of affected rooms during installation. The schedule for construction of IF #3 has yet to be determined.

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Did you know . . .

- **Margaret Clark**, wife of Basil A. Clark, professor of English, is chair of the UNICEF Committee of Midland County.
- **Gloria Hansen**, coordinator of Health Services, is a member of the American College Health Association and the Alumni Association of Saginaw General Hospital. Hansen also has held several leadership positions with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Subterranean Strings Dulcimer Club.

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.

Transitions

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

Directory Revisions

- **Jeffrey Ashley**, assistant professor, political science, 249-4630
- **Brooks Byam**, assistant professor, mechanical engineering
- **Ranjana Dutta**, assistant professor, psychology, B166, 791-7043
- **John Grolle**, assistant professor, geography and history, 249-4631
- **Barbara Jones**, assistant professor of teacher education, *is not located in B166 and her phone number is not 791-7043*
- **David Pape**, associate professor, mechanical engineering, P128, 249-4676
- **Carol Shaw**, lecturer, modern foreign languages, 249-4632
- **Michelle Summers**, part-time academic advisor/Minority Student Services
- **Andrew Swihart**, assistant professor, psychology, 249-4647

SVSU Welcomes

- **Siamack Bondari**, lecturer, mathematical sciences, S336, 790-5609; Ph.D., M.S. and B.S., Iowa State University

Have You Heard?

- Participants are needed for the **1998 Community Corporate Games**. Among the events that require competitors are Team Banner, Basketball Shoot, 400M Relay, Obstacle Course, Tug of War and 4x50 Swim Relay. For further information, or to sign-up for an event, contact Mike Holliday at ext. 5683.

- The Office of Continuing Education and the American Society of Employers are offering a certification program for administrative assistants, secretaries, office professionals and support staff. A discount is available for SVSU personnel. For dates, course topics and registration information, call ext. 4475.

- Activities and special events to be included in the **Fall 1998 Calendar of Events** should be

sent to the Office of Information Services by Thursday, Aug. 6. To produce the calendar, we need name/type of event; time, date and location; a brief description of the event or a brief bio of the artist/lecturer; admission information, including ticket prices; and a phone number for more information. We will print information returned by Aug. 6 in the *Alumni Announcer* (when appropriate) as well. As SVSU offers even more activities, the calendar becomes increasingly important. Faculty and staff cooperation is greatly appreciated. To submit information, call Tammy Elliott at ext. 4039 or E-mail infoservices@svsu.edu.

- The Office of Information Services is scheduling **portrait appointments** for the 1998-99 *Faculty/Staff Directory*. To make an appointment, call ext. 4039 or E-mail infoservices@svsu.edu.

- You may recycle your **old phone books** by placing them beside your regular recycle bin for pick-up.

High Five

- **Football** — SVSU will make a second straight Red Feather Game appearance at Arthur Hill High School's Memorial Stadium Saturday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. This year's contest will be dedicated to Bob Becker, who is retiring Dec. 31 after nearly 30 years at SVSU, including 18 years as athletic director. Proceeds from the game, which is co-sponsored by the Fordney Club of Saginaw, will go to Saginaw County youth athletic programs. For ticket information, call ext. 7300.



Mary Kay Grow, a nationally renowned leadership consultant, presented "Leadership Institute: Writing Curriculum" July 6 through 10 in Curtiss Hall. Workshop participants consisted of fellows involved in the Saginaw Bay National Writing Project (SBNWP). For further information on the SBNWP, contact Diane Boehm at ext. 7728 or send E-mail to dboehm@svsu.edu.

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