

# Interior

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## Monitor Sugar Co. and its growers establish endowed scholarship

**M**onitor Sugar Co. and its growers introduced a scholarship opportunity during The Campaign for Distinction. The "Big Chief" endowed scholarship will assist incoming students pursuing degrees in the colleges of Business & Management, or Science, Engineering & Technology.

One full-time freshman student annually will receive scholarship funds to cover tuition for one year. The recipient must have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.50. Transfer students must have a collegiate minimum 3.40 GPA. Recipients must reside in the 15 county regional area in which growers are located.

"Both Monitor Sugar Co. and its growers are committed to this regional community and desire to assist in providing higher education opportunities for its residents by establishing the Monitor 'Big Chief' Scholarship Endowment Fund," according to Robert L. Hetzler, CEO of Monitor Sugar Co.

"Distributions from the fund will provide 'Big Chief' Scholarships for both current and future generations of outstanding area students, thus recognizing scholastic achievement and encouraging continued progress by providing assistance to students in financing their education at Saginaw Valley State University."

Monitor Sugar Co. was built in 1901 under the name "German-American Farmers Cooperative Beet Sugar Co." Since then, it has grown and expanded through the talents and energy of its past and present employees and its growers. With a renewed commitment to the community and the environment, Monitor Sugar Co. is prepared for the future, Hetzler said.

Today, Monitor Sugar Co., producer and processor of "Big Chief" sugar products, is headquartered in Bay City and continues to produce "Big Chief" brand sugars, pulp and

molasses. Currently, more than 775 area growers from 15 counties plant and grow sugar beets for Monitor.

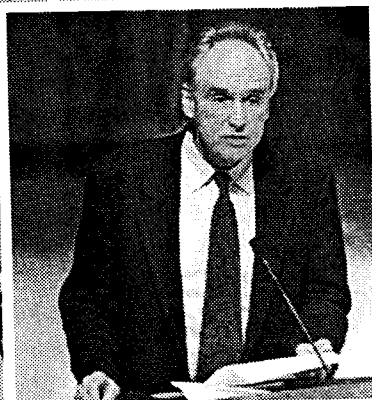
Monitor Sugar Co. has provided annual scholarship funds to SVSU students for a number of years. The creation of the endowment fund will ensure that the awards will be available in perpetuity.



**Rathkamp delivers first-ever Rush Distinguished Lecture —** Thomas and Hilda Rush were among those in the audience to hear Walter Rathkamp deliver the first Rush Lecture, Oct. 6 in Founders Hall. The endowment was created by the Rush's as part of the Campaign for Distinction. The executive director of the Center for Mathematics & Science Education and the SVSU Regional Math/Science Center, Rathkamp compared U.S. and international math and science education. He examined funding for math and science education, and emphasized the importance of math and science literacy. His talk also included a brief history of math and science education and its status in the U.S. The Rush Endowment provides resources for an annual presentation by a faculty or staff member in an academic convocation.



**SVSU hosts An Evening with Theodore Roethke** — Col. Richard White and artist M. Pamela Stump assemble a sculpture in honor of the late Theodore Roethke. The piece was dedicated at an Oct. 15 ceremony that included presentation of the Roethke Poetry Prize to Frank Bidart (below). Stump's piece is on permanent display in Zahnaw Library.



## Author, Fellowship Founder to speak

Author and founder of the Greek Orthodox Peace Fellowship, Jim Forest, will present two Wednesday, Oct. 21 lectures that are sponsored by the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences.

At noon in the Emeriti Room, Forest will discuss "Thomas Merton: Bridge to Monasticism, East and West." Forest was a friend and frequent correspondent of Merton and wrote a biography of the Trappist monk: *Living With Wisdom*. Beverages will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring a lunch.

Later that day, at 4 p.m. in Founders Hall, Forest will speak on "Dorothy Day and American Catholic Radicalism." A former editor of *The Catholic Worker*, the newspaper founded by Day in 1937, Forest published a biography of his mentor, *Love is the Measure*.

For additional information, call ext. 4062.

## Forum focuses on finance

Terry Savage, a nationally-recognized financial authority and television personality, will lecture at the fifth annual Economic Forecasting Forum, Thursday, Oct. 29 in the Performing Arts Theatre. The lecture, which begins at 4:30 p.m., is free of charge.

Savage writes a weekly syndicated column on personal finance for the *Chicago Sun-Times* and has written two best-sellers: *New Money Strategies for the '90s* and *Terry Savage Talks Money: The Common Sense Guide to Money Matters*.

Seen regularly on national television, Savage has appeared on *Good Morning America Sunday* and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Savage's personal finance commentaries also are included several times a month on PBS' *Nightly Business Report*. Savage began her career in finance as a stockbroker. She was the first woman trader on the Chicago Board Options Exchange.

The forum is co-sponsored by SVSU and First of America Bank. For more information on the forum, call ext. 4348.

## College of Education hosts Open House

An Open House of the new College of Education building is set from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 2.

The former CIESEN Building now houses the dean of the college, Bilingual/Bicultural Education, the Teaching Resource Center and a number of college faculty, in addition to the Regional Math/Science Center. Among the offices housed in the building is the Teacher Certification Office.

According to Karen Selby, assistant professor of teacher education, the building access makes it easy for those returning to the field of education or seeking certification. For more information on the Open House and the College of Education, call ext. 5648.

## Dow Visiting Scholar Program welcomes Tom Matano

The executive designer for Mazda North American Operations, Tom Matano, will present "The Role of Culture in Design" at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2 in the Performing Arts Theatre.



**Tom Matano**

In addition to working for Mazda, Matano has designed automobiles for GM and BMW. During his 25-year career, he has focused on the cultural aspects of design.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the colleges of Science, Engineering & Technology and Arts & Behavioral Sciences. Admission is free of charge. During his visit, Matano is scheduled to visit several classes on campus. For further information, call ext. 7359.

## Professional Profile

• **Alfred Bracciano**, professor of occupational therapy, presented a full-day workshop at the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Annual Fall Conference, Sept. 24 in East Lansing. "Superficial Thermal Agents and Therapeutic Ultrasound" addressed the indications and contraindications of thermal agents in the rehabilitation process and their impact on wound healing. Bracciano was assisted by adjunct faculty member **Don Early**. Bracciano also received a Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Service Award for his tenure as the academic chair on the MOTA Council on Education.

Bracciano also will have a paper published in the January 1999 issue of the *Occupational Therapy Practice Journal*. "Therapeutic Ultrasound, Indications and Applications for the Occupational Therapist" was accepted for publication in October 1998.

Bracciano also co-authored a short course that was accepted for presentation at the 1999 American Occupational Therapy Association Annual conference and Exposition, April 20 in Indianapolis. "Treating Shoulder Impingement Syndrome: Adapting, Managing and Remediating dysfunction" will be presented with Early.

• **John Jezierski**, professor of history, received word that the special issue of the journal, *Pennsylvania History*, for spring 1998, has won the Arline Custer Award from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference for excellence in a publication making use of archival resources for the 1997-98 publication year. The journal is devoted to early photography in Pennsylvania and includes Jezierski's essay, "'Dangerous Opportunity': Glenalvin J. Goodridge and Early Photography in York, Pa., 1847-1863."

Jezierski also presented a brief address on the "Goodridge Brothers as Entrepreneurs" to the first Saginaw County Minority Business Awards Luncheon, Oct. 5, which has titled this annual award the "Goodridge Brothers Award."

• **Paul Munn**, professor of English, presented a paper, "Milton's *Paradise Lost* as Film," at the Michigan College English Association annual conference, Sept. 25 in Port Huron. The paper discusses Munn's original screenplay based on John Milton's epic poem, *Paradise Lost*.

• **Thomas Renna**, professor of history, presented a paper, "Mendicant Women Saints and the Apocalypse" at the 23rd International conference on Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Studies. The conference, which took place at

The university community is invited to hear Joan Bauer, award-winning author of young adult literature, speak at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 in Founders Hall. Bauer's work uses humor as a bridge to understanding universal themes. For further information, contact Jean Brown, ext. 4073, or Elaine Stephens, ext. 4317.

Villanova University, was sponsored by the Augustinian Historical Institute and the Department of Philosophy.

• **Susan Vorce** and **Sally Decker**, nursing faculty, were elected to represent the newly-formed Bay Central Chapter of the Michigan Nurses Association. Vorce was elected as chair to the Congress on Public Policy and Decker was elected as vice chair of the Congress on Nursing Practice. This new structure, which was developed under the leadership of a Board member task force that included **Margaret Flatt**, was inaugurated at the association's 1998 convention, Oct. 1 through 3 in Lansing. Also attending as Bay Central Chapter delegates were Flatt and **Jeanne Bender**. In addition, **Kristine Roethlisberger**, nursing lab specialist, was elected to represent the chapter on the Congress on Public Policy.

• **Janice M. Wolff**, associate professor of English, presented a paper, "On Semiotics as a Theory of Composing," at the Michigan College English Association annual meeting, Sept. 25 at St. Clare Community College.

## Across Campus

• The campus community extends condolences to **Mohamed El-Kasabi**, professor of electrical and computer engineering, whose mother recently passed away.

• **Cecilia Jerome**, director of Information Services, recently was elected to the board of directors for the Advertising Federation of the Saginaw Valley. Jerome also serves as board secretary.

• **Scott Mellendorf**, reference and Internet librarian, was selected to speak at the Online World Conference and Expo in Washington D.C., on Monday, Oct 12. His presentation was titled "Beyond the Home Page: Additional Web-based Services that Promote Your Library and Increase User Opportunities."

• **Jo Peterson**, director of the Business & Industrial Development Institute, was elected president of the National Association of Career Women. She also won election as vice president of the Saginaw Exchange Club.

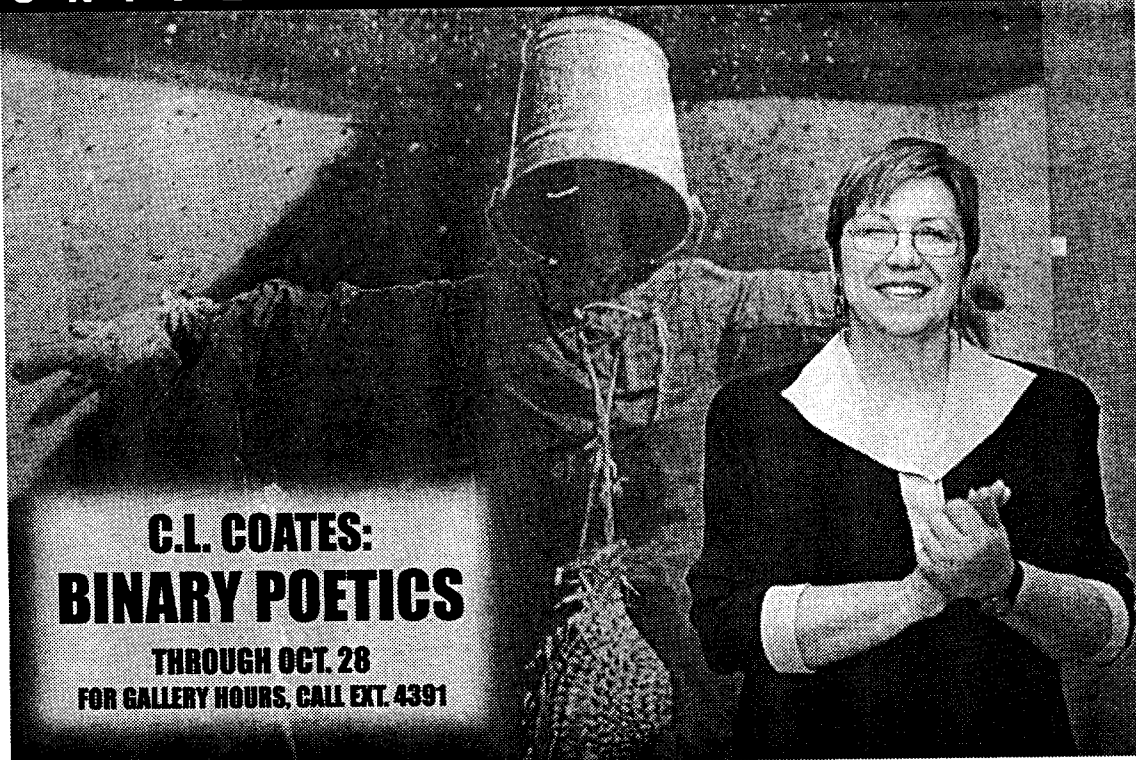
• Congratulations go out to **Beth Rusch**, police officer, who recently adopted a daughter. Katie Lynn was born July 19, 1998.



Friday, Oct. 23  
4:30 p.m.  
President's  
Reception Area

Refreshments  
served

Come and enjoy  
the company of  
your colleagues  
and friends!



## Holiday Closing Schedule

The campus will close for Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27.

SVSU also will close for Christmas holiday break from Thursday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Jan. 1. Normal hours will resume Monday, Jan. 4. University personnel not working Wednesday, Dec. 30 will need to use a personal vacation day.

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## Campus Happenings

• A representative from **Valley State Employees Credit Union** will be on campus from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 21 and Thursday, Nov. 19 in Brown Concourse. For more information, call the Office of Human Resources at ext. 4108.

• **Open Enrollment Insurance Verification Forms** must be returned to the Office of Human Resources by Friday, Oct. 23, even if no changes in insurance coverage are requested.

• The SVSU volleyball and softball teams are hosting **Fun Night for Kids** in Ryder Center from 6 to 9:45 p.m. Youths in grades 2 through 8 pay \$5 to play games and use the pool. Fun Night dates are Oct. 23, Dec. 4, Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and March 12.

• The Academic Achievement Center will offer a **Speed Reading** workshop for students from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 in 140A Wickes Hall. Another workshop, Stress Management, will be presented Nov. 3. For more information, call ext. 5691.

• A **TIAA-CREF Teleconference** will take place Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Curtiss Hall. "Reaching Your Financial Goals: Tips from America's Experts" will offer information on investment choices during a live, interactive call-in segment. For more information, call ext. 4108.

• The site for the next **blood drive** will be Alumni Lounge in Curtiss Hall. To donate, stop by from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11. Campus Dining will provide a coupon for a free drink for all who donate. Appointments also can be made by calling Health Services at ext. 4271.

## Transitions

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

### Name Change

• **Deborah (Peruski) Roberts**, instructional technology specialist, C154, [drp@svsu.edu](mailto:drp@svsu.edu)

### Same Face, New Place

• **Tracy Claeys**, special assistant to the director of athletics/football administrative assistant, 249-4683, R218, [tclaeys@svsu.edu](mailto:tclaeys@svsu.edu)

• **Dawn Gillespie**, administrative secretary, school/university partnerships, 249-4623, E143, [drg@svsu.edu](mailto:drg@svsu.edu)

• **Dave Wiemers**, assistant head football coach, 791-7326, R250, [dmwiemer@svsu.edu](mailto:dmwiemer@svsu.edu)

## High Five

• **Football (6-1)** — suffered a 37-36 defeat to Grand Valley State University Saturday. A school-record attendance was set as 8,400 fans attended the game.

• **Volleyball (16-8, 7-5)** — beat Mercyhurst College in three straight games, 15-11, 15-5 and 15-3, Saturday.



## **Melvin J. Zahnow**

**Sept. 21, 1911  
Oct. 7, 1998**

Melvin J. Zahnow, one of SVSU's original incorporators and a long-time trustee, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1998. SVSU's library is named for Mr. Zahnow, and he was the sole contributor to a new amphitheatre that is named for his wife, Lillian. The University will open the amphitheatre in the spring.

A Frankenmuth resident, Mr. Zahnow was chairman and trustee of Wickes Corporation, and was a former chairman of the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation. He began his business career as secretary and director of Wickes Brothers and Wickes Boiler Company in 1940. He also was a member of the SVSU Board of Control and the SVSU Foundation.

Mr. Zahnow earned his bachelor of arts in business administration from Albion College in 1934. In recognition of his contribution to SVSU, the University bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon Mr. Zahnow in 1982 and a Distinguished Service Medallion in 1991.

The former Saginaw business and civic leader is remembered for his involvement in numerous clubs and organizations. In 1985, the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce honored him with its Community Service Award. Mr. Zahnow also was the recipient of the Lutheran Social Services Distinguished Service Award and is listed in *Who's Who in the Midwest*.