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Foundation Board approves grants for 10 faculty and staff

An Evaluation Committee of the SVSU Foundation Board met in November and approved grants for 10 faculty and staff members to fund 11 projects.

The grants are part of a program from the Foundation that enables faculty and staff to receive funding toward programs and projects they develop that benefit SVSU students. The grant program is not intended for faculty research. Through the SVSU Foundation, faculty and staff may request funding to enhance scholarship, further the academic and cultural missions of the University and/or have significant impact on the University community. Programs or projects typically should be completed within one year.

Funding for the grant program is through an endowment established by combining unrestricted gifts to the Campaign for Distinction with other unrestricted Foundation funds.

The following projects received approval:

A program proposed by Brooks Byam, assistant professor of mechanical engineering and technology, received \$4,143. The grant will provide financial support for the **SVSU Formula SAE team**, which will compete in May during the Society of Automotive Engineers' FormulaSAE competition in Pontiac. The SVSU FSAE team will design and build a small formula-style race car to compete with cars from more than 100 other colleges and universities. Students involved in this competition apply engineering know-how, learn teamwork and gain experience.

A program to support **outstanding senior early admission to the MA-Organizational Leadership & Administration** program, received \$2,000. The program, proposed by David Weaver, OLA coordinator, would provide financial support for four students pursuing a graduate degree while completing their

undergraduate education. Qualified seniors with a GPA of 3.25 or better may enroll for up to three courses (nine credits) in the program under special admission.

A second program proposed by Weaver was granted \$1,200 as supplemental **support for capstone project research by MA-OLA students**. This grant will provide funds to OLA students to support certain Capstone Project research costs.

Eric Nisula, professor of music, sponsored a request to assist student members of the **SVSU Concert Choir with expenses for a trip to England**. The \$4,500 funding supplements the Choir's private fund-raising efforts. More than 30 students are traveling as members of the choir to England during Spring Break to give four concerts, including one in the Chichester Cathedral. The choir and collegium will present their "Concert from England Homecoming" concerts in April.

Janet Robinson, professor of psychology, requested \$2,000 to support **student research projects in the Psychology Department**. The funding will provide direct support of student research projects and payment of fees associated with sending students and faculty members to the Michigan Academy.

A program proposed by Phyllis Hastings, professor of English, received \$1,000 to provide **travel assistance for students and writing production expenses for English 490**, "Writing in Community Organizations." The new program provides students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience developing written materials for local organizations. The program requires frequent visits to an off-campus site, therefore, the grant will provide travel money for students and contribute to the production and duplication of materials.

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Guitarist to perform

Christopher Laughlin, classical guitarist, will be the featured performer during a Jan. 30 Rhea Miller Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Laughlin teaches at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in Milwaukee. He holds a master of music degree from Yale University and a bachelor of music degree from the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore. After completing his studies at Yale, Laughlin was awarded a Fulbright Grant and an Annette Kade Scholarship to study in Paris with Uruguayan guitarist Betho Davezac. He continued his studies a second year on scholarship from the French government.

Laughlin has toured internationally in more than two dozen countries. A resident of Chicago, Laughlin was a soloist with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra and the St. Joseph Pro Musica in performances of the Concerto for Guitar and Small Orchestra of Villa-Lobos; with the Symphony of the Shores, Westshore Symphony, the LaPorte Country Symphony, the Northwest Chicago Symphony, and the Symphony String Quartet. He frequently performs recitals in Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Ann Arbor, Toledo, Washington and New Haven, CT. He released two recordings on Peregrine Records: *Danza!* (1994) and *Simplicio* (1998). Laughlin's recitals have been broadcast on radio stations in Los Angeles, Washington and throughout North America on the WFMT satellite network.

Among the pieces Laughlin is scheduled to perform are compositions by J.S. Bach, Scarlatti, Yocoh, Sor, Turina, Rodrigo, Barrios and Pena.

Seating is limited. To reserve tickets, call ext. 4159.

Business seminar series begins Feb. 4

The College of Business and Management will sponsor three lectures, beginning Feb. 4, as part of its Business Seminar Series. All programs begin at 4 p.m. in Curtiss Hall.

The first program — Thursday, Feb. 4 — will feature Gary Clark, professor of marketing, who will discuss "Students' Attitudes Toward Peer Evaluations in the Classroom." Clark's presentation will be in Room 224 of Curtiss Hall.

Richard Leininger, professor of management and marketing, will discuss "Computer Communications Through the Internet"

Thursday, Feb. 18 in Room 315 of Curtiss Hall.

The final program in the winter semester series will be Wednesday, April 17 with Michael Sovansky. Sovansky, associate professor of law and finance, will discuss "Operational Change and the Duty to Bargain under the NLRA." His presentation will take place in Room 315 of Curtiss Hall.

There is no charge for admission to the Business Seminar programs. To register, or for more information, call ext. 4064.

SVSU to host American Heart Walk

SVSU Saturday, Feb. 13, will open its doors for the American Heart Walk, Bay Division. Individuals and corporate teams will walk the SVSU corridors in this non-competitive fundraising event from 9 to 11:30 a.m. President Eric Gilbertson and Jan Blecke, professor of nursing, are co-chairs.

The American Heart Walk focuses attention on the problems of cardiovascular disease and stroke — the nation's No. 1 killers. The walk, one of 800 nationwide, raises funds for heart and stroke research and education.

All walkers will receive promotional items from corporate sponsors. Blood pressure check and refreshment stations will be located throughout the walk route. Walkers also can earn prizes based upon money raised.

Six SVSU employees have volunteered as team captains and are recruiting members for their teams. Captains are Blecke (ext. 4130), Gary Brasseur (ext. 4480), John Curry (ext. 4252), Kathy Lopez (ext. 4661), Bob Maurovich (ext. 4287) and Shelly Reminder (ext. 4255). Individuals interested in joining a team, should contact a captain by Friday, Jan. 29.

One SVSU team will walk in memory of Kari Golden, former secretary for the Communication & Theatre faculty, who died of a stroke in January 1998. To become a member of this team, or to make a donation in Golden's honor, call Lopez or Sue Straebel (ext. 4201).

Families are encouraged to participate!

For additional information, contact one of the six team captains.

Register early for the Monday, Feb. 1 workshop presented by David Eastman. "Turn Vision Into Reality: Partner For Performance" is recommended for A/P employees. Sponsored by the Human Resources Office, the seminar runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Curtiss Hall. Lunch is available for \$3.95 in the Emeriti Room. To register, call Tamie Grunow at ext. 4111 or E-mail: tgrunow@svsu.edu.

Coming Home Week Events

- Swing D.J. and swing dance lessons will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 in Doan Café.
- SVSU hosts Grand Valley State University Thursday, Jan. 28 in O'Neill Arena. The women tipoff at 5:30 p.m., with the men's game following at 7:30 p.m.
- A pep rally will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 in O'Neill Arena.
- Capping off the week will be the Ferris State contest on Saturday, Jan. 30. The women's game starts at 1 p.m., followed by the men at 3 p.m. A tug-o-war and entertainment for kids will be part of the day's events.

- Cash and prize giveaways will be available at both games. For further information on Coming Home Week events, contact the Campus Life Center at ext. 4170.

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Woody Pelton, special assistant to the president for International Programs, requested \$2,500 to **assist particular international students with unforeseen economic crises**. Due to economic problems in Asia, from which a number of SVSU students come, funding was requested to cover existing needs of specific students.

A program request by Merry Jo Brandimore, assistant dean of campus & residential life, was granted \$4,000 to assist with a **Student Leadership Weekend and Student Leadership Lecturer-in-Residence**.

A program proposed by Eric Buschlen, director of campus & recreational programs, received \$2,000 to **increase the campus Cultural Art Series** from seven to 15 performances during 1999-2000. In particular, the funding will bring more entertainers to Doan Café for lunch performances.

A request to provide funding to enhance **formal training opportunities** for students involved as peer educators with Cardinal CHOICES received \$2,700. Tony Thomson, personal counselor, made the request on behalf of Cardinal CHOICES (Choosing Healthy Options in College and Every Situation). The grant provides three-credit tuition reimbursement for three team leaders to develop, plan and implement training opportunities for peer educators. It will include speakers, research and strategies, as well as involvement with local, state and national coalitions geared toward reducing alcohol-related tragedies.

Diane Boehm, director of the University Writing Program, requested funding on behalf of a technology initiative of the University Writing Program, including the Writing Center. A program to provide **on-line tutoring to students via E-mail** was granted \$2,500. Through the program, students will receive tutoring, writing assistance and critiquing of their work via E-mail from the Writing Center. The pilot program would include four tutors and six instructors.

The total amount of funding approved by the Foundation Board was \$28,543.

The next grant requests for the Foundation Board review are due March 1 to the Foundation Office. Grant applications are available in the Foundation Office, 314 Wickes Hall.

Banquet prizes include trip for two

Is a trip to Toronto in your future? How about dinner in any one of the tri-counties' fine dining establishments?

They could be! Attend the 1999 All-University Awards Banquet April 16 in Curtiss

Hall and at the very least you will receive a fine dinner for two presented by Campus Dining — at no charge to you!

While you enjoy the complimentary dinner and good company, your many colleagues and friends also will be honored for their service to the University and many accomplishments. Maybe you've been a recipient of such an honor in the past — maybe this is your year!

Find out who will win one of the many dinners or the weekend trip to Toronto, which includes two round-trip rail fares and accommodations at the Royal York Hotel.

Mark your calendar now for April 16. It promises to be a night you won't want to miss!

Weather policy outlines procedures for cancellations

When bad weather strikes and campus is closed or classes are cancelled, staff members should note the following changes to the University's weather policy:

When campus is closed, or classes/activities canceled, **only designated employees** are to report to work. In previous years, there was a difference in meaning between classes being cancelled and the campus being closed as to who was to report for work. Supervisors have identified these individuals. All other employees are not expected to report. With the republishing of the policy this fall — which was sent to all employees as an enclosure in the Nov. 17, 1998, *Interior* — the two terms ("campus closed" and "classes cancelled") are now synonymous.

Classes and SVSU activities may be canceled, but programs scheduled through the Office of Continuing Education may continue to take place. Individuals within that office will receive direction from their supervisor.

Because commuting students, faculty and staff come from such a broad geographic area, arriving at a decision that is appropriate to each vicinity is extremely difficult. There is no one decision that will satisfy everyone; however, a diligent effort is made to arrive at a reasonable decision. Under no circumstances does the University ask its employees or students to assume undue risk in traveling to work in inclement weather. Each person should use his/her own judgement about driving to campus. Those who cannot make it into work due to weather when the University is open, need to notify their supervisor immediately.

The Weather/Information line, **790-4477**, has taped messages about the open/closed status of campus activities. If you need clarification of media announcements, you should call the weather line for a detailed message.

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE LANDEE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Each year the University recognizes one, or occasionally two, full-time faculty member(s) as the recipient(s) of the Landee Teaching Excellence Award. Alumni, students, faculty, and staff may nominate candidates.

An Award Committee which represents a cross-section of the University community makes the selection. The Award Committee will develop a short list of finalists from the total group of nominees and invite them to submit documentation of their teaching excellence. Your participation helps to assure that the committee chooses an appropriate faculty member.

Teaching excellence is hard to define, but generally you will recognize it when you experience it. An excellent teacher might be described by attributes such as these:

- Maintains high standards and prepares students academically in an exemplary manner
- Possesses superior knowledge of the subject matter
- Displays sincerity and enthusiasm in teaching
- Demonstrates fairness and integrity
- Organizes courses well and makes clear presentations
- Motivates students to excel
- Respects student opinions
- Relates classroom learning to real life situations
- Shows interest and helpfulness in counseling and advising

The members of the 1999 Landee Award Committee are Don Bachand, David Barker, Leo Blanchard, Diane Boehm, Mary Graiver, William Hart, Garry Johns, Marilyn Knight, Shawnette Moll, and Ken Wahl (Chair).

A list of eligible faculty appears on the reverse side of this nomination form. Please use the space below to make a nomination and return it by **Monday, February 15, 1999**. Simply fold this form in thirds, tape, and mail.

I nominate _____. My reasons follow:

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ELIGIBLE FACULTY

ACCOUNTING

Gingras, Russell
Jacoby, Louis
Kickham, Lawrence
Wiseman, Donald

ART

Hirsch, Barron
Kihata, Hideki
Zivich, Matthew

BIOLOGY

Dalgarn, David
Kantak, Gail
Lange, Gary
Pelzer, Charles
Shepardson, Sally
Stanton, David
Trdan, Richard
Yang, Gene

CHEMISTRY

Andrewes, Arthur
Eastland, George
Gorden, Berner
Lawrence, Steve
Plaush, Albert

COMMUNICATION

Erickson, Steven
Gourd, William
Rubin, Janet
Schneider, David

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Bidgoli, Moe
Garrison, Charles
Hock, Randall
Lee, Tai Chi
Marzjarani, Morteza

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Gewerth, Kenneth
Priehs, Richard

ECONOMICS

Kanthi, Mahendra
Novey, Donald
Park, Hong Youl
Sarkar, Sam
Welch, William

EDUCATION

Brown, Jean
Edgerton, Sally
Elashhab, Gamal
Emond, Susie
Meadows, Robert
Novak, Paul
Owocki, Gretchen
Selby, Karen
Sparapani, Ervin
Stephens, Elaine
Sterchele, Norman
Storey, Denise
Wolfe, Carol

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

El-Kasabi, Mohamed
Leonard, Jonathan
Rahman, Altaf-Ur
Raz, Ghulam

ENGLISH

Barnett, Marianne
Cannon, Sally
Clark, Basil
Geistman, James
Graft, Lynne
Harley, Kay
Harmon, Mary
Hastings, Phyllis
Hearron, W. Thomas
Munn, Paul
Ramet, Carlos
Riegle, Rosalie
Sawyers, Ruth
Segel, Kerry

Smith, William
Sullivan, James
Thompson, Gary
Wang, Mason
Whittaker, Leslie
Wolff, Janice

HISTORY

Braddock, Robert
Hedberg, Mary
Jezierski, John
Petersen, Eric
Renna, Thomas
Willertz, John

LAW/FINANCE

Elliott, William
Jurn, Iksu
Mackie, Wayne
Sovansky, Michael

MANAGEMENT/ MARKETING

Arora, Shiv
Bishop, Deborah
Cheek, Robert
Clark, Gary
Leininger, Richard
Ofori-Dankwa, Joseph
Reddy, C. Surrender
Sype, Gail

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Frederick, Diana
Gilbert, Michael
Haynes, Tyler
Johns, Garry
Matti, Joseph
Mooningham, Gretchen
Mooningham, John
Novey, Rose
Pan, Patrick
Redman, Irmgard

Schall, David
Sepanski, Steve
Tierman, Andrew
Zerger, Tom

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Graham, Eldon
Jabbari, M. Yousef
Mahajerin, Enayat
Shlien, Joseph

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Barker, David
Castaneda, Emilio
Dadlez, Anna
Herkstroeter, Lynn
Pastor, Ricardo

MUSIC

Girdham, Jane
Nisula, Eric
Peretz, Marc
Wollner, William

NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Apgar, Judith
Bender, Jeanne
Blecke, Janalou
Bracciano, Alfred
Claus, Sachiko
Decker, Sally
Flatt, Margaret
Gravier, Mary
Lewis, Ava
Mixer, Sandra
Nagayda, Janet
Roe, Elizabeth
Shannon, Marcia
Solterman, Mary

PHILOSOPHY

Hill, Judith
Hinderer, Drew
Rayfield, David

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Bridges, Jennifer
Hansen, Douglas
Romine, Jonathan

PHYSICS

Chen, Hsuan
Menard, Albert
Reed, Laurie
Shih, Marian

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Donahue, Jesse
Lane, Robert
Weaver, David

PSYCHOLOGY

Cohen, Lou
DeVos, Eric
Hatcher, Larry
Margres, Matthew
Mondol, Merlyn
Peterson, Gerald
Robinson, Janet

SOCIAL WORK

Monroe, Nellie
Rae, Ann
Yanca, Stephen

SOCIOLOGY

Barnett, William
Krause, Karen
Sherlock, Steven
Thaler, Robert
Tillock, Harriet

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LANDEE AWARD COMMITTEE
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InnerView

Featuring Faculty of Saginaw Valley State University

Neither rain, nor sleet . . .

The postal workers' litany of "neither rain, nor sleet nor dark of night . . ." has become the mantra of many of those displaced due to the flooding in Brown Hall. More than 20 faculty members and their secretaries in the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences are crowded into new digs following the water line break discovered during the holidays. Most of them share the space on the third floor of Wickes Hall once occupied by the College of Education.

For many, this is not the first time they've lived through tragedy of nearly-Biblical proportions. Many of the faculty were on campus when the Wickes Annex burned in 1985. However, the impact upon them with the flood is much more personal.

"The first couple of weeks were hairy just trying to find supplies," said Cheryl Michalski, senior faculty secretary — formerly first floor Brown Hall, now third floor Wickes Hall. "We lost some materials and equipment — phones were damaged and printers were destroyed."

However, Michalski said her new neighbors have been most cooperative.

Faculty from sociology, psychology and modern foreign languages are squeezed into

every corner imaginable in the area. Thirteen faculty share four "office" spaces.

Scott Youngstedt, assistant professor of sociology, said most faculty are okay with the lack of privacy. Youngstedt shares a main door with 12 other faculty members — who must pass through his area to get to their own spaces, or for students to access faculty.

"Our colleagues have been great," said Lynn Herkstroeter, professor of modern foreign languages (French and German). "It's a little unsettling coming at the beginning of the semester and trying to find things."

For Herkstroeter, and others, it wasn't the loss of equipment, it was the loss of class notes and data.

"You can't put a value on them," Herkstroeter said.

Matthew Margres, professor of psychology, said he will have to regenerate or re-do a number of experiments — a challenge for his students preparing to present to the Michigan Association of Governing Boards.

David Barker, professor of modern foreign languages (French), said the relocation is an "inconvenience," but quickly added that those displaced understand it's nobody's fault.

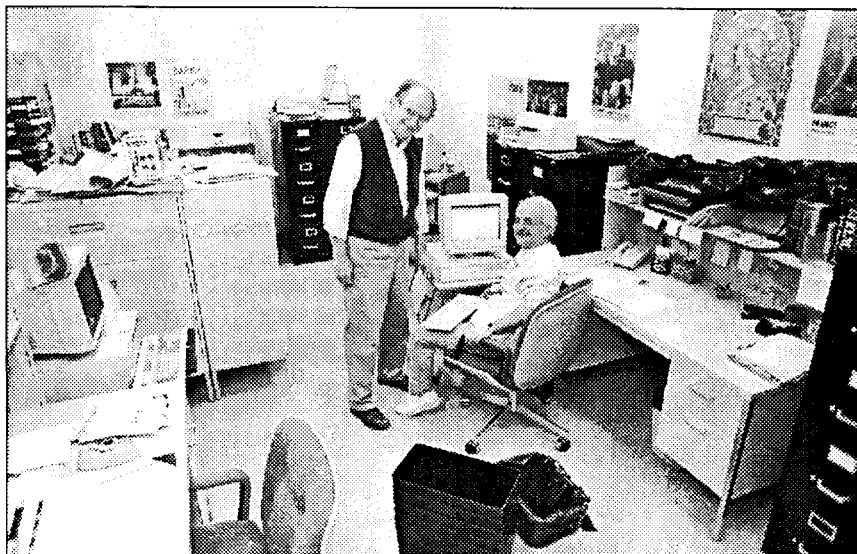
"The beginning of any semester is hectic," Barker said. "We deal with it. We're all trying to be upbeat."

"We get comfortable in our little niches. It's good to shake us up once in a while. After this, our little niches will look *real* good."

Crystal Lange, associate vice president for academic affairs, said it will be at least six to eight weeks before the faculty may be able to move back into their "newly-constructed" offices.

"All the faculty have pulled together really well," Lange said.

The Brown Hall reconstruction includes replacement of carpeting and wall coverings. Initial inspection indicated only offices and labs were damaged. However, it later was discovered that classrooms suffered water damage as well.



Emilio Castañeda and David Barker are among faculty who have relocated to temporary offices on third floor Wickes Hall.

Staff Member

OF THE MONTH

**Joyce
Payne**

**Parking
Bureau Clerk,
Public Safety**

February 1999

Perhaps more than any other individual on campus, Joyce Payne has the unenviable task of offering assistance to angry visitors who storm into her office.

Payne, who works as parking bureau clerk in the Department of Public Safety, often encounters people who are upset about receiving a parking citation.

"It can be very stressful," Payne said with a sigh. "I always know what people are going to say as they begin to offer an explanation because I've already heard all the excuses."

According to Payne, "I was parked there for only five minutes," and "I didn't see any signs" are among the most common arguments she hears from others. "I'll often pull out an album to show people photos of campus signs that they claim don't exist," she said.

Prior to joining SVSU's Public Safety office in November 1986, Payne worked at *The Saginaw News* for eight years. "Before applying for this position, I had never pictured myself working in a police department setting, but I really enjoy it.

"We're a very close-knit department and the people I work with have become like a 'second

family' to me," she said. "We all really like working together and we like what we do."

The department numbers eight full-time employees, along with two part-time police officers and nine student employees. Payne said she is responsible for hiring and scheduling the student workers. She also issues reserved parking permits and dispatches officers to the scene of emergencies or other requests for police assistance.

As the new Living Center nears completion, Payne said she is anticipating an increase in the number of requests for services from her division. She also is looking forward to relocating the office to the east end of the College of Education Building this summer. "We've been approved to move our operation to that facility, and I believe the University is going through the bid process for remodeling that area to accommodate our department."

Away from the office, Payne said she enjoys playing golf during the summer months. "Golf is a really big thing in our family," she said, smiling. "We've even gone to North Carolina just to play golf."

When the weather turns cold, Payne looks forward to bowling, snow skiing and traveling with her family to northern Michigan. Her son, Kevin, 10, is an avid snow boarder who prefers the slopes at Crystal Mountain, which is approximately 30 miles south of Traverse City.

Payne also enjoys piecing together puzzles and collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia. In her office hangs a framed, 2,000-piece puzzle; she has another 10 framed puzzles at her home.

"I like doing puzzles, especially during the winter months when I need a way to spend my time at home," she explained. "I sometimes give them away as gifts, also."

Her most valued Coke memento is a thermometer that has an estimated worth of \$100.

The Payne family often vacations in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to visit her two daughters, Sara, 22, and Stephanie, 19.

