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Former Lt. Gov. Binsfeld to deliver Commencement Address

Connie B. Binsfeld, former Michigan lieutenant governor, will be the guest speaker for SVSU's spring Commencement at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 8. Binsfeld is the only woman in Michigan history to hold leadership positions in the House, Senate and the Executive Office.

Binsfeld will address SVSU faculty, staff and more than 600 graduating students and their families during the Spring Commencement ceremony in O'Neill Arena.

Binsfeld was elected with Gov. John Engler on the Republican ticket in November 1990. During her years in government service, she distinguished herself for her advocacy on behalf of children, as well as the natural environment. Before becoming lieutenant governor, Binsfeld served four terms in the State House of Representatives. She was elected assistant Republican leader in 1979 and 1981. In 1982, Binsfeld was elected to her first term in the Michigan Senate, where she served until 1990. During her first year as a senator, she was elected assistant majority leader.

Binsfeld has long been an advocate for children and families, introducing Michigan's first legislation addressing domestic violence in 1978. She also was the prime sponsor of the Surrogacy Act prohibiting commercial surrogacy in Michigan. In 1991, Gov. Engler selected her to chair the Binsfeld Special Commission on Adoption, whose legislative recommendations resulted in a reformation of Michigan's adoption system.

Binsfeld's mark on environmental issues also is well documented. In 1983, she introduced legislation that resulted in the Quality of Life Bonding Bill, improving environmental clean-up of the Michigan state park system. She also authored the Sand Dunes Protection Act. In 1986, she was appointed to the Great Lakes Commission and in 1991 the Secretary of the Interior chose her to serve on the National Park System Advisory Board.

Binsfeld received her B.S. in secondary education from Siena Heights College and pursued graduate study at Wayne State University.



Connie B. Binsfeld

Foundation Board approves funding for five projects

The SVSU Foundation Board met in April and awarded grants to fund five 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 and their educational environment. Through the SVSU Foundation, faculty and staff may request funding for programs or projects that typically would be completed within one year. The grant program is not intended for faculty research.

Funding for the grant program is through an

endowment established with unrestricted gifts to the Campaign for Distinction and other unrestricted funds within the Foundation.

The following projects received funding:

- A program proposed by David Schneider, coordinator of the communications and multimedia program, received \$3,500. The **Capstone Research Project for Communication and Multimedia** students would provide for student research in the graduate program. Students will submit research proposals to the program coordinator, detailing the Capstone Project

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SVSU honors outstanding faculty, staff, community leaders

Several SVSU faculty and staff members, along with a Bay City author/historian and three regional community leaders, were honored during the All-University Awards Banquet Friday, April 16 in Curtiss Hall.

The list of faculty award winners is lead by **Matthew G. Margres**, who received the prestigious Landee Teaching Excellence Award. The Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research went to **Stephen S. Lawrence**. The House Family Award for Teacher Impact was awarded to **Gary L. Clark**. **William R. Albe** was presented the Mary H. Anderson Adjunct Faculty Award.

The Ruben Daniels Community Service Award – SVSU's highest recognition of community service and involvement by an employee – was presented to **Janalou Blecke**. Co-recipients of the Terry Ishihara Award for Outstanding Co-Curricular Involvement were **H. James Geistman Jr.** and **Richard A. "Tony" Thomson**.

Dale Patrick Wolicki, author of *The Historic Architecture of Bay City, Michigan*, received the Stuart D. and Vernice M. Gross Award for Literature. The award recognizes exceptional works in regional history or historical/fiction/drama. **Herbert Gettel Jr.**, retired Thumb area business owner, and the **Honorable Harvey D. Walker**, retired federal court magistrate and bankruptcy judge, received Distinguished Service Medallions for their service to the University and community. **Judy Werner**, a nurse clinician with Covenant HealthCare, was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award.

The event also recognized 61 faculty and staff who have each provided between 10 and 30 years of dedicated service.

Gettel retired in 1995 after a long and successful career as an owner of farm equipment and automotive sales businesses. He has been actively involved with SVSU as a member of the Board of Fellows since 1980. Gettel also has participated in other University initiatives, including the Annual Fund Committee since 1992, and as a member of the Cardinal Club supporting SVSU's athletic programs.

Walker began his long and distinguished career in law in the Tri-County area in 1946. He became actively involved with SVSU as a member of the Board of Fellows in 1973. Walker also has participated in other University initiatives, including the Annual Fund

Committee since 1996, the Honorary Committee for the Campaign for Distinction in 1997, and as a member of the Cardinal Club supporting SVSU's athletic programs.

Margres joined the SVSU faculty in 1987 and is a professor of psychology. Noted for his work involving undergraduate students, Margres supervised a group of psychology students for a presentation they made in March to the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

Lawrence joined the SVSU faculty in 1992. He is an associate professor of chemistry and was the 1995 recipient of the Landee Award for Excellence in Teaching. Lawrence is acting assistant dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. In summer 1997, he served as acting dean. Lawrence has a total of 11 publications or manuscripts under review on the topic of analytical chemistry, inorganic chemistry and chemical education. He also has a significant number of abstracts given as presentation at regional and national meetings, nearly all of which are collaborative efforts with student researchers.

Clark, professor of marketing, came to SVSU in 1991. He has been the faculty advisor to SVSU's chapter of the Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity. Several of Clark's students through the years have had the opportunity to work with Tri-County businesses and organizations in developing marketing plans and performing market research.

Albe has taught part time the natural science course "Astronomy" 16 times during a 13-year period. Early in his SVSU career, Albe developed a course handbook for his students, which he updates each semester. Albe founded the Sunset Astronomical Society for local astronomers and has given numerous astronomical and scientific presentations in the Midland area.

Blecke, professor of nursing and acting assistant dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, joined the SVSU faculty in 1976. In 1991, Blecke received the Outstanding Nurse Educator Award from the Michigan Nurses Association. That same year, she was named a fellow of the Academic Leadership Academy of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Geistman, English lecturer, has been part of the SVSU faculty since 1985, teaching advanced and freshman composition courses, literature and humanities courses. Geistman has been editor and co-editor of *Literacy Link*, a

Foundation board meets, reviews goals

The SVSU Foundation Board met April 6 and approved grants for faculty, staff and student programs, reviewed goals for the 1999 year, and approved four endowment programs and one fellowship program.

The Board also accepted the resignation of A.S. "Sarge" Harvey, who had been part of the Foundation Board since 1995. Harvey served on the Board's Audit and Annual Fund committees. Harvey's departure creates a second vacancy on the Board, for which nominations are being considered.

SVSU Foundation goals for 1999 include an Annual Fund goal of \$400,000, \$4.5 million in new commitments, including \$200,000 in alumni gifts and \$1.1 million toward the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum. The Foundation also hopes to achieve 70 percent donor retention, complete funding for Phase II of the Sculpture Museum expansion, establish 25 new annual scholarship funds and 12 new endowment funds, implement innovations in the Alumni Association, and achieve an endowment market of \$17 million.

The Board approved the Donna J. Roberts Fellowship program, the Sims Awards for Excellence in Public Speaking, the Barbara Lee Mitchell Endowed Scholarship in Vocal Music, the SVSU Faculty Association "Chrysalis" Endowed Scholarship Fund and the James V. Finkbeiner Endowed Chair in Ethics.

Five faculty and staff projects to benefit students and their learning environment were granted funding by the Foundation Board. The current amount funded was \$14,829, bringing the total funding of faculty and staff projects to \$43,372. (See related article in this issue of the *Interior*.)

In other SVSU Foundation Board action:

- The Board approved the reappointment of Yeo & Yeo as auditors.
- Reviewed the status of endowment funds held by other organizations.
- Approved a Resolution of Appreciation to William E. Tarrant of Saginaw for his support of the Foundation Board and in recognition of his 90th birthday on March 1. Tarrant is a charter member of SVSU's Annual Fund Committee, joining the group in 1977, and is a frequent contributor to the Annual Fund.
- Heard from Robert Maurovich, vice president of student services and enrollment management, on the increase in private scholarship funds through the Foundation.

F O U R T H A N N U A L PAC PARTY

5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12

at Ted's Party Hall on Bay Road

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- President Eric Gilbertson reviewed with the Board the status of programs and activities on campus as a result of Foundation support.

— *This is an unofficial report of Foundation Board activities.*

Rush Lectureship nominations accepted

Nominations are being sought for the Second Annual Rush Lectureship. Thomas and Hilda Rush of Midland created the Rush Endowment as part of the Campaign for Distinction. The Rush Lectureship recognizes and rewards SVSU faculty and staff who, by their creation or development of significant scholarly or artistic work, have distinguished themselves and brought recognition to the University. The Rush Endowment provides resources for an annual presentation by a faculty or staff member in an academic convocation.

"This lectureship is intended to complement the several existing prestigious awards at SVSU – providing recognition from a little different perspective than the others," Dr. Rush said. "Because each teacher impacts so many students, we feel that this represents a leveraged investment which should pay off handsomely in the coming years."

Recommendations of faculty and staff whose academic or professional work has brought distinction to the University, and would lend itself to a presentation to an educated lay audience, should be forwarded to President Eric Gilbertson for consideration.

A stipend will be given the Rush Lecturer for an academic presentation during fall semester 1999. The SVSU Foundation Board of Directors will select the Rush Lecturer from among SVSU faculty and staff, as recommended by the President of the University.

Walter Rathkamp, executive director of the Center for Mathematics and Science Education, was the 1998 recipient. Rathkamp presented a program in October titled "Mathematics and Science Literacy for the 21st Century."

Duo-Pianists to Perform

Duo-pianists Claire Aebersold and Ralph Neiweem will perform as part of the Rhea Miller Concert Series at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 24 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Aebersold and Neiweem have performed exclusively as a duo-piano team for more than a decade. Aebersold is a graduate of the New England Conservatory and Neiweem of the Juilliard School. They make their home in Chicago, where they are members of the artist faculty of Chicago's Music Center of the North Shore. They are founders and directors of the Chicago Duo Piano Festival and Workshop, which debuted in 1989.

Have You Heard?

- **Valley Scholars Lecture Series** — 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 21 in Founders Hall. Clifford Dorne, associate professor of criminal justice, will present "Can We Protect Children and Preserve Families Too?" Admission is free of charge.
- A **live, interactive satellite program** will be presented from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22 in 157 Curtiss Hall. "Cost-effective and Appropriate Use of Technology in Higher Education" will feature a panel of experts who will examine the successes and disappointments of actual technology initiatives undertaken by other universities around the country. Reservations are required; call ext. 4295 for more information.
- **The 13th Annual Student Robotic Challenge**, sponsored by Robotics

International of the society of Manufacturing Engineers, will take place at SVSU Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1. The contest is open to students in middle school through university level. The event is designed to give students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of manufacturing processes and controls through a variety of manufacturing robotics and automation competitions. Faculty, staff and students in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology are involved in the planning and judging of the competition.

- **Health Services** expresses appreciation to those who donated blood March 24, particularly the 12 new donors and the five individuals who gave one gallon during the year.
- **The Valley Wind Quintet concert** scheduled for Sunday, May 16 has been cancelled.
- Schedule a **portrait appointment** for the 1999-2000 Faculty/Staff Directory by contacting the Office of Information Services. For a copy of the Campus Directory/Catalog Information form, or to schedule your portrait appointment, call ext. 4039, or E-mail infoservices@svsu.edu.
- Activities and special events to be included in the **Fall 1999 Calendar of Events** should be submitted to the Office of Information Services. Include the 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. To submit information, call Tammy Elliott at ext. 4039 or E-mail infoservices@svsu.edu.

RETIREMENT RECEPTIONS

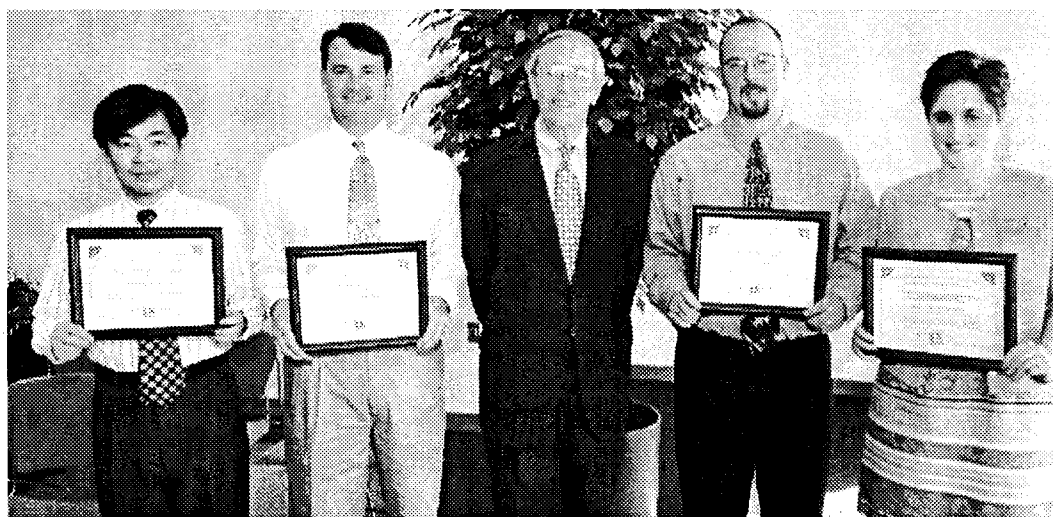
John Curry
Director, Campus
Dining Services

4 to 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 22
Emeriti Room



Sue Straebel
Admissions Clerk

3 to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 28
Office of
Admissions



Recipients of the 1999 Ruth and Ted Braun Awards for Writing Excellence at SVSU pose with Ted Braun at the 1999

Writing Awards reception. With Braun are Chi-Feng (Tom) Tsai, Shawn Holliday, Matthew Defever and Jaclyn Richardson.

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publication of the SVSU English Department. He is faculty advisor to the *Valley Vanguard* and has been a member of the Career Planning and Placement Council and the Student Publications Task Force.

Thomson is credited with giving the student organization he advises, Cardinal CHOICES (Choosing Healthy Options In College and Every Situation) a strong and professional focus. The group can be seen at state, regional and national conferences and provides frequent and high-quality on-campus programs and unique fund raisers. The group also has become visible in the Tri-County community through programs presented in area middle schools and high schools.

Wolicki works with the Bay County Historical Society as an architectural historian, promoting the preservation of historic sites and structures. Born and raised in Bay City, the mansions along Center Avenue and a childhood visit to the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio in Midland inspired Wolicki to study architecture. He currently works for AirTouch Cellular.

Werner, a 1984 graduate of SVSU, began her nursing career in 1984 at St. Luke's Hospital, now Covenant HealthCare. Werner has committed herself to the development of a support group for cancer patients and spends a good deal of her personal time and resources to help cancer patients adjust to changes brought about by their disease. Due to the fact she also teaches and volunteers in many ways, she has become well known to the hundreds of people whose lives she touches every day.

Disability Services offers advice to faculty

Jill Learman, Disability Services specialist, notes that students with professionally-verified disabilities should identify themselves to the Office of Disability Services and provide professional medical documentation of their condition.

In addition, Learman advises faculty to include this statement on their course syllabi: "Students with disabilities that may restrict their full participation in course activities are encouraged to meet with the instructor, or contact the Office of Disability Services, 173 Wickes Hall, for assistance."

Professional Profile

• **William K. Barnett**, professor of sociology, received an award to participate in the U.S. Department of Education's 1999 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Award Program. Barnett will participate in the seminar, "West Meets East in Malaysia and Singapore." The seminar meets for five weeks in Malaysia and one week in Singapore from early-July through mid-August.

• **Susie Emond**, professor of teacher education (elementary and special education), was named Adult Educator of the Year by the Michigan Reading Association. The MRA annually recognizes individuals and agencies that demonstrate outstanding leadership in the field of literacy. Emond was nominated by the Saginaw Area Reading Council.

• **Eric Gardner**, assistant professor of English and Writing Center coordinator, spoke on "Writing Center Ethics and Non-Traditional Students" at the 50th Annual Convention of the Conference on College Composition and communication, March 25 in Atlanta.

On April 1, Gardner presented a paper, "Receiving Race and Genealogy: *The Sweeter the Juice, Slaves in the Family*, and Popular Response," at the Popular Culture Association's Annual Conference in San Diego. The paper grew from the Honors 290 (a symposium on genealogy and race in America) course Gardner is teaching this semester.

Gardner also will have a poem, "Your Name," included in the May 1999 issue of *blood and fire review*.

• **Garry Johns**, professor of mathematical sciences, presented a paper, "Characterizing the Middle of a Graph," at the 31st Midwest Graph Theory Meeting, April 10 at Oakland University. The research was joint work with Paul Brown, a 1998 SVSU graduate who currently is doing graduate work in mathematics at Michigan State University.

• **Judith B. Kerman**, professor of English, had a poem, "Tree Frog Ghazal," that won First Prize in the annual Abbie M. Copps poetry competition sponsored by Olivet College. The prize includes a cash award and publication of the poem in the *Garfield Lake Review*. It was announced publicly March 19 at a reading at Olivet College given by the judge, Ann Marie Ooman.

• **Patrick Pan**, associate professor of mathematical sciences, co-authored an article titled "Reflexivity of Subspace of Operators" with Jiankui Li of the University of New Hampshire. The article was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Operator Theory*.

**Fourth
Friday**

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

Refreshments
served

Come and enjoy
the company of
your colleagues
and friends!

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budget to be considered for awards of \$300 or less. The students would be required to provide at least 50 percent of the funding for their own projects.

- **A Sonia Kovalsky Mathematics Day**, proposed by Gretchen Mooningham, professor of mathematical sciences, was approved for \$1,200 funding. The one-day event would bring 9th- and 10th-grade girls to SVSU with the goal of stimulating interest in mathematics and promoting awareness of SVSU. SVSU students will help facilitate the program. The program has received partial funding from another source.

- A program submitted by Gloria Hansen, coordinator of health services, received \$1,879 for student attendance at the **American College Health Association National Meeting**. Four students would attend the meeting to hear nationally-known experts in college health nursing, medicine, counseling and health education. Students who attend the meeting would serve on the SVSU Health Services Advisory Board the following year and will assist with needs and interest surveys and in implementing changes that would benefit other SVSU students.

- A program proposed by Stephen Turner, assistant professor of computer science, received funding of \$3,250 for **Improvement of Networking Instruction for Computer Science Students**. The funds would support purchase and use of specialized computer software for simulating conditions in a computer network. The equipment would benefit students who are working toward a bachelor's degree in computer science and computer information science by allowing them to perform assignments more related to the "real world."

- **A Social Program for Incoming Freshman – Alcohol Prevention**, proposed by Tony Thomson, director of personal counseling services, received \$5,000. The program will assist incoming freshmen in developing social lives on campus that do not involve the use of alcohol – and help non-drinkers stay that way. Funding would help support training of students and staff, a graduate assistant for the program, high school outreach and parental awareness programs. Alcohol-free activities also would be planned for the first weeks of the fall semester. The Resource Grant will extend the program, which receives state grant funding through Sept. 30.

The total amount of funding approved by the Foundation Board was \$14,829. During this

academic year, the Foundation Board has awarded more than \$43,000 in grants to faculty and staff projects.

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

Across Campus

- **Tom Bardwell**, adjunct business faculty, appeared April 1 on CNN's *Entrepreneur Only* show in New York with Tom Jones (author of *If It's Broken You Can Fix It*) to talk about employee dysfunction. The show aired that same night. To preview Jones' book online, visit amazon.com. More information also can be found at this website:

http://cnfn.com/fnonair/whatson/entre_only.

- The campus community extends condolences to **John Guettler**, lead instructional systems analyst, on the loss of his father, Melvin Guettler, who passed away April 12.

Transitions

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

SVSU Welcomes

- **Cheryl David**, senior secretary, Admissions, W178, 790-4200
- **Deanna Hegenauer**, Human Resources Representative, ASB, 790-4126
- **Kristen Landskroener**, conference coordinator, Conference Bureau, C201, 249-4687, E-mail: kklandsk@svsu.edu

Same Face, New Place

- **Pat Latty**, faculty secretary, third floor Brown Hall, 790-7022, E-mail: pml@svsu.edu
- **Dot Shorkey**, administrative secretary, Student Services and Enrollment Management, W120, 249-1696, E-mail: dshork@svsu.edu

High Five

- **Football** — Lamar King was taken by the Seattle Seahawks in Saturday's NFL Draft. The 6-foot-3, 290-pound defensive end was the No. 22 overall choice in the draft. King is the first SVSU draft pick since Buffalo took Eugene Marve in the third round in 1982.

SVSU also had its annual Red-and-White spring scrimmage in Wickes Stadium Saturday. The game capped off four weeks of spring drills under new head coach Randy Awrey. The Red Team came out on top, 39-34.

- **Track** — hosted its annual outdoor invitational Saturday at Morley Field.

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