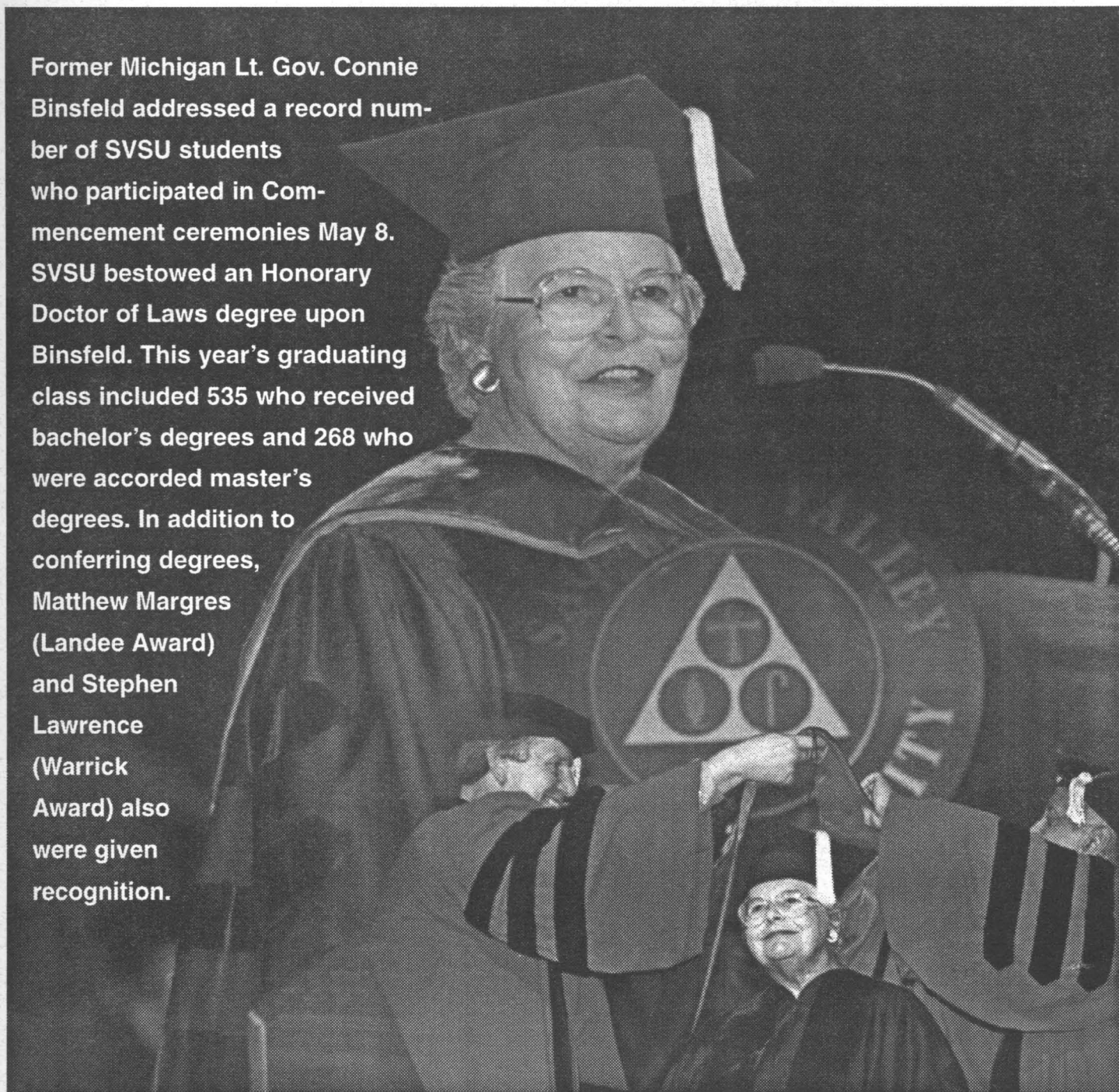


# Interior

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Former Michigan Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld addressed a record number of SVSU students who participated in Commencement ceremonies May 8. SVSU bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon Binsfeld. This year's graduating class included 535 who received bachelor's degrees and 268 who were accorded master's degrees. In addition to conferring degrees, Matthew Margres (Landee Award) and Stephen Lawrence (Warrick Award) also were given recognition.



## SVSU nursing honor society gives Nurse Excellence Award, inducts students

Saginaw Township family nurse practitioner Dolores "Dee" Rustic, RN, M.S.N., received the Nurse Excellence Award and 23 individuals were inducted into the Theta Chi Local Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International during a special ceremony April 22.

In addition, officers for 1999-2000 were installed in the SVSU Nursing Honor Society.

Sigma Theta Tau International is an organization of nurse leaders, scholars and researchers. The honor society, founded at Indiana University in 1922, has 346 chapters in more than 390 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Taiwan, South Korea and Australia. Membership in the society is awarded to bachelor's, master's and doctoral nursing candidates who achieve high scholastic averages, and to graduates of nursing programs who have made outstanding contributions to nursing.

Rustic, who received her M.S.N. from Michigan State University and her B.S.N. from the University of Michigan, has been a family nurse practitioner at Heritage Family Physicians since 1989. She also is a guest lecturer and clinical preceptor at SVSU. She was a nursing occupations instructor at the Saginaw Public Schools Averill Career Opportunities Center from 1982 to 1989. Rustic is a member of the Michigan Nurse's Association, for which she also served on the organization's state executive board for advanced practice counsel,

and on the local chapter's east central district executive board. She also is co-founder and chairperson of the Mid-Michigan Nurse Practitioner Network, which promotes continuing education, networking and mentoring of nurse practitioner students.

**Elizabeth Roe, M.S., RN**, and SVSU assistant professor of nursing, was installed as officer of the honor society. Vice president is **Nancy Riffel, B.S.N., RN**. Members named **Susan Vorce, M.S.N., RN**, SVSU assistant professor of nursing, counselor, and **Kris Leedom, B.S.N., RN**, treasurer.

New members included 12 undergraduate students, three RN to B.S.N. students, six M.S.N. students and two community leaders.

## Seven faculty promoted

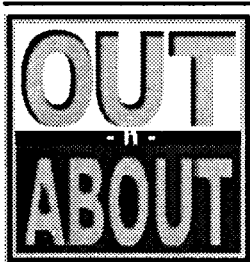
Seven faculty members recently received promotions. The seven have between four and 10 years of service to SVSU. The promotions included salary increases of \$1,500 to \$2,500.

Named to the rank of professor with a \$2,500 salary increase were **Marianne Barnett** and **Mary Harmon**, both in the English Department, and **Ghulam Raz** in electrical and computer engineering.

Promoted to associate professor with \$2,000 increases were **Larry Hatcher** (psychology), **Averetta Lewis** (nursing) and **Steven Sepanski**, mathematical sciences.

**Jeanne Bender** (nursing) was promoted to assistant professor with a \$1,500 salary increase.

The Board of Control approved the promotions during its meeting Friday, May 7.



• **Jill Wetmore**, professor of finance and interim dean of the College of Business and Management, is a board member of the Tri-County Economics Club.

• **Norma Gase Zivich**, director of annual giving and development communications, is board secretary for the League of Women Voters (Saginaw County). She also is a board member for the National Society of Fund Raising Executives and a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

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# Lillian Zahnow Amphitheatre



*Dedication Ceremonies  
5 p.m., Tuesday, June 8*

## Professional Profile

- **Hsuan (Frank) Chen**, professor of physics, coauthored "Electronic Channel Fringe Holography for Depth and Delay Measurements," which appeared in the April 10 issue of *Applied Optics*, a refereed professional journal for optical scientists and engineers.
- **Anna Dadlez**, professor of modern foreign languages (Polish), participated in a discussion on Kosovo with the Chapter 7 of People to People International, May 6 at Zauel Library, Saginaw.
- **Ellen Fennick**, assistant professor of special education, and **James G. Royle**, associate professor of education, presented "Success in Community Recreation for Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities" at the 1999 Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention, April 14 in Charlotte, NC. The topic focused on a program that included students in sports, arts, clubs and other community activities. Families and service providers learned how individualized support offers new recreation opportunities.
- **Jeffrey Koperski**, assistant professor of philosophy, presented "God, Chaos, and the Quantum Dice" at Religion and Science: Tension, Accommodation and Engagement, an international conference held May 3 through 5 at The Ohio State University.

## Across Campus

- **Kim McDonald**, assistant director of Academic and Student Support Services, presented "So How Do You Know Your Tutoring Program Works?" at the National Tutoring Association Conference, May 4 in Orlando, Fla. The presentation focused on various information-gathering and assessment techniques for tutoring programs in higher education.
- SVSU students Michelle Baker and Elizabeth Deterding were named a finalist and semi-finalist, respectively, for the 1999 Michigan Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) scholarship awards.
- SVSU's student-run newspaper, *Valley Vanguard*, earned top honors in the American Scholastic Press Association's Annual Review and Contest. The *Vanguard* received first place among colleges and universities with enrollment in excess of 2,500. The staff of the *Vanguard*, including faculty advisor **H. James Geistman**, English lecturer, and editor Ryan Finkelberg, were commended for the publication's show of a "great deal of time, energy and talent by editors, reporters, writers, photographers, layout designers and advisor."
- **Marc Strain**, police officer, was presented a Meritorious Service Award by Saginaw County sheriff's administrators during an annual awards ceremony May 18 at the Government Center in Saginaw.

## Holiday Schedule

CAMPUS CLOSED

Memorial  
Day  
Monday,  
May 31

Independence  
Day  
Monday,  
July 5



## Wilton named director of Campus Dining

Matthew Wilton may be new to SVSU, but he's hardly new to Michigan campus dining services. Wilton recently was named director of SVSU's Campus Dining Services by ARA-MARK. He started his job May 10.



**Matthew Wilton**

Wilton joined ARA-MARK in 1992. He most recently was retail director at Oakland University in Rochester, where he oversaw the opening of Pioneer Court, a multiple franchise food court facility and performed several other functions related to catering and other university food operations.

Wilton was with Grand Valley State University from 1992 to 1996. There he served in a number of capacities, including food court retail manager, food and beverage manager and assistant location manager for the university's Kirkhof Center.

Wilton said the fact that SVSU has more catering in-house than he experienced at either OU or GVSU presents a unique opportunity for him.

"SVSU has a catering facility that is phenomenal," Wilton said. "I want to identify its potential and how our operations will handle that growth."

He and his wife, Lisa, have two children and reside in Grand Blanc. They hope to move into the area in the near future.

## Transitions

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

### SVSU Welcomes

- **Julie Abeare**, Senior Secretary, Academic Achievement Center, 790-4070, W135, jabeare@svsu.edu

### Retiring

- **Suzanne Straebel**

### Moving On

- **Janet Heinlein**
- **Tamara Jones**

## Campus Happenings

- **EAP Supervisory Training Sessions** — 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, June 16, Seminar E, Curtiss Hall; and 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 22, Room 130 Curtiss Hall. Call ext. 4111 to register.
- **"Reflective Teachers and Leaders Institute: Technologically Mediated Instruction and the Learning College"** — Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19. A summer institute at MSU's Kellogg Center. Brochures available at ext. 1952.
- **Employee Information Sessions, EAP** — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, June 24, Seminar E, Curtiss Hall. Every half hour with supervisor approval; third-shift employees may attend a session between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m., Marble Lecture Hall. For more information, call ext. 4111.
- **Fine Arts Camp** — Monday, June 21 through June 25, Performing Arts Theatre. For more information, call ext. 1936.

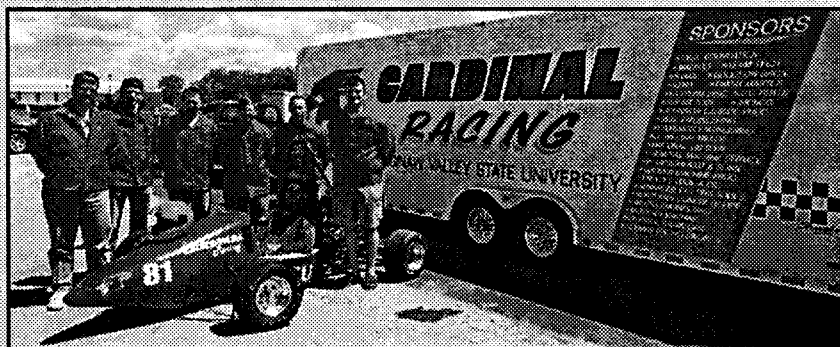
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**Members of SVSU's Formula SAE Racing Team** fared well at the annual Student Design Competition held May 20 through 23 at the Pontiac Silverdome. SVSU's entry was among 120 cars that competed in a number of "events." Brooks Byam, faculty advisor and assistant professor of mechanical engineering and technology, reported that the students took first place in the two areas for which the car was designed — light weight and fuel economy. The car also placed 16th for cost, 31st for endurance and 50th for presentation. "If — and I repeat 'if' — there was an award for most improved team, that would be us," Byam said. "Last year we finished with negative points, and this year we competed very successfully."

# InnerView

Featuring Faculty of Saginaw Valley State University

## Learning Through Play

School and play are two separate activities, right? Gretchen Owocki sees it differently. Owocki, assistant professor of teacher education (elementary and special education), said the two as integral to a child's ability to learn to read. A former early childhood teacher, Owocki has observed the learning success when literacy is taught through play. Owocki's dissertation study, and continued research since joining SVSU three years ago, bears witness to this success.

"When I was teaching, I became interested in the relationship between play and literacy," she said. "In graduate school, I was interested in connecting the two and wondered if they should be."

Owocki went on to study the integration of literacy and play in various classrooms – not an easy undertaking.

"It was hard to find a classroom – one where the teacher connected the two," she said.

Owocki's observances and personal experiences combined in her recently-published book *Literacy Through Play*. The 121-page book, first printed in March, is in its second printing.

The book focuses on pre-school, kindergarten and first grade undertakings.

"A child's primary learning tool is play," Owocki said. "Why not use it?"

Among the activities Owocki suggested in her book involve play areas set up as grocery stores or construction sites – each with an abundance of examples of reading needs. Even the use of notes on the refrigerator are examples of how children first encounter the written word and our need to read.

But the teacher has a role in all this, Owocki said. "The teacher needs to know what that role is."

"The best teachers understand the development of children," she said. "Teaching takes a lot of work. Not just preparing for the classroom, but staying current with what works with kids."

*Literacy Through Play* combines teaching theory and practical applications. It also includes a portion of a chapter devoted to the classroom of an SVSU graduate, a first grade teacher in Fenton.

Owocki said she enjoys working with future teachers, but also admits she misses the elementary classroom.

"I miss watching theory work in the classroom."

But the same excitement she felt when a young child grasped reading, Owocki said she still feels when one of her education students grasps a concept.

Owocki continues to learn, living in what she calls a "minimalist" style with her husband, David, and two yellow labs, Dash and Comet. The couple has no television in their 630-square-foot home in Fenton. Owocki said she runs, reads (a lot of professional books) and does what she can on the 37-acre farm.



# Staff Member

## OF THE MONTH

**Toby  
Blosser**

**Head  
Athletic  
Trainer**

**June 1999**

When Toby Blosser was in sixth grade, he yearned to play football with the other boys in his Ohio hometown.

However, his mother — fearful of injuries — refused to allow Blosser to strap on a football helmet. Undaunted, he turned to a neighbor who worked as the team's athletic trainer.

"He asked me to be the team's water boy," Blosser said. "But eventually I learned how to tape ankles. I liked doing that, and decided to stay with it."

As SVSU's head athletic trainer, Blosser goes far beyond putting tape on athletes and sending them out onto the field. From mid-July through the end of May, Blosser and his staff of 15 student trainers oversee 18 sports and some 500 athletes.

"About 80 percent of what we do is targeted toward preventing injuries, which involves strength training, conditioning, flexibility and nutrition," Blosser said. Recently Blosser has switched from taping ankles to using braces, which cost less, last longer and provide more consistent support.

"If we used tape instead of ankle braces, we would go through more than 16 cases per day,"

Blosser said, noting that one case of athletic tape costs \$40.

Another aspect of his job is recognition and evaluation of sports injuries, both on the field and in the training room.

"Treatment can range from a simple bandage to actual life-and-death situations," Blosser said. When faced with treating series injuries, Blosser said he makes an effort to remain calm under extremely stressful conditions.

"Athletes tend to think of themselves as invincible — that they'll never get injured. But injuries will happen, and we not only rehabilitate the injury, we also offer counseling, guidance and education to the athletes."

Blosser, who joined SVSU in 1996, earned a B.S. in exercise physiology from the University of Toledo, and a master's degree from Michigan State University. He served as an intern for two years with the Cleveland Browns in the NFL, and was the trainer for the U.S. baseball team at the 1993 World University Games in Buffalo, N.Y.

While at MSU, Blosser won an annual competition that earned him the distinction as "Fastest Ankle Taper in the State of Michigan."

"That's a running joke around here," Blosser smiled. "Athletes who are late for practice will come in and ask for 'one of them speed tape jobs.'"

In addition to helping SVSU athletes, Blosser works as a liaison between the Detroit Lions and the local medical community during the Lions' summer training camp.

Blosser also is pursuing accreditation for his program through the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA). As part of this effort, SVSU is adding an assistant trainer to Blosser's staff and a full-time faculty position in the Physical and Health Education department.

During the summer months, Blosser enjoys belting out tunes on his saxophone, riding bikes with his wife, Christyn, and visiting his mother, Jan, in Toledo.



# Board Report

A Report of the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control

May 7, 1999

## Board Grants Honorary Doctorate, OKs 4 Charter Schools, New Parking Lot

The SVSU Board of Control passed a resolution granting an honorary doctor of laws degree to former Michigan Lieutenant Governor Connie Binsfeld. Binsfeld will receive the degree during Commencement, Saturday, May 8. She will give the Commencement address, as well. Binsfeld was cited for her advocacy on behalf of children, as well as the natural environment.

The Board also approved a resolution to grant baccalaureate and master's degrees during Commencement.

The Board granted emeritus status to John F. Curry, who recently retired from ARAMARK and SVSU as director of campus dining services for 23 years. Curry is credited with developing a high quality and successful dining service and was respected by alumni and many students, for whom he was considered a mentor. Curry also was an integral part of the planning that resulted in the renovation of Doan Center, the creation of Doan Café and the development of dining services facilities for the conferencing center in Curtiss Hall.

Student Association President Stephon Galloway and elected representatives were thanked for their services.

The Board extended congratulations to Student Association President-elect Heather Matula and representatives for the 1999-2000 year.

The Board approved a resolution to construct Parking Lot R, southeast of the Science Building, south of Ryder Center and east of Collings Drive. It is anticipated the lot will provide approximately 325 additional parking spaces and cost less than \$450,000. Due to construction for Instructional Facility No. 3, portions of Parking Lot K will become a construction staging area and will not be available for

parking. After construction of the instructional facility, Lot R will be available to accommodate the additional students anticipated attending classes on the east side of campus.

The Board approved a resolution establishing the White Pine Academy and named five members to its board of directors. White Pine is in Leslie. The application was reviewed by James E. Hewitt, director of clinical experiences, and Paul Novak, associate professor of educational leadership and services, both with the College of Education. The public school academy will accommodate 312 students in grades kindergarten through 12th.

The Board approved a resolution establishing Pontiac Academy in Pontiac, and named four members to its board of directors. One position remains open for the parent of a student. The public school academy will service 975 children in grades kindergarten through 12th. The academy plans to extend its school calendar to 200 student days and an extended school day of seven hours and 30 minutes. It will include an interdisciplinary program based on history of world culture and paragon curriculum. The academy will offer Spanish for all students beginning in kindergarten. There also will be full-day kindergarten. Hewitt and Novak were program reviewers.

A charter for Oakland International Academy in Franklin Village and the appointment of nine members to its board of directors was approved. The public school academy will service 325 students in grades kindergarten through 12th with an emphasis on cultural and international studies and a focus on technology. Hewitt and Novak were program reviewers.

The SABIS International School of Springfield was granted a charter to operate a kindergarten through 12th-grade school in

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Springfield for 975 students. The school will feature an international academic program. In addition, six individuals were named to the academy's board of directors. Hewitt and Novak were program reviewers.

Landmark Academy in Port Huron was granted charter status and five people named to its board of directors. Two positions remain open for parents of students. Landmark plans to stress an appreciation for the humanities and modern technology.

The Board approved the appointment of two new members to the board of directors of Mosaica Academy of Saginaw.

Burnett S. Kelly of Midland was named chairman of the Board of Control for 1999-2000. Vice chair will be Robert J. Vitito of Freeland; secretary is D. Brian Law of Essexville; and treasurer will be Linda L. Sims of Saginaw. The slate of officers was presented by a Nominating Committee of the Board and approved by the Board.

Cindy Munger, director of scholarships and student financial aid, provided an update on programs in the office. In addition, James G.

Muladore, university controller and assistant vice president of administration and business affairs, reviewed the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits and explained administrative requirements of the programs.

Stephen L. Hocquard, director of engineering services, reviewed the progress of various construction projects on campus.

A video highlighting Campus Life activities during the school year was shown.

Seven members of the SVSU faculty were granted promotions, effective July 1. The promotions include salary increases between \$1,500 and \$2,500, depending upon rank.

Ervin Sparapani, president of the Faculty Association and professor of teacher education (middle and secondary education), reviewed faculty accomplishments during the 1998-99 academic year and plans for the 1999-2000 year.

The Board was introduced to Paul J. Uselding, new dean of SVSU's College of Business and Management. He will assume the role later this month.