Community leaders demonstrate commitment to SVSU

Two area families recently provided funding for named scholarships to benefit SVSU students. Lois M. Hetherman established the Thomas J. Hetherman Memorial Scholarship in honor of her husband; and Harold M. and Norine L. Rupp established the Rupp Endowed Scholarship.

The Hetherman Scholarship will provide assistance to students participating in the SVSU golf program and the Rupp scholarship will help students across a wide range of disciplines.

"These scholarships are splendid examples of the opportunity for individuals to create a family legacy that will help generations of students realize their personal and academic potential," said Charles M. Graham, executive director of the SVSU Foundation. Graham said the scholarship funds can be established for as little as $10,000 with the endowments benefiting students into perpetuity. He also said December is an excellent time to establish a scholarship endowment, or add to an existing endowment, and take advantage of the tax benefits available through both the state and federal governments.

Thomas J. Hetherman earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Bates College (Maine) and pursued further studies at the universities of Wisconsin and Michigan. He served in the U.S. Air Force and worked in the chemistry field with Hercules Powder Co. of Wisconsin. Mr. Hetherman had a long and distinguished history of service to his community. In 1957 he was named executive director and vice president of the United Way of Saginaw County. During a 25-year period, Hetherman raised $43.6 million for the United Way; two silver trophies were established in his honor. He was a member of the SVSU Cardinal Coaches Corner, the Saginaw Club, the Rotary Club, Navy League and Germania of Saginaw.

Grants will be made to full-time student athletes who are members of, or plan to be members of, the SVSU golf program and have achieved a grade point average of 3.00. Freshman recipients must have achieved a high school GPA of 3.00. Factors considered in the selection may include quality of character, community service and demonstrated dedication to and professionalism in the game of golf during high school and/or college years. The scholarship may continue from year to year depending upon academic performance and satisfactory participation in the SVSU golf program.

The Rupps believe an advanced education should be available to those with the desire and ability to achieve, and therefore funded the Harold M. and Norine L. Rupp Endowed Scholarship to benefit full-time students in any degree program. The Rupps both have played a significant role in the Bay City area for many years. They both have successes in business and community leadership. Mr. Rupp started the Rupp Oil Co. with one gas station in the Thumb area. Through the years, and with the counsel and encouragement of Mrs. Rupp, the operation expanded until it included 20 stations and became a major supplier of oil products to individuals and business in Northeast Michigan.

Mr. Rupp has served on the boards of many community organizations that have provided leadership in the areas of housing, medical care and youth services. He has served in leadership positions in the chamber of commerce and been active on the boards of other businesses and banking institutions. Rupp has been a generous contributor of both time and resources to the United Way and other charitable organizations.

Rupp scholarship awards will be made to students with a grade point average of 3.00. Other factors will include participation in community service and extracurricular activities.
SVSU authorizes additional Articulation Agreement

Students following Mid-Michigan Community College’s law enforcement major (major code 488.025) will find transfer to SVSU’s program in criminal justice much smoother as a result of an agreement between the two institutions.

The new agreement allows MMCC’s law enforcement students to earn their associate of applied science degree within the 62 credits outlined, and to transfer those credits toward SVSU’s bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

“We’re thrilled with this agreement,” said Donald J. Bachand, dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences. “This and similar agreements present important opportunities for us to work with our colleagues in community colleges.”

Clifford K. Dorne, chair of the Criminal Justice Department, added, “They also create additional opportunities for students interested in pursuing a bachelor’s degree in the Tri-City area.”

Students who earn a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice have several career opportunities available to them at both the state and federal level, including with the Michigan State Police, the FBI, the CIA, or as a probation or parole officer. In addition, law enforcement personnel may wish to consider additional education for advancement.

Additional information on these and all articulation agreements between SVSU and other institutions can be acquired through Robert Lemuel, associate director of admissions, at ext. 4163.

Santa SVSU? — University employees once again came through to make a merrier holiday season for the people of Saginaw County. Physical Plant staff loaded two trucks Friday morning, Dec. 3, with wrapped packages headed for the Family Independent Agency of Saginaw County and the new United Way Community Volunteer Center. The gifts — from personnel throughout campus — will fulfill Holiday Wish requests from Saginaw County families. “I’ve been doing this 10 years, and the generosity continues to overwhelm me,” said Nola Carvey, administrative secretary in government and community relations, and campus coordinator of the project. As in past years, Carvey said members of the Physical Plant staff loaded the trucks and took the gifts to the FIA for delivery. “They’re always cheerful about hauling the goodies,” she added. Assisting Carvey this year were, from left, Jon Essex, Ralph Musinski, Tim Rex, Dan Inscho and (not pictured) Bob Lopez.
Have You Heard?

• The Women’s History Month committee is seeking nominations for its annual award, which is presented to an SVSU employee “in recognition of achievement and concern for the welfare of women at SVSU.” A luncheon is held to honor the recipient. Past honorees are: Rose Collamer Bauman (1993), Crystal Lange (1994), Rosalie Riegle (1995), Harriet Tillock (1996), Gloria Hansen (1998) and Bethany Ruch (1999). Nomination forms are available from Sue Browning at smb@svsu.edu or ext. 4669. **Nomination deadline is Friday, Dec. 17.**

• Zahnow Library has a new site for its web page: library.svsu.edu/screens/insguide.html. The site provides guidelines library staff should use to place an item on the reserve collection at the circulation desk. Those with materials held at the circulation desk will receive a letter at the end of each semester that details the status of their reserve items. Faculty should return the letter through interoffice mail by the second week of the next semester. An online form is available at http://library.svsu.edu/screens/letter.html. For more information, call ext. 4240.

• Submissions for the Braun and Tyner Writing Awards may be made at any time; work written since Jan. 1 is eligible. Further information and nomination forms for the Braun Award are available at www.svsu.edu/writingprogram/Braun.htm, or from members of the University Writing Committee: M. Barnett, D. Bishop, D. Boehm, P. Calahan, C. Dornic, S. Decker, G. Langel, C. Looney, S. Pape. Further information and nomination forms for the Tyner Awards are available from www.svsu.edu/writingprogram/TynerNom.htm or from Janice Wolff.

• The University has several surplus vehicles available for purchase by faculty and staff. Most of the cars are not in working order. For additional information, or to submit a bid, contact Dale Irish, director of business and auxiliary services, at ext. 4101.

• Sprinkler system flow tests will be conducted from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 12 in Founders Hall, Curtiss Hall, Performing Arts Center, Groening Commons, Doan Center and Ryder Center. During testing periods, building occupants will experience random activation of the building fire systems. For more information, contact Physical Plant at ext. 4396.

• The end is near . . . the end of the year, that is! The time is now to make contributions to the SVSU Foundation and realize the tax bene-

fits on your 1999 returns. Or, plan ahead for the year 2000 with a payroll deduction to begin in January. Contact Norma Zivich in the Foundation Office at ext. 4075 to find out how you can help make scholarships and University programs a reality – and see a tax savings at the same time.

• Faculty and staff participating in the Friday, Dec. 17 **Commencement ceremony** are reminded that parking spaces are harder to find as the 7:30 p.m. start approaches. Line-up begins at 7:15 p.m., and faculty and staff should plan to be in Ryder West (Cardinal Gymnasium, west entrance) by 7 p.m. so the procession can begin on time. For more information, contact Bob Braddock at ext. 4360.

Campus Happenings

• University Art Gallery — works by senior B.F.A. students will be on exhibit through Dec. 18. Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m., Monday and Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday; and 2:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday.

• SVSU Student Spotlight — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 in Doan Café. Part of the Lunchbreak Concert Series.

• String Orchestra Rehearsal — 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 in 102 Arbury Fine Arts Center. For more information, call ext. 4386.

• Jazz Ensemble Concert — 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets by calling ext. 4261.

• Holiday Concert — 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The SVSU Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Collegium Musica and Early Music Collegium will perform. Faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets by calling ext. 4261.

• Scrooge! — 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Faculty and staff may request discounted tickets by calling ext. 4261.

• Commencement — 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 in O’Neill Arena.

SVSU will close Dec. 23 for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays and will reopen Jan. 3. Paid holidays include Dec. 23, 24, 30 and 31. Additional paid days are Dec. 27 and 28. Employees not working Dec. 29 must use a vacation day.
**Professional Profile**

- **Clifford Dorne**, associate professor of criminal justice, presented a paper titled "Criminal Justice Curriculum and Student Careers: Interpretations from a Pilot Alumni Survey" at the American Society of Criminology, Nov. 17 in Toronto. **Donald Bachand**, dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, and Renee Scepanski, criminal justice student employee, also collaborated on this research project.


- **Norb Elbert**, HR Wickes Professor of International Business, presented a paper at the 1999 AUDEM Conference held in Budapest, Hungary from Nov. 6 through 9. The paper was co-authored with **Deborah Bishop**, professor of management, and Jozsef Poor. The paper was titled "People Management in Hungary: Following a Decade of Disappointment, High Expectations for the Future." The conference was sponsored by the Alliance of Universities for Democracy and the Budapest School of Economics.


**Across Campus**

- Congratulations go out to **Craig Langmaid**, HVAC assistant/maintenance, on the birth of a daughter, Autumn on Nov. 8.

**Accent on Alumni**

- **Bethany Rayl**, a graduate of the Department of Physical and Health Education's K-12 teacher education program at SVSU, was awarded the Michigan Secondary Health Educator of the Year honor.

**High Five**

- **Men's Basketball** (2-3, 0-2) — lost to GLIAC foes Findlay College 85-78 on Saturday and Hillsdale College 73-58 on Thursday.

- **Women's Basketball** (3-3, 1-1) — split a pair of home GLIAC contests, losing Saturday to Findlay College 73-61, and defeating Hillsdale College 73-67 on Thursday.

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**Golf Scholarship presentation** — Joe Byer, a freshman from Freeland, is the first recipient of the Watrous-Stark Golf Scholarship. Funding for the scholarship was through the Al Watrous, the Watrous Family, Marty Stark Endowed Scholarship Fund. Also on hand for the Dec. 2 presentation was Golf Coach Joe Vogl.
In the early morning hours, while most of the SVSU community still are fast asleep, Marie Hendrick is busy baking desserts, breads and muffins for sale in Doan Café as well as for special events taking place in Curtiss Hall.

Hendrick, whose day begins at 4 a.m., has been preparing a variety of baked goods at SVSU for more than 21 years. She currently is lead baker in Campus Dining Services, although she began working as a part-time waitress.

“I was a full-time homemaker when one day a friend asked me if I wanted to do something different for a change,” Hendrick said. “My first event was the dedication of Doan Center (in 1969).”

Once her children started school, Hendrick joined the Campus Dining staff in 1978 as a full-time “sandwich-maker.”

“For seven years I made sandwiches that went into all of the vending machines on campus,” she said. “Then a position opened up in the dessert-baking department, and I’ve learned through the years what needs to be done and how to do it without being told.

“At first, I worked the nine months during the school year,” Hendrick explained. “But not anymore — there’s so many more events taking place that I’ve had to work year-round. The addition of summer camps means the students need a place to stay, and we have to feed them.”

Hendrick also noted that the University is increasing the number of catered functions that require her baked goods.

“We used to do a lot more things from scratch, which gave us a chance to experiment with new recipes. I often try out new things at home before I bring it in here; sometimes a recipe is for six people, and we have to decide how to make it for 65 without losing anything in the taste.

“One thing I’ve learned is that if it can’t be done right, it’s not worth doing at all,” Hendrick said. She recalled an event many years ago that resulted in an unexpected surprise.

“We had prepared a special event for Mrs. Ryder (wife of former SVSU President Jack Ryder), and after it was over, there was a knock on my door. It was Mrs. Ryder giving me the centerpiece from the table. I’ve never forgotten how thoughtful it was for her to do that.”

In her free time, Hendrick enjoys bowling once a week in a league at Monitor Lanes in Bay City. She also maintains her personal fitness by walking after work around the SVSU campus.

She has three children, Patrick (32), Roger (30) and Lynn (29), who was among the first graduating class in SVSU’s Occupational Therapy Program. Hendrick also enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren.

“My granddaughters and I like getting together to bake cookies,” Hendrick said, remembering how she enjoyed baking with her mother. “Although, I think the girls eat more than they actually bake, especially the M&M cookies.”

Hendrick also is active in her church, where she is treasurer of a ladies’ group and attends weekly Bible classes.
English Professor Judy Kerman's teaching philosophy and dedication to her avocation not only are similar, but you can describe them both in the same two words: Be creative.

"Teaching creative writing is actually very supportive of my own writing," Kerman said. "It keeps my mind in that place."

The words of Paul Simon in I Am a Rock come to mind: "I have my books and my poetry to protect me . . . ."

Kerman has been with SVSU since 1991, when she became dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences. Prior to that, she was with Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, and in New York — in all, she spent nearly 25 years in higher education administration. Kerman's position in the English Department is her first full-time foray into the classroom.

"I really never had the opportunity for this other 'piece' to my academic career," she said. "It's a lot of fun helping people use their imaginations and discovering (for themselves) they can be imaginative."

Kerman said the move to full-time teaching in 1997 gave her the chance to do more of her own creative writing.

"What I do for a living and what I enjoy doing are very connected. I like teaching fiction and creative writing and I'm very much into working with the students.

"I thought if, when I'm an old lady, I was never to have written . . . I would always wonder." Kerman wonders no more. She has had several poems published in numerous literary publications and has written six books of poems. Kerman operates her own small printing press – Mayapple Press – that has published more than a dozen works of other poets. However, as tempting as it may be, she does not publish her own work.

Kerman also is working on an anthology with participants of the International Conference on Fantastic in the Arts.

She said the collection includes many well-known science fiction writers — of both novels and poetry. Kerman is hoping to publish the book by March. She titled the book Uncommon Places. Kerman said it is organized into different kinds of spaces — dreams, cyberspace, between life and death, etc.

"I think it's going to be a terrific book.

Kerman carries her enthusiasm for writing into the classroom where she disciplines herself into practicing what she teaches.

"Part of (writing) involves getting on good terms with 'the critic' and telling 'it' when to go and when to come back. There's a trick to catching creativity as it flies through your head," she tells her students — and herself.

"Sometime it just happens — because you're in the right frame of mind . . . at 2 in the morning . . . sitting with the students in class or during a writing workshop.

"Some poems take 15 years to finish," Kerman confessed.

She said her structured way of approaching creative writing includes developing puzzles to encourage students to work through their self-imposed limitations, which exposes new possibilities. Kerman said she also urges her students to get past the greeting card approach to poetry.

"If someone has said it before, why kill a tree? Poetry is your experience and your own way of working with words."