



# THE INTERIOR

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## SVSU nursing program receives endowment

Saginaw philanthropist Frank N. Andersen has contributed \$500,000 to fund an endowed professorship in nursing at SVSU. The gift was announced at an October 9 reception hosted by the nursing faculty.

"Frank Andersen has supported Saginaw Valley State University since its inception," said President Eric Gilbertson in acknowledging the grant. He cited Andersen's contributions for construction of The Pioneer Hall of Engineering and Technology, Morley Track and Field, SVSU's athletic program, its engineering degree programs, scholarships and the purchase of "The American Eagle" sculpture for the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, among others.

Crystal M. Lange, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, noted that Andersen not only has given to public causes, but also has aided individuals to achieve their goals. She thanked Andersen for his encouragement several years earlier as she sought advanced degrees in nursing.

The Frank and Lucille Andersen Endowed Professorship in Nursing will enable SVSU to support a scholar/researcher to enhance the base of knowledge available to students, according to Lange. "The professorship also will serve as a resource to the health care community and guide nursing research efforts.

"We are most grateful to Frank Andersen for his continued interest in Saginaw Valley State University, and we are especially appreciative of this gift allowing us to enrich a nursing program that already has demonstrated its ability to graduate extremely well-prepared students. These individuals have contributed to the ad-



vancement of health care and the betterment of their communities in many ways," Lange said.

Born April 13, 1889 in Dresden, NY, Andersen came to the Saginaw area in 1923 to direct a Consumers Power Company steam generation project in Zilwaukee. Six years later he started a sand and gravel business in Tuscola County. Later he founded the first ready-mix concrete plant in Saginaw and developed docks for shipping crushed stone along the Saginaw River front. He also built and operated until 1980 a Pre-Stress Concrete Plant.

His contributions to the community have been legion. Among the best known are support for the construction and maintenance of the Andersen Water Park in Saginaw.

Andersen often has been honored for his achievements and community involvement. He is a recipient of the Robert H. Albert Community Service Award presented by the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, the Paul Harris Award given by Rotary International, and a Log Mark presented by the City of Saginaw. He also was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humanities by SVSU in 1975.

*Frank Andersen, seated center, with members of the Nursing Department and SVSU administration at an October 9 reception in the Wickes Hall nursing lab.*

## SVSU drama production examines ethics, power

How could a nation of basically "good" people allow a Holocaust to occur? SVSU's Janet Rubin pondered that question, as many have. Her research for two books on the Holocaust, co-authored with SVSU professors Jean Brown and Elaine Stephens, intensified her interest.

Following the publication of the Holocaust books, Rubin and her theatre students decided to stage the hard-hitting drama *Good* that explores the participation of a "good" man in increasingly more unconscionable actions. Public performances take place the first two weekends in November.

Set in Germany at the time when Hitler has just come into power, *Good* takes place partly inside the mind of a "good" man, Professor Halder. Unconsciously, this well-meaning scholar is led into participation in the hell that follows. The play leads the audience into the complexity of a mind that can deal with warm humanity and chilling horror almost within the same moment.

According to Rubin, professor of communication and theatre, *Good* is about situational ethics and how people justify their actions and behaviors. The audience sees these issues raised through the character John Halder as he rationalizes actions that allow him to rise to increasing levels of power within the Nazi party.

Cast members include Ric Roberts in the lead role of John Halder, and Laura Taggett, Jerry Butzin, Eric Wielinski, Matt Young and Mark Clegg. Others are Jared Hautamaki, Traci Sierras, Sara Ann O'Polka, Bud Kanyo, Joshua Fink, John Weis, and B.J. Brayman.

Roberts has appeared in numerous SVSU productions, including *Room Service* and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (as Charlie Brown) in 1995-96. His credits also list several musicals at the Pit & Balcony Playhouse. Other cast members also have extensive acting experience in high school, college and community theater.

Curtain time Friday and Saturday, November 1, 2, 8 and 9 is 8 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. November 3 and 10. SVSU faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets to the performance. The play contains mature subject matter, so parental discretion is advised. For more information call ext. 4019 or 4261.

## Campus Happenings

• **Humanities Lecture Series** — 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22, Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center. William A. Lovis will present "Searching for the Saginaw Valley's First Farmer." Refreshments will be served. Admission is free of charge.

• **Humanities Lecture Series** — 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29, Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center. An induction ceremony for this year's Saginaw Hall of Fame honorees is scheduled.

• **Valley Film Society** — 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 1, Marble Lecture Hall. "Shirley Valentine" is the featured film. Admission is by season or guest membership, available at the door.

• **University Art Gallery** — "Walter Nagel, Sculptor" will be on display November 6 through December 4. For gallery hours, call ext. 4391 or 4159.

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October 25  
4:30-6 p.m.  
President's  
Reception Area

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Everyone  
is welcome  
to attend



## Seven from SVSU Art Department to display works at CMU art gallery during November

The ceramic faculty at SVSU and several of their students have been invited to participate in "Clay," a show that surveys work done by faculty and students at Michigan universities.

Participating faculty will be (back row from left) Marlene Pellerito, Terry Basmadjian and Sara Brooks Clark. Students who will exhibit their work are (front, from left) Mark Johnson, Melissa Goble, James Simon, and Robert Rokita. All four students are seniors majoring in fine arts at SVSU.

The show runs Wednesday, Nov. 6 through Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the University Art Gallery on the campus of Central Michigan University. An opening reception is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6. For gallery hours, contact Mary Dole, gallery director, at (517) 774-3974.



# STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

## Doreen Bierlein

Groundskeeper,  
Physical Plant

November  
1996

Doreen Bierlein always has been an outdoor person. "I always liked the outdoors and always spent a lot of time up north," she says.

Her attraction to nature led to a career in a field somewhat non-traditional for women. Bierlein has been employed as a groundskeeper at SVSU for more than nine years, the only female among the 10-person staff.

"One of the most interesting parts of my job is working every day with nine guys," she laughs. "It's like having nine brothers.

"I love it—they're a nice bunch of guys, and they make the job fun."

Before hiring on at SVSU in May 1987, Bierlein had worked in the plant nursery at McDonald Nursery, Inc. and at Frank's Nursery & Crafts. The experience prepared her for many of her responsibilities at SVSU.

Bierlein describes her SVSU job as "a little bit of everything." Duties range from mowing lawns and trimming shrubs to setting up for campus events. The grounds crew is responsible for keeping the grounds clean and attractive, so weeding and disposing of litter also are part of the assignment.

In the growing season, Bierlein can be

spotted around campus tending the many flower boxes and borders that spice up the landscape.

"There is something different everyday," she says.

For several years Bierlein maintained the lawns and gardens at the University's presidential residence. She recalls caring for numerous rose bushes there.

In recent years groundskeepers have not worked at sites away from the main campus. However, the addition of new buildings such as Founders Hall and the apartments have added to the responsibilities in the central campus.

Bierlein is the only member of the grounds-keeping crew assigned to care for the many indoor plants on campus. She makes the rounds each Friday, watering, trimming and checking the greenery located in each of the campus buildings.

"I do better with the campus plants than I do with my own," she admits. "I don't have time to take care of my own plants properly."

In the winter Bierlein assists with snow removal, which she describes as her most challenging job. "It seems like the winters get colder every year," she jokes.

When she's not on the job, Bierlein enjoys sports of all kinds. "I haven't played competitively for the last couple of years, though," she says. "I do still play volleyball. We live near Midland in the country, and we brought in lots of sand to make a volleyball court."

Mountain biking is another of her enthusiasms, and she often takes her bike up north on jaunts.

Bierlein has a daughter, 21, who graduated from Michigan State University and an 18-year-old son who just entered MSU this fall.

"My daughter is getting married in May, so we are involved in wedding plans," Bierlein notes. She's decided, however, that someone else should handle flowers for the occasion.





# INNER VIEW

FEATURING FACULTY OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

## From ORS to teaching others

"At Northern Illinois they called us ORS," Janice Wolff recalls. "We tend to assign acronyms to populations, and ORS were 'Older Returning Students.'"

Wolff says a long-standing desire to write led her to begin a college education 14 years after high school graduation. "Even in my days of early 'mommyhood' I was reading a lot and journaling a lot," she says. "Then I enrolled in a community education class and realized I still loved the classroom."

The experience prompted Wolff to begin investigating ways a non-traditional student could pursue a college degree. She learned about the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) that grants credit for knowledge demonstrated through exam scores. Soon, armed with test results that earned her "a bunch of credit hours," Wolff enrolled in Waubensee Community College.

Among the bonuses she discovered as a student/mother was that helping with homework could work in both directions. "My fifth grade daughter would quiz me to help prepare for exams," she smiles.

Earning an associate's degree from

Waubensee whetted her appetite for more education, so her next stop was Northern Illinois University. "I finished my bachelor's degree in two years," she says. "Then I learned of the teaching internship that was offered for a master's in English, took the GRE and got accepted into that program.

"I loved the experience of teaching," Wolff says.

Her combined love of learning and teaching led her to continue her studies until she had earned both master's and Ph.D. degrees from Northern Illinois.

Today, at Saginaw Valley Wolff enjoys the mix of ages that is commonplace in her classes. "I really value the non-traditional students in my classroom," she says. "They have perspectives, life experiences and an amazing fund of knowledge to draw on. They bring a special dimension to the classroom."

Wolff believes that SVSU offers a nurturing environment for mature learners. When interviewing for her faculty assignment here, she was pleased to learn that the average age of SVSU students is 28. "That gave me a really good feeling," she says.

Her advice to people considering college after a time away from school: "Do it. Organize your life so that you can get to a university. You will get not only what the classroom has to offer, but you can develop intellectual curiosity.

"There's a difference between 'credentialling' and education," she says. "Credentials are what you can get in four or five years. There is no end to education."

Her enthusiasm is communicated to her students, whether they are fresh from high school or, like Wolff, returning as adult learners.

When she's not teaching, reading or grading papers, Wolff enjoys aerobics, travel and writing to friends via e-mail.





# BOARD REPORT

A REPORT OF THE SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF CONTROL

October 14, 1996

## SVSU governing board approves two charter schools, accepts 1995-96 financial audit

The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control approved charters for two Michigan public school academies at its Monday, Oct. 14 meeting, bringing the total schools chartered through SVSU to 11.

Charters approved Monday were for the New Directions Institute in Pontiac and the Chatfield School in Lapeer.

New Directions Institute will use a school-to-work approach to serve students in grades 10 through 12. The organizers propose to provide Oakland County youth with the skills necessary for employment in the automotive and construction trades while offering a curriculum that meets all State of Michigan educational goals and guidelines. Co-sponsors of the venture are the Midas Corporation of America and the Association of Building Contractors of Michigan. The Institute will be housed in the former Pontiac Motor Corporation headquarters building.

The institute's approach is centered on a national model titled "Youthbuild" that focuses on involving the entire family. The community, parents and/or other significant persons in the student's life will be partners in planning, developing and implementing the Institute's educational programs. New Directions' staff will work with each student to develop realistic education/employment plans for each student. The school can accommodate up to 300 students.

In the evening hours parents will be encouraged to use the same facility and update their job skills and education. They also will have access to a web of services through

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency. New Directions plans to open in January 1997.

The Chatfield School plans to serve students in kindergarten through grade six. The school will offer strong student/parent partnerships and an adult/child ratio of 1:12. Instruction will take place in multi-age groupings, with individualized student learning goals. Chatfield plans a year-round school calendar and an extended school day with an emphasis on co-curricular activities integrated into the program.

Other Chatfield goals include foreign language instruction for students and staff, an emphasis on technology for learning, plus a special emphasis on student responsibility and citizenship. Chatfield expects to begin operations in September 1997.

Of the first nine charter schools approved by SVSU, eight are in operation. The ninth is seeking a suitable facility.

In other action related to charter schools, the SVSU Board amended its policy statement on public school academies to increase the term of individual charter school contracts from three years to five years. The longer contract period matches the practice for most other state/university charters and enables the SVSU-chartered school to negotiate preferred interest rates and rental agreements, and to recruit and train well-qualified staff members.

The Board also approved appointment of Antonio Ramirez Jr. to the board of the Cesar Chavez Academy, replacing Lewis B. Smith Jr. Ramirez, a Detroit resident, is an account executive of Health Alliance Plan.

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unofficial report  
of Board  
activities.  
Official minutes  
are on file in  
Zahnaw Library.**



Board members approved appointment of Debra Anchors and Jeanie M. Nivision to the board of Grattan Academy. Anchors is a global distribution administrator with the Amway International Marketing Division and a partner in Anchors Sales Company. She resides in Lowell.

Nivision, of Grattan Township, is office manager of R.N.J. Appraisal Company. Both Nivision and Anchors have children enrolled in Grattan Academy.

In other action, the Board received and accepted the annual financial audit for the 1995-96 fiscal year, prepared by Andrews Hooper & Pavlik, P.L.C. Expenditures for the year were \$37,113,203 and revenues were \$37,157,498, with a balance of \$44,295 in unexpended funds carried forward.

Members received an update on the \$3.5 million energy loop, which will connect heating and cooling components for all campus buildings. Currently SVSU is the only public university that does not have a central heating and cooling plant. The energy loop is an alternative to a conventional central plant, and is expected to achieve energy efficiency at a fraction of the cost of constructing a central plant.

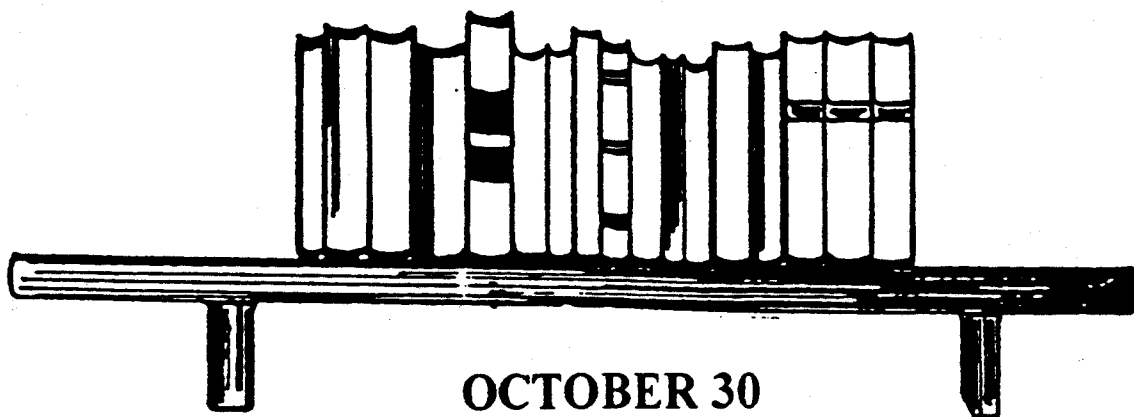
Peter Basso Associates, Inc. of Troy will complete engineering studies for the loop. Benefits include lower maintenance and replacement costs than for the separate units now serving each building.

Members also heard a report detailing increases in full-time faculty numbers over the past several years and preliminary future plans.



A number of residence hall students at SVSU participated in "Investing in Abilities Week," October 14-18, by volunteering to spend a day with a handicap. At left, Josh Bootz, a senior nursing major from Mackinaw City, ponders how students in wheelchairs negotiate barriers around campus. Noting that students in wheelchairs never have the opportunity to view campus from the stairwells in Wickes Hall, Bootz also said he gained an appreciation for other challenges that disabled students experience, including opening doors and using drinking fountains.

# **BOOK SALE** at the **LIBRARY**



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## Professional Profile

• **Jean Brown and Elaine C. Stephens**, professors of teacher education, recently attended the Fall Conference of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English in Lansing where they presented two papers. The first, titled "Literature of the Holocaust in the Classroom," discussed strategies for using fiction, picturebooks, and personal narratives in the classroom. Their second presentation, titled "The University/School Connection: Linking Students to Discuss Literature," examined the research they have conducted on the impact of electronic mentoring between students enrolled in SVSU Teacher Education courses and students enrolled in elementary and middle schools.

• **Mary Harmon and Janice Wolff**, associate professors of English, attended a conference held by the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender on October 2-6 in Monterey, California. Harmon's presentation was titled "A Convergence of Stories: Women's Histories of Revolution in the Works of Alvarez, Allende, Cisneros, and Donticat." Wolff presented "Writing the Body: 'Cauling' on Gender."

• **Judith Kerman**, dean of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, celebrated the reissuing of her book, *Mothering*, with the second-ever public reading of the entire work at the Creative Spirit Center in Midland on September 29. The first edition of the book-length prose poem received Honorable Mention for Poetry in the 1978 Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award competition, a national first-books competition. The new edition, *Mothering & Dream of Rain*, published by Ridgeway Press of Roseville, Michigan, also includes the first publication of the related play "Dream of Rain." An expanded hypertext version of *Mothering* also appeared this summer in volume 2, number 2 of the *Eastgate Quarterly*, the leading periodical publishing computer-based literary works.

• **Ann Rae**, professor of social work, will moderate two paper presentations titled "Enhancing Student Research Experience: Presentations at Professional Conferences" and "Getting on the Program at BPD: A Guide to Successful Abstract Writing" at the 14th annual Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference in Portland, Oregon, on October 23 and 25.

• **Sam Sarkar**, professor of economics, presented a paper titled "Interpretation of the Economic Thoughts of Kautilya" at the

## About the Faculty/Staff Directory...

By now you should have received a *Faculty/Staff Directory* for fall 1996. Because of the many moves that will take place at the end of the semester, this directory is temporary. Therefore, it does not include photos or personal information.

When new office assignments and phone numbers are known, another temporary directory will be prepared for winter semester. Since moves will be scheduled throughout the year, it will not be possible to keep the directories fully up to date. You will, however, be able to receive through *The Interior* new information on personnel changes as they become available.

Patience, everyone!

Western Economic Association (WEA) Conference at San Francisco, June 29 through July 2. The editor of *Contemporary Economic Policy*, a WEA journal, has invited Sarkar's paper for possible publication.

• **Jill Wetmore**, professor of finance, presented a paper titled "Basis Risk: A Refinement of Risk of Commercial Bank Stock Returns," co-authored with John R. Brick, at the Financial Management Association Conference, October 11. Wetmore also served as discussant for another paper and as a member of the program committee for the conference.

## Have You Heard?

• **Graduate and Professional School Day** will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 in Brown Concourse. Representatives from more than 20 institutions, including SVSU, will be available to answer questions and provide information. Faculty are requested to announce this program to their classes. For further information, contact the Office of Academic and Student Support Services at ext. 4283.

## Across Campus

• The campus community extends condolences:

...to **Cynthia Butzin**, administrative secretary in the College of Education, on the loss of her mother, Alvina Reid, who passed away September 20.

...to **Jeanne D. Chipman**, certification officer in the College Education, on the loss of her father-in-law, Melvin G. Chipman, who passed away October 3.

• Congratulations go out to **Lori Lipinski**, administrative secretary in Public Safety, and her husband, Wayne, on the birth of a baby girl. Karly Rae (7 lbs., 3 oz.) was born at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9.

## Transitions

### SVSU Welcomes:

- **Kathryn C. Morley**, director, Alumni Relations and Associate Development Officer, ext. 4291
- **Laura Miller**, relief nurse, ext. 4272
- **Kevin Hankerson**, assistant director, Admissions, ext. 4207
- **Kevin Hurlahe**, director, Academic and Student Support Services
- **Monica Long**, academic and career advisor, Office of Student Services and Enrollment Management

### Same Face, New Place

- **Mary Ann Kipfmiller**, senior transcript clerk, Registrar's Office



## FoA, SVSU Economic Forecasting Forum features economist/humorist Gene Stanaland



Gene Stanaland

Say "humorous economist" and most people would view it as an oxymoron, but Gene Stanaland has a reputation for probing the funny side of economics while making serious points. Stanaland will be the featured speaker at the third annual Economic Forecasting Forum sponsored by First of America Bank and Saginaw Valley State University on Thursday, Nov. 7. Registration for the 4:30 event begins at 4 p.m. in SVSU's Ryder Center.

Stanaland has been called the "Will Rogers of Economics" because of his ability to make economics understandable and entertaining.

He is the president of GSE, Inc., an economics and management firm, and is one of the most fascinating and sought-after speakers on economics in the U.S. today.

For 20 years, Stanaland was a member of the Economics Department at Auburn University in Alabama, chairing the department for eight years. He is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers and has far-reaching business involvements. He also serves as director on several corporate boards.

Dr. Stanaland's presentation will be followed by a 5:30 p.m. reception. There is no charge to attend the forum and reception, but reservations are required by October 25. To reserve a spot, or for more information, call the SVSU Alumni Office at ext. 4291.



## Accent on Alumni

- **James M. Aspin** (B.B.A., accounting, 1987) was named corporate controller of Beyer Roofing Company, Zilwaukee. Aspin, a certified public accountant, was corporate controller at Stone Transport.
- **Keri Becker** (B.A., criminal justice, 1995) has been named head softball coach at Ferris State University. Becker played softball at SVSU and at Meridian High School. She had worked as an assistant coach for SVSU before accepting the FSU appointment.
- **Ashley M. Gasta** (B.B.A., 1996) was promoted to operations manager at Kim M. Gardey Investment Management Services. She joined the firm in 1993 as an intern.
- **Teresa M. Gill** (B.S.N., 1982) has been named manager of the Neuro Intensive Care Unit at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw. She had worked as a neuro-ortho educator, nurse manager and staff nurse.
- **Sandra J. Monville** (B.B.A., accounting, 1989) is president and owner of ITB Financial Services, Inc., Saginaw. She recently received accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation.
- **Linda Schoelles** (B.S.N., 1979) has been named director of emergency services at Central Michigan Community Hospital.
- **Melissa Seeger** (B.B.A., accounting, 1995) has joined Yeo & Yeo, certified public accountants,

in Saginaw. Her assignment is as staff accountant in the management advisory services department.

## High Five

- **Football** (6-0, 6-0) — defeated the College of St. Francis 24-12 Saturday. The Cardinals and Saints combined for a league-record 20 fumbles—10 for each team—that tied a record SVSU and Wayne State set in the season opener this year. The team travels to Grand Valley State University this Saturday.
- **Women's Soccer** (1-12) — lost to Grand Valley State University 7-0 Saturday. Arthur Hill grad Katie Foster made 13 saves while sharing time in goal with Michelle Hemmen.
- **Men's Basketball** — is ranked 18th in NCAA Division II in the preseason by *Preview Sports* magazine. The Cardinals will open their season on the road at Siena Heights College November 26.
- **Women's Basketball** — is hosting the second annual Indoor Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament this weekend. Some 4,000 spectators are expected to watch 800 players compete on 14 courts in O'Neill Arena from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Primary sponsors for the event are AllSport and Burt Watson Chevrolet. General admission to watch the action is \$1. Proceeds from the fund raiser will be used for equipment and travel expenses for the women's team.

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