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SAGINAW GETS STUNG

7 on 7 arena football coming to TheDow next March

By Alie Neumeyer
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A new kind of "sting" in mid-Michigan's Continental Indoor Football League will grace the Saginaw community in the 2008 season. The Dow Event Center and SMG Management announced the arrival of a new indoor football team, the Saginaw Sting. With the arrival of the Saginaw Spirit hockey team five years ago and the Loons' inaugural season just having finished up, the idea of adding an arena football team to the list is no surprise. Both the hockey and baseball teams have received significant support.

Owner and General Manager Mike Johnson announced the Sting's head coach to be Carl Featherstone, a former college and professional player. Featherstone



courtesy Saginaw Sting

served in the U.S. Marine Corps. and has past experience coaching high school football. In addition to these experiences, the new coach also played for the St. Louis Cardinals of the NFL and the Houston Gamblers of the United States Football League.

Johnson is looking forward to the new season and said Saginaw was one of his main choices when deciding where to bring the new team. "The arena was open to having a new team," he said. "When you're wanted, that's nice."

Another minor league professional sports franchise has made the tri-cities area its home in the Saginaw Sting. Some facts:

- Home games will be played at TheDow Events Center
- Team is an expansion franchise of the CIFL, or Continental Indoor Football League
- Games are 7 on 7 and played on a 50-yard field.
- Other teams include: Chicago Slaughter, Chesapeake Tide, Lehigh Valley Outlaws, Kalamazoo Explosion, Marion Mayhem, New England Surge, Miami Valley Silverbacks, New Jersey Revolution, Milwaukee Bonecrushers, Rochester Raiders, and Muskegon Thunder

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ACADEMICS

SVSU profs receive \$37k grants for research

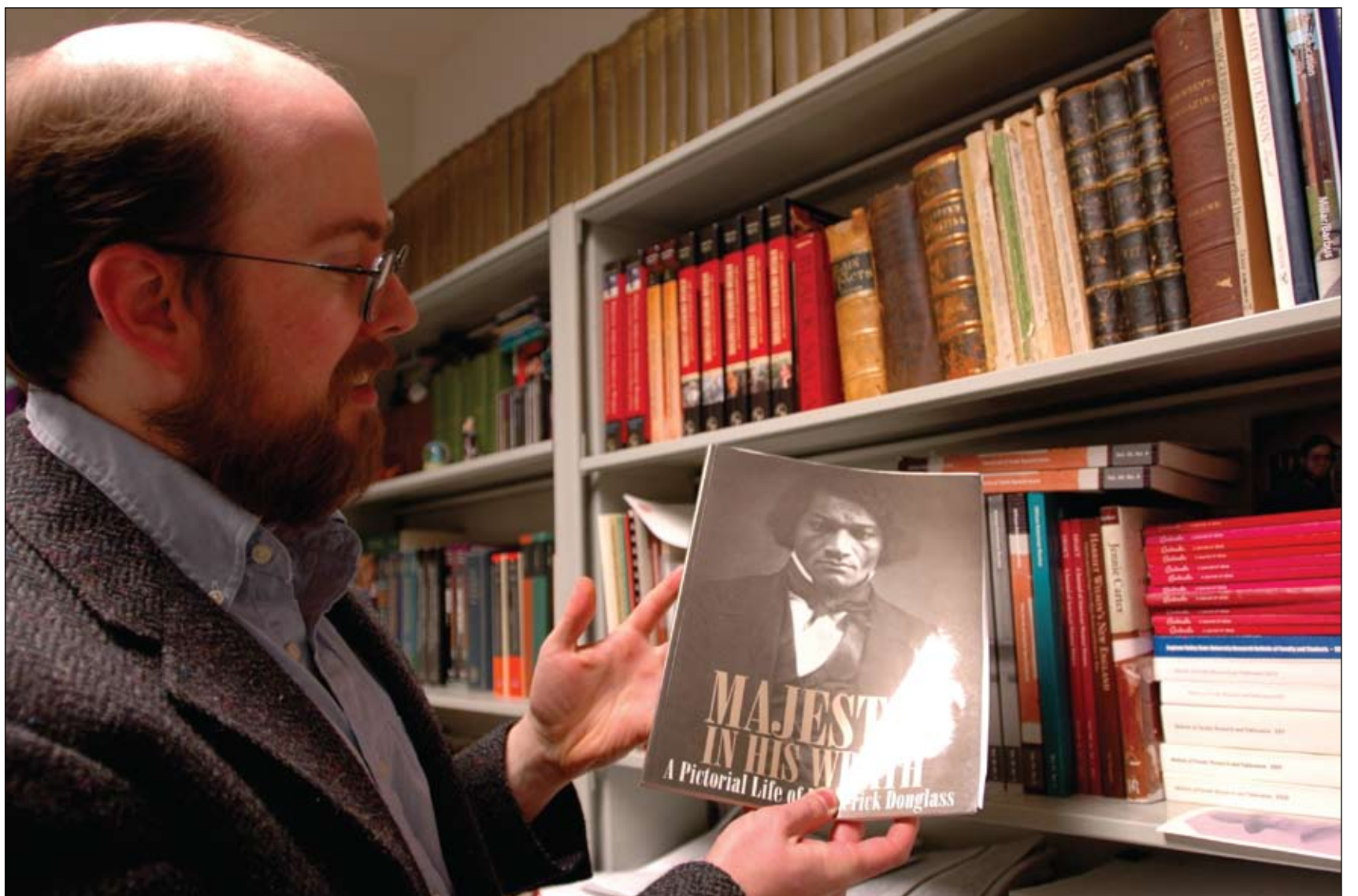
By Carolyn Payne
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Eric Gardner and Gretchen Owocki, two SVSU professors, have each received grants worth up to \$37,000 to pursue research in their areas of interest.

Owocki will be using her a portion of her funds to support the writing of a book to aid a recently opened reading clinic at SVSU, which caters to about 120 reading-challenged students each year. Owocki has been involved in research of this nature since 1994 and is continuing it now because she believes that the best assessment occurs as students are engaged in real acts of reading.

She believes that this project will benefit SVSU as a university and a community because it will make a difference in the lives of children, and it will aid the teachers in SVSU's graduate program.

Owocki addressed additional



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Professor of English Eric Gardner's research revolves predominately around black literature. He has authored two books on the subject.