Hunt named SVSU Wickes Chair in International Business

David Hunt recently was named Harvey Randall Wickes Chair in International Business. Most recently, Hunt was with the University of Southern Mississippi. Since 1987, Hunt was a professor in the Department of Management at USM.

The quality of Hunt’s scholarly record, the depth and breadth of his international experience, his accomplishments and ideas regarding teaching international business and his expertise in technology mediated learning are just a few of his strengths,” said Paul Uselding, dean of the College of Business & Management.

Hunt has published five books, has two in progress and is the author of approximately two dozen journal articles and 35 published proceedings and professional papers. From 1968 to 1974, he gained experience in international banking with Bank of America and AmeriCorp Express, with postings in Kenya, Japan, Okinawa and Pakistan. Hunt has taught Internet web-based courses, interactive video courses, closed circuit-TV courses, and he developed a cross-cultural classroom experience using the Internet and E-mail for case discussions among Canadian, South African and Mississippi students. In 1986-87, he was professor and chair of the Department of Management, Operations and Marketing for California State University-Staansiggs.

Hunt’s publications and research have included study in cross-cultural management, mentoring, worker motivation, strategic management and organizational behavior. He also has served as a consultant and conducted sessions in leadership, Japanese management and productivity, cross-cultural negotiation, human resources, managing and valuing diversity, and organizational culture.
Congressman Barcia receives Honorary Degree from SVSU

James A. Barcia, U.S. congressman, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from SVSU during its spring Commencement ceremonies, Saturday, May 5. SVSU’s Board of Control approved a resolution to grant the honorary degree to Barcia during its May meeting, Friday, May 4.

Barcia addressed SVSU faculty, staff and nearly 700 graduating students and their friends and families during the Spring Commencement ceremony at SVSU’s O’Neill Arena.

A lifelong resident of Bay City, Barcia received his bachelor’s degree from SVSU in 1975. As a student, he served as president, vice president and senator of the University’s Student Government. Barcia served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1977 to 1983, was a state senator from 1983 until his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he has served since 1992 for five consecutive terms.

Congressman Barcia was cited for his outstanding record of public service in both state and national government. At the state level, he served as democratic majority whip and was considered a strong advocate for working families, people with disabilities and senior citizens. In the House of Representatives, Barcia serves on the Science Committee, where he is the ranking member of the subcommittee on Environment; and is a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

In 1977, Barcia received SVSU’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

Alumni Association honors Patricia Shaheen as 2001 Distinguished Alumna

Patricia (Patty) Shaheen was presented the 2001 Distinguished Alumni Award by the SVSU Alumni Association. A 1973 SVSU graduate, Shaheen majored in English while earning her Bachelor of Arts degree. She is a longtime Saginaw resident with an extensive list of personal and professional achievements.

Shaheen is owner/administrator of McBrite and Shattuck Manors, two successful assisted-living developments for senior citizens. Once an abandoned school, Shaheen’s efforts to renovate and redevelop the McBrite Manor property earned “Business of the Year” recognition in Saginaw Township. Shaheen also plays an integral role in SSP Associates with her husband, Dr. Sam Shaheen. The Shaheens have planned and overseen the redevelopment of several Saginaw area properties, most notably the Horizons Conference Center.

Shaheen is involved in many community service activities and charitable organizations. She has a long history with the Junior League of Saginaw, which she served as a president in 1995. Shaheen is a founding member of Saginaw Township’s “Art in Public Places.” A former Girl Scout, Shaheen was honored this past February as a “Woman of Distinction,” by the Mitten Bay Girl Scouts. She has served as an officer for the Nouvel Catholic Central High School Foundation, the Saginaw Community Foundation and the St. Mary’s Medical Center Foundation.

Her University service includes five years on the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors. As a member of the Foundation Board, Shaheen established the American Lebanese Community Scholarship Fund, which assists students who demonstrate academic achievement, character, leadership and community service. In addition, Shaheen has served on the University’s Annual Fund Committee.

Assistant available for computer users through ITS Support Center

The ITS Support Center Help Desk has extended its hours of operation to provide phone support seven days a week in the evening and during the weekend. Phone support will be available to staff, faculty and students by calling the ITS Support Center at 790-4225 during the following hours of the operation: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to midnight; and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. The ITS Support Center will provide technical support for university-owned equipment. For personal home computers, the ITS Support Center will provide limited support for dial-up access, Cardinal Link access, and/or ResNet connectivity issues.

For additional information, visit www.svsu.edu/microtech.

Event highlights “Poland Today”

SVSU’s Polish Students’ Club will sponsor “Poland Today,” an event designed to facilitate discussion of individual experiences in Poland and the life of Polish Americans. The event will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 in rooms 109 and 110 in SVSU’s Brown Hall.

The program will include the documentary Burning Questions, which depicts efforts of a Polish-American girl to uncover her family roots in Poland. Anna Dadlez, professor of Polish, will introduce the film.

Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for admission; donations to the Polish Students’ Club will be accepted. For additional information, contact Karen Dekoski at 686-5925.

Chemistry students, faculty present at conference

Two SVSU faculty and six students recently attended the National American Chemical Society Meeting in San Diego, Calif.

Financial support for the trip came from the dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society, the SVSU Student Association and the National ACS Women’s committee, as well as fund-raising activities by Chemistry Club members.

Student participants included Robert Cottrell, Ronald Nowak, Lisa Schafer, Megan Smekar, Kenneth Stawowy, and Ryan Vedrode. Faculty participants were Deborah Huntley, associate professor of chemistry; and David Karpovich, assistant professor of chemistry.

Five of the students presented research posters and the sixth presented a summary of the activities of the SVSU Chemistry Club (also a student affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society).

Research posters were presented by Schafer with Huntley; Smekar, with Timm Richardson, George Glavey and Huntley; Stawowy, Kenneth Lilje and SVSU Professor of Chemistry Stephen Lawrence; Nowak, with Karpovich and SVSU Professor of Biology Gary Lange. Cottrell presented with Karpovich, Sally Shepardson, lecturer of biology, and David Dalgarn, professor of chemistry. A Chemistry Club poster was presented by Stawowy and Vedrode, with Huntley and Karpovich.

Answers to Tobacco Reduction Offered

SVSU, along with the American Cancer Society and the Saginaw Coalition on Tobacco Reduction, will co-sponsor Saginaw County Tobacco Reduction Health Fair 2001 and Lecture Series Wednesday, May 16.

Health professionals will be present at the Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Groening Commons, Inside the Pavilion, by Victor DeNoelle, will start the lecture series off at 12:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre.

DeNoelle is a scientist researcher who discovered the addictive nature of nicotine.

Krista Schaafsma, a pioneer in teaching parents and children about tobacco, will lecture at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre.

Have You Heard?

• The Tri-City Chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers is organizing a bus trip to the Silverdome Saturday, May 19 at the SVSU USASE Cardinal Racing Competition. The bus will leave from Lowe’s at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 5:30 p.m. The cost of $20 per person includes lunch, snacks, and a tour of the Walter P. Chrysler Museum. To reserve your spot, call Charles Severance at 777-5500, ext. 211.


• Zahnow Library will be closed through May 13 due to construction. Services are available by calling 790-4240, 790-4242 or visiting library.svsu.edu.

• Health Services reopen at 8 a.m., Monday, May 7. Spring semester hours will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Collings Drive from Fox Drive to E lot west entrance will be closed for resurfacing starting June 11. The project could take five weeks.