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SVSC PROF LEARNING, TEACHING IN AFRICA

Although he's halfway around the world, SVSC English professor Tom Hearron is finding some things to remind him of home. "The campus (National University of Rwanda in Africa) reminds me a lot of SVSC, even to the extent that a new library/office building has just been completed," he wrote. "It's located in a river valley, though here there is a real valley, with terraced hills of red earth rising on both sides above a swift-running river."

Hearron was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach American literature at the African university, and he and his wife Patricia have been in Rwanda since September. During the fall semester he is teaching a graduate course in contemporary American fiction. Relating his experience in teaching there, Hearron said, "Of the five students (in the class), two were not there because they hadn't heard the radio announcement directing them to come to the opening of classes. Radio is used to announce everything."

He reported that African students are subsidized by the Ministry of Education, "so the Ministry decides not only who will go to college, but also what will be their major. Since every course is a required one, students have no choice of what they will take or who they will take it from."

Hearron has found the professors and administrators at the university "congenial and happy to have us here." The college year opened the last week in September and was marked by speeches by the student body president, the rector, and the dean. "Attendance at all university functions, incidentally, is obligatory: if one is obliged to miss an event, one must write a letter explaining the reasons. I sometimes

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thing the SVSC faculty meetings might consider this suggestion," he remarked.

Some of Hearron's actions have left local residents puzzled. "I suspect that many of the people associated with the university do not know what to make of us. We've hired one household helper because it's expected of us, but two young men came around looking for work and seemed disbelieving when I said that we had no need of more help.

"One fellow, for example, offered his services as a cook. When I told him that I was the cook, he offered to provide us with vegetables, and I explained that I enjoyed going to the market and buying our own. Taking a puzzled look at Pat, who was busy hemming some napkins, the man asked if we really lived here; apparently he could not believe we were not someone's servants. I imagine, too, he wondered who was rich and powerful enough to hire "bazungu," or white people, to cook, shop, and sew!"

Other contrasts to American culture that Hearron has found include the agrarian economy. "The land is intensely cultivated, with bananas everywhere (even in the yards of the professors), mixed in with beans, sweet potatoes, and vegetables on the hills, and rice and sorghum in the wet areas in the valleys. The road from the campus to Ruhengeri is an obstacle course of dust and volcanic rock, thronged with hordes of people on the move to market, from market, to ... water hydrants."

Hearron invites members of the campus community to write him at:

Department - d'Anglais
Universite Nationale du Rwanda
a. Nyakinama
B.P. 44 Ruhengeri
Rwanda, Africa

SVSC PROF TO SERVE AS UNIDO CONSULTANT

Dr. Mahendra S. Kanthi, associate professor of economics at SVSC, has been invited to serve as a consultant for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). He will be in Vienna, Austria, from November 16 to 24 as part of a panel of experts devising long term plans for development of Third World countries. The panel will focus on methods for transferring technology from industrial nations to those that are underdeveloped. Another area of study is genetic engineering and its applications in reducing disease or increasing productivity of food sources.

Kanthi feels that "in the long run, it will be helpful to the U.S." to assist underdeveloped nations on a selective basis to strengthen their economies. "The stronger those countries are, the wider will be the future markets for our products," he said. While he acknowledged that low labor costs have initially given nations like Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong and South Korea a competitive edge over the U.S. in production of certain goods, that advantage tends to disappear over time. "The U.S. can keep its trade advantage in the long run," he said. "As nations develop, the wages rise in response to inflation. Japan is no exception to this rule.

"Also, our dollar is doing well. A tight money policy has helped, and the U.S. will keep high interest rates for some time to come," Kanthi predicted.

Kanthi said the U.S. should emulate European countries in some respects. "They are not wasteful societies. We need to learn conservation from them. We don't seem to realize that our resources are finite, and one day we may be without essential resources."

At 38, Kanthi has been the youngest consultant at the Vienna headquarters of UNIDO. He has served in that capacity on several previous occasions, and said the agency seeks advice from experts and senior diplomats in a variety of fields and from many nations. As an economist, he will be assessing the cost and benefits of suggested methods for stimulating economic growth in the Third World countries, as well as the long term impact of these strategies on the world economy.

SVSC CLUB TO OFFER POLISH ENTERTAINMENT

A group of SVSC students interested in reviving Polish heritage are joining forces with a local restaurant to present a unique form of entertainment.

The students have put together a show, billed as "Polonus Cabaret," that combines humor, music, political satire and skits done in a style native to Poland in former years. They'll be presenting the cabaret at 6:00 p.m. on three Sunday evenings beginning November 4. The \$8 admission price includes admission to the show, plus a full course meal at Krzysiak's House restaurant, 1605 Michigan Avenue in Bay City.

According to Dr. Cezary Mendelius, advisor to the Polish Students Club, a literal translation of "Polonus" is "Poles of the past." The cabaret was developed, he said, because "we wished to reach the 'old' Polish community in this area with a vehicle that brings back something of their Polish past. The cabaret definitely was part of the Polish tradition." Mendelius explained cabaret-type entertainment was very much a part of Polish culture in the 19th and early 20th centuries, with many restaurants featuring live entertainment. The material put together by the Polish Students Club is reminiscent of the old cabarets.

Performers include brothers Timothy and Jerry Strasz, Cheryl Kaczynski, Lorraine Bailey, Stanley Yascolt and Jim Lepeak. Bailey, a junior majoring in history, spent four weeks in Poland this summer on a study program.

Tim Strasz is a junior with a major in finance. He is a recipient of the Polish Culture Scholarship, and was selected by the Polish-American Congress to attend a 1983 seminar at the University of Polonia of the Free World. His brother Jerry is a junior majoring in history.

Kaczynski is a graduate student in SVSC's business administration program, and Yascolt formerly attended classes at SVSC.

Performances continue November 11 and 18. The group will plan future cabaret programs if there is sufficient community interest. For more information, call SVSC's Polish Institute at ext. 4315.

CHARTER BOARD MEMBER REFLECTS ON SVSC HISTORY

"One thing is certain. What we do now is no longer subject to external control. There has been a firm and final ratification of the importance and permanence of this institution."

Charter Board of Control member Charles B. Curtiss took time recently to reflect on the development of Saginaw Valley State College, and to assess its current role in Michigan's system of higher education. "It is critical now that we pull together and set institutional goals based on the strong position we hold. Where we go from here is based on whether or not we can do that."

Curtiss spoke with a conviction that has been intensified by more than 20 years commitment to establishment of a four-year college in and for the Saginaw Valley. He became involved soon after completing a Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Michigan in 1960.

"There were a number of different attempts to turn Delta into a four year college. One was to establish a two-year college on top of Delta. Another was to get a branch of the University of Michigan as the two year senior college. I got involved in that effort initially.

"I was fairly recently out of the U. of M. The committee (a local citizen's group organized to establish a regional college for the tri-counties) decided to press to get a branch up here. I was elected chairman of the tri-county committee."

When efforts to establish the U. of M. branch faltered, committee leaders were advised to "start a four-year private college from scratch," Curtiss said. He credited James O'Neill, now a state representative, but then a member of Michigan's State Board of Education, with giving direction and support for the endeavor.

Curtiss explained that there were concerns about mixing a two-year and four-year college. "Some questioned whether you could effectively manage a faculty as broadly diversified as required for graduate level programs, a two-year technical program, and a quality baccalaureate program. Lines would be blurred, and a community college could be overshadowed by a baccalaureate

college." Also, he said, "There is a problem if you try to maintain open admission and selective admission at the same institution. Good quality in both programs requires two institutions."

He said there also was concern about differing methods of financing for the two types of colleges. "The 1963 Michigan constitution allowed community college districts and granted them taxing authority. There was fear that four-year colleges would attack the revenue base community colleges had just won. Also, the state had planned for 29 community colleges to blanket the state. Some people felt that allowing Delta to become a four-year college might be (setting a precedent for) establishing 29 four-year colleges."

Curtiss was one of six people chosen to serve on the board of directors when the state gave approval for establishment of Saginaw Valley College. He found the controversy hadn't ended with the decision to create a private college. Choosing a site for its campus became a major issue. He recalled that some of the directors had optioned property that now is the site of the Bay Valley complex. It was deemed unsuitable because there reportedly were abandoned coal mines on the site. Later, purchase arrangements were made for property located at the intersection of Hospital and Tittabawassee roads. "Bay County people felt that site was too far away."

Eventually the present Bay Road site was chosen, and construction began on a permanent campus following a successful capital fund drive. During this period, SVC became a public, state-supported college, and the dream began to take shape.

Curtiss was named, along with other members of the now-defunct private college, to the Board of Control of the public institution. He and Dorothy D. (Honey) Arbury have continued to serve throughout the school's history. Curtiss was the first Board secretary, a position he had held on the private board. In 1973 he was elected chairman of the Board, and he held that post until 1981. It was during his tenure that many of the policies and guidelines governing Board action were formalized.

Summing up the stages of SVSC's development, Curtiss said two factors stood out. "Getting it (the college) started at all"

was a major accomplishment. Then, "Keeping it from collapsing in 1972-73" was another achievement.

"On balance, in overview, I am very happy with the way it (the college) has developed. Slowly. We have utilized a building block approach. We have added programs one at a time, and have strengthened undergraduate programs on something of a rotating basis (rather than diluting resources). We aimed for quality and stability.

"I'm quite happy that we haven't seen a significant proliferation of curricula or programs based on student demand for a given year. We have embraced traditional curriculum and traditional academic values. The college has been smart in not going off chasing programs that appear to be popular at the moment.

"I'm sorry that it took as long as it did to move ahead with facilities. I give Jack Ryder awfully high marks, and Jim O'Neill deserves a great deal of credit, too, for persistence in seeking I.F. 2.

Curtiss commented on the decision to inaugurate an intercollegiate athletic program at SVSC. "In 1968 we had a grant of \$1 million for a football stadium. The stock sat there, going down in value for some five years. Sam Marble (first SVC president) didn't like the competitive nature of athletics, and we had much more important things to do.

"However, enrollment had plateaued in 1971. Dorm residency peaked at 240 and began declining. We needed 300 students in the dorms to pay the bills. Something had to be done, dramatically and quickly. Saginaw Valley College lacked identity outside of the immediate area, and that's where dorm students come from. We needed institutional identity in other parts of the state.

"Also, there were practically no student activities. SVC was an educational 'black box.' Students walked in and two hours later they walked out and went home. There was no significant campus life. And we hadn't been able to do much in the way of music; there was no band, no cheerleaders.

"We wanted to appeal to some of the traditional age college students, and we felt adding an athletic program would help us do this. There was an assumption that each

athlete would bring in another student -- a friend or relative."

Curtiss said the athletic program has met the goal of bringing identification of the college. "It did bring recognition, though no clear perception of what the college was about." He said that on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., he picked up a copy of *USA Today* and found a report on Saginaw Valley's football team.

In SVSC's future, Curtiss sees "no large expansion of academic programs. Our job is to continue to enhance funding of high quality undergraduate and limited numbers of graduate programs. We should have adequate resources to do that. I think the state is looking at higher education differently than it did as recently as two years ago."

As a sophomore at Yale, Curtiss recalled writing a paper for a history class. "In the process I learned that my great-grandfather had been one of the founders of and early contributors to Cornell." He felt that might have influenced him to work for SVSC's establishment. "It was exciting and personally very rewarding -- but not financially rewarding. Not everyone gets to be part of starting a college from scratch."

"In a speech I gave in the mid-70's I compared SVSC's development to that of a child growing up. In the early 60's we were like a toddler just learning to walk and to explore our world. We became like a brash adolescent in the late 60's and early 70's. We went to college in the late 70's." He added that today he would compare our development to that of a person in the 20's. "We are finding our place in the world. Whether we are going to be a rapidly rising star or are going to be an also-ran remains to be seen."

Curtiss is vice president and branch manager of Thompson McKinnon Securities in Saginaw. In 1965 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Bay City Jaycees for his work in establishment of SVC. At 30, he was the youngest member of state college boards in Michigan. He has been active in numerous community organizations, including the Bay City Community Concert Association and the East Central Michigan Health Systems Agency. In 1982 he received the Carl H. Weber Award for Voluntarism from Bay County United Way.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--Drawings, prints and paintings by **Margarete Baum** will remain on display in the arts workshop until November 19. For workshop hours, call the fine arts office at ext. 4159.

--Ms. Susan Staub of The National Right To Work Committee will present "**Compulsory Unionism in Education**" on Wednesday, November 7 at 1:30 p.m. in Wickes Hall faculty lounge. Her appearance is sponsored by the Concerned Faculty for a Better Academic Climate. The discussion will focus especially on higher educational institutions. For more information, contact Dr. Gary Pecquet at ext. 4018.

--Public safety is ready to assist the campus community when car troubles occur. A service truck is available from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. If you need help, call ext. 4141, or flag down a police cruiser, who will radio for the service truck.

--Big band music will be the main theme at the first **Jazz Series Concert** on Monday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the SVSC theatre. Big band hits will be performed by the Jazz Ensemble and guest musician Joe Freyre. Concert tickets are \$2 general admission and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens, and can be purchased at the door or in advance. For information call the fine arts office at ext. 4159.

--**John Palen**, author of a poetry collection titled "To Coax A Fire," will read from his work on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Wickes Hall faculty lounge. Palen was editor of the Midland Daily News until he left in 1983 to continue his education and devote more time to his writing. Admission to the reading is free. For more information, contact Dr. Diane Sautter at ext. 4339.

--The next **Science Colloquium** will feature Dr. William Pratt, professor of physics at MSU. The presentation, titled "Ultra-high Precision Electrical Resistance Measurements At Very Low Temperatures," will be Wednesday, November 14 at 2:30 p.m. in room 158 of the Pioneer Hall of Engineering and Technology. It is open to the campus community. For more information, call Dr. Menard at ext. 4134.

--Area high school students will act, dance or sing in a variety of languages as part of **Foreign Language Day** on Wednesday, November 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Dr. Ricardo Pastor at ext. 4486.

--The **Entrepreneurs Club** will get together Wednesday, November 14 in lower level Doan Center. Mary Princing and Barbara Ewend of Princing and Ewend Associates will present "Creating Your Company's Total Image." A social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:45. Cost for dinner is \$7. For reservation information, call ext. 4048.

--The **Children's Center** is offering cook-books for sale. Organizations will receive \$1 back for each book sold at \$5. The same commission will be available to anyone interested in selling the books. For information call ext. 4092 or 4294.

--The Valley Film Society will present "**Forbidden Games**" on Friday, November 16, at 7:45 p.m. in the lecture theatre. Film director Rene Clement reveals the effects of violence on the minds of children in war-time France. Admission is by full or trial membership, available at the door. For more information, call ext. 4303.

--Geoffrey Nunberg, a linguist from Stanford University, will present "**Thinking About Language**" on Friday, November 16 at 8:00 p.m. in lower level Doan Center. Admission is free of charge. For more information, call Dr. Basil Clark at ext. 4312.

--An indoor concert featuring the brass and power of the **SVSC Marching Band** will be Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 p.m. in the SVSC theatre. In addition to the musical highlights of the Cardinal's halftime shows, the band's flashy twirlers and flag corps will be featured. For more information, call ext. 4389.

--1985 **SVSC Tour of Spain** applications still are being accepted up to Tuesday, November 16 from faculty, their spouses, family and friends. The trip is set for March 2 through 10, 1985. The total cost is \$989, which includes flights, hotels, excursions, and tour guides. For application forms or information, contact Dr. Ricardo Pastor at ext. 4486.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Dr. Elaine Stephens, associate professor of education, presented a paper at the **Second Annual Conference on Adult Reading Problems** held in Chicago on October 26. The paper described her research with SVSC undergraduates to determine textbook suitability in general education courses.

--Dr. Merlyn Mondol, professor of psychology, will present "Dealing with Anger and Aggression" on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Luke's Hospital lecture theatre. Her talk is designed to help parents teach children how to channel anger and aggression into a constructive force.

--Dr. Gary W. Davis, assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Control, will serve as a panelist for the American Academy of Religion's annual meeting on Sunday, December 9. The theme of Dr. Davis' presentation will be "Constructive Developments in Theory and Method--Exemplifying the Continuing Reflection: Ongoing Responses and New Approaches."

--Drs. Thomas Renna and Basil Clark presented papers at the 15th annual interdisciplinary conference for **The Committee for the Advancement of Early Studies (CAES)**. Dr. Renna presented "The English Mystics and the Angels;" Dr. Clark's paper was titled "MS Harley 2269 (15th Century): Astrology Treatise." Dr. Clark also chaired a section at the conference held on October 26 at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

--The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) has appointed Dr. Jean E. Brown, associate professor of education, to be the **Michigan State Coordinator for the 1985 NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing**. She will direct regional committees who judge the writing skills of high school seniors for possible awards for college.

--Matthew Zivich, professor of art, has won an Honorable Mention and cash award for his two paintings at the Midland Center for the Arts 26th Annual Mid-Michigan Exhibition. His also is having a show of watercolors and drawings at Eisenhower High School, under the sponsorship of art teacher Walt Nagel, from November 5 through 9.

PERSONNEL

Full-time, permanent faculty positions are currently open in the following areas:

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING - Instructor/Assistant Professor (New Position).

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HIGH FIVE

SVSC won its fifth straight District 23 NAIA Cross Country championship Saturday at Richmond Park in Grand Rapids. The Cardinals finished with 34 points, followed by Hillsdale, Siena Heights, Spring Arbor and Aquinas. SVSC's Troy Ouellette finished second in 26:22. Neal Rogers was fourth, Tom Bishop seventh, Rich Genson eighth, John Biek thirteenth, and Brian Oldenberg fifteenth.

The Cardinal football team clinched their second straight GLIAC title Saturday with a 50-28 victory over Michigan Tech. They became the first school in the league's history to win back-to-back titles with an undefeated record. On November 18 SVSC will learn whether they will receive a second consecutive national playoff bid from NAIA.

EVENTWATCH

Nov. 7...Compulsory Unionism in Education
Nov. 1-19...Margarete Baum Art Show
Nov. 10...Alum/Faculty & Staff BB Classic
Nov. 12...Jazz Ensemble Concert
Nov. 13...Poetry Reading with John Palen

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