University Art Gallery Offers Enrichment, Education

Exposing novice artists to the work of their more accomplished peers can provide insight and inspiration for emerging talent, believes Art Department Chairman Barron Hirsch. The fact that art exhibitions also can enrich the lives of others not directly engaged in the field is a pleasant bonus, Hirsch says.

His convictions regarding the need to see a variety of good work in different mediums and styles led to the initiation of a college gallery in 1970.

"With no budget and no release time, we (Hirsch and fellow art faculty) built two walls in the art area in the '68 Building. We came up with the title 'Arts Workshop Gallery.' I was director of that gallery until we moved into the Arborly Fine Arts Center in 1987," he said.

The first year in the new location was devoted to "settling in" and ensuring that all art classrooms were properly equipped and operable, so no art shows were scheduled.

By fall semester 1988, Hirsch was ready to resume his labor of love by presenting carefully selected shows in the center's exhibition gallery, since named the "University Art Gallery."

"It is an excellent little gallery," he notes. The gallery's 210 linear feet of display space is well illuminated with a combination of artificial and natural light. Because it is largely surrounded by glass, it is "very open and inviting," Hirsch says. "Much of the exhibit area can be seen from the atrium even if the gallery is not open." He estimates that from 50 to 75 percent of a display can be seen from outside the gallery.

"That gives it a feeling of being very open and very accessible.

"The old gallery could only hold about 10 to 12 pictures. Now we can deal with much more complex exhibits in terms of numbers and size of works.

"We now have the facility to provide exhibits and visiting artists for our art students, so that they can meet proven artists working in each of the studio areas we teach. Since we live in an area that does not have a major museum, these exhibits provide a real service to our students.

"Secondarily, we like to provide exhibits that are of general interest to the University community, to encourage both an interest in and an appreciation of art achievements in the state of Michigan." Hirsch believes it is appropriate for a state-supported institution to

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'Parking It' on Campus

These days, finding a parking spot requires greater planning than when Saginaw Valley was "that little college in the corn field." While there has been a significant increase in real estate devoted to parking lots, the growth has not kept pace with the demand created by more students, faculty and staff headed for an expanded number of classes, activities and events.

Currently, B Lot and J Lot are undergoing expansion, with some 300 spaces to be added. However, parking spaces will be at a premium until this work is completed, notes Public Safety Director Zane Rybkowski. Further, he says parking lots still may be very crowded when public events fall during peak times for classes.

"Students and visitors to campus should be aware that parking is limited. We advise that you come early for sports and other evening events and be prepared for some walking." Rybkowski says that, while total parking space on campus generally will be sufficient, those parking lots closest to buildings fill up rapidly.

According to Jerry Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs, a committee is being established to recommend policy for use of campus parking lots. In the meantime, the key to avoiding parking-related trauma, Rybkowski says, is to allow extra time: time to move around campus, time to get into and out of lots and time to walk from the lot to your destination.

Power Outage Puts Campus on Hold

The campus community was briefly plunged into darkness last Wednesday morning due to an off-campus construction-related incident. For reasons yet to be determined, the recently installed backup system failed to switch over to the secondary line as quickly as it was designed to do.

Director of Engineering Services Robert Hanes said Consumers Power Co. is investigating the failure and will provide a written report. Although the theory is not confirmed, the eight-minute delay is believed to have resulted from switching equipment failure.

When the secondary feed and switchover system was installed, CPC officials indicated power outages would be limited to four seconds while the transfer to the backup line took place. "They said longer power outages would likely only occur once in a hundred years," Hanes said. "We hope they were correct; it would mean we can look forward to 99.5 years of virtually trouble-free service!"

Influenza Vaccine Available

The word is out! A-Shanghai, A-Taiwan and B-Yamagata are the culprits this year. These are the influenza strains most likely to cause serious illness in the Saginaw Valley this year.

Protection is available, however, from Health Services for $6.

The influenza vaccine is recommended for all senior citizens and anyone suffering from chronic illnesses such as heart, kidney or lung disease. Side effects from the vaccine are rare, but include body aches and slight fever.

For more information or to receive the vaccine, contact Health Services, Room 267, Wickes Hall; extension 4271.

Debbie Darling, finance major from Ovid, prepares to donate to the first blood drive of the year, Thursday, September 14.
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feature Michigan artists. Further, he feels many are accomplished artists who produce excellent work.

"Finally, we like to provide a community resource that will make the University a center for the arts in the tri-city area." Due to volunteered time, the gallery is offering evening viewing hours for the first time. Since artwork cannot be left unprotected, gallery hours depend upon the availability of student assistants, he notes.

Hirsch feels the University Gallery and neighboring Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery complement and support each other. Each gallery has a different emphasis, and visitors to one can enjoy viewing the other as well. "I believe that the more exhibitions we can provide, the better it is for all of us." Likewise, he feels his efforts complement, rather than compete with, other art galleries and shows in the region.

Hirsch plans the gallery exhibits well in advance. Scheduling takes place almost on a year-round basis, with fall and winter semester shows set during the preceding summer. The advance planning allows him to bring shows of outstanding quality to the campus, he feels.

Criteria used in selecting exhibits are clear-cut: the shows must reflect the highest artistic standards and must serve as teaching examples to students. Further, exhibits should be of significant interest to the whole academic community; they must have wide appeal to many academic areas.

While Hirsch welcomes suggestions for exhibits, they must be received well in advance for consideration, he says. Since only eight shows are scheduled each year, it is necessary to choose carefully. All proposals studied by Hirsch are taken to the art faculty for final approval.

Lunchbreak Concert Series Set

Three musical groups and two female singers will fill the first 1989-90 Lunchbreak Concert Series with a variety of musical styles beginning Wednesday, Oct. 18.

"Flutee," a contemporary female flute quartet, will entertain lunch-bunchers on Oct. 18. The group boasts a combined 70 years' experience with the Saginaw Symphony Orchestra, and has performed together for three years.

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, Barbara Jean Crandall, Miss Michigan 1984, combines music and ventriloquism to create a delicious show for all ages.

Candace Anderson, singer and songwriter, will perform selections from her album, Talking to a Tennessee Moon, and from her show on American pioneer women on Thursday, Jan. 25.

Jazz SVSU style will be presented by Charlie Brown's Jazz Group on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The season concludes on Tuesday, March 10 with a performance by "Just Friends," a group from the metropolitan Detroit area. The group has orchestrated a dulcimer holiday for spectators.

All Lunchbreak Concerts take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the lower level of Doan Center. Spectators may bring lunches or purchase them for $1.55 each.

Briefly Speaking

-- The Xochiquetzal Children's Mexican Dance Group will perform outdoors at 4 p.m., Sept. 19 in the areas of Zahnnow, Wickes and the Great Lakes Residence halls. In case of rain, the event will take place Sept. 20 or 21.

-- The Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club will meet beginning at 6 p.m., Sept. 20, in Lower Level Doan.

-- The SVSU Math Club and the student chapter of the Mathematical Association of America will present a lecture by Dr. Daniel Nussbaum, former SVSU faculty member, at 1 p.m., Sept. 22 in Room 158 of Pioneer Hall. Nussbaum will discuss "Model Building and Cost Analysis." Refreshments will be served.

-- Dr. Robert S.P. Yien, vice president for Academic Affairs, will discuss "China — Tiananmen Square, 1989: Truth, Myth and the Consequences" at noon, Sept. 25 in the

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(Briefly Speaking — from Page 3.) student lounge of Zahnow. Refreshments will be served. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Melvin J. Zahnow Lecture Series and the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences.

-- From the Crisis in Central America PBS' series, Campus Activities will show Castro's Challenge, at 3:30 p.m., Sept. 25 in Wickes Lecture Hall.

-- Dr. José Valderas, director of the Bilingual/Bicultural Center, and other Hispanic educators will discuss "Working with Hispanic Students: Past, Present, Future" beginning at 3 p.m., Sept. 26 in Lower Level

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United Way Campaign Kicks Off

Members of the campus community are once again being asked to contribute to United Way agencies in Saginaw, Bay and Midland counties. Pledge cards for the 1989-90 campaign have been sent to all personnel. If you have not received a card, please contact the President's Office. All personnel are asked to return the cards even if one elects not to participate. Campus members are encouraged to support the United Way.

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MET to Conduct Community Forums

The Michigan Education Trust will conduct a series of five community forums throughout Michigan to provide information about the program.

Forums will be conducted at 7 p.m., Sept. 19 in Haslett; and on Sept. 26 in Grand Rapids. Those who plan to attend a forum, should call MET, toll-free, (800) MET-4KID to reserve a place.

Applications for MET will be accepted Oct. 2 through 6.

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Professional Profile

-- Mr. Matthew Henderson, studio art technician and adjunct faculty of art, will have a one-man show at the Kaleidoscope Gallery in Bay City. The exhibit is titled "The Ceramic Vessel" and includes 15 recent works. The show will be on display through Oct. 22. A reception is slated from 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 23.

-- Mr. Craig Maxwell, lieutenant in the Department of Public Safety, recently completed the College Business Management Institute at the University of Kentucky. Maxwell attended U. of K. 1987-89 in order to complete the instructional courses sponsored by the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers.

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Personnel

The following position is open to all regular employees of the University.

MAINTENANCE I, Physical Plant, Ryder Center for Health and Physical Education -- Full-time, permanent (new) position. Rate of pay: $9.75 per hour. Variable hours with initial placement on day shift.

All applications are due to the Personnel Office (ext. 4112) by Tuesday, Sept. 19.

SVSU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

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High Five

-- The Cardinal football team dropped a 34-31 decision to the University of Indianapolis on Saturday, putting its record at 1-1. The Cards garnered 562 yards in total offense in the loss. They are idle this Saturday and will travel to Hillsdale College on Sept. 30 for their first GLIAC showdown.

-- The Lady Cardinal tennis team was no match for Hillsdale College in its season opener on Saturday. The Chargers dumped SVSU 8-1 on the new tennis courts. However, SVSU countered the loss with a victory over Oakland University on Sunday. The squad will travel to Michigan Tech on Saturday and Lake Superior on Sunday.

-- The women's volleyball team dropped all five matches in the IUPU-Indianapolis tournament last weekend to fall 2-9 on the season. The Lady Cards will open their GLIAC season tonight at Oakland University.

-- The men's cross country squad finished third in the CMU Open last weekend with 112 points. Host CMU was first with 29, followed by Eastern Michigan with 32. The women's cross country team finished fifth in the CMU Open with 133 points to CMU's top-finishing 38 points.