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## Julia and Henry Roecker: the Record

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SVSU's University Art Gallery will start the new year -- and the new decade -- with a show of special interest to area art devotees. From Jan. 9 to 31, 1990, the works of an American Impressionist and those of his talented wife, one of mid-Michigan's best-loved and most influential artists, will grace the gallery.

"Julia and Henry Roecker: Retrospective and Record" features a visual feast for everyone interested in art, but will be particularly appealing to the growing numbers fascinated by Impressionism, according to area artist Jean R. Beach.

Beach, whose interpretive sculptures were on display in the gallery earlier this fall, has assembled the show with the support of grants from the Saginaw Community Foundation and the Michigan Council for the Arts. Her efforts are assisted by Dr. Barron Hirsch, chairman of SVSU's art department.

"This is a love story. Not just the story of two people who deeply loved one another, but the record of a couple who shared a lifelong passion for art," Beach notes in her biographical sketch of the Roeckers.

Henry Leon Roecker was graduated from Chicago Academy of Design and studied at the Royal Academy in Munich before setting up his studio in Chicago in 1893. He won numerous prizes and medals and was acclaimed as Chicago's most outstanding artist in 1909 after winning the Chicago Society of Artists' Medal of Honor. While much of his work has been in storage for nearly 60 years, other work is in the permanent collection of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he was

accorded three one-man shows. In 1930 he was one of just 50 American artists selected for an exhibit that travelled nationwide.

In 1926 Roecker married Julia Roberts, an art instructor from Saginaw who received her training from the Art Institute of Chicago.

In the late 1930s the Roeckers moved to Saginaw, where they lived and worked until his death in 1941. Julia Roecker joined the Alma College art faculty in 1943, teaching a wide range of art forms until 1955.

She was appointed director of the Saginaw Art Museum in 1956. Following her retirement in 1966, she continued to teach for several years and worked in her studio almost until the time of her death in 1988 at the venerable age of 101.

While Henry explored Impressionist and Post-Impressionist style, working almost exclusively in oils, Julia experimented with many styles and a variety of media.

This is the first time the two artists have been shown together. A specially-commissioned biographical piece will be available to viewers at no charge. For gallery hours call extension 4159.



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## SVSU Graduate Course Addresses Adult Literacy

Beginning Jan. 8, SVSU will offer a graduate level course, "Perspectives on Adult Literacy." English 551 will explore literacy and trace its historical development, focusing on the development of the literate individual, the political and social realities of literacy, and a comparison of literacy programs and curriculum models.

The course will provide an opportunity for participants to pursue the issue of adult literacy through several perspectives -- historical, philosophical, psychological, social and educational.

Dr. Kerry Segel, associate professor of English/reading, will be the instructor. Segel is a specialist in adult reading and has been involved with adult literacy for two decades. Currently he coordinates SVSU's English department developmental reading program and is president of the board of the Literacy Council of Bay County. Segel has made presentations on literacy throughout the tri-county area and has worked with adult literacy specialists from across the state and nation.

Segel said the course will provide literacy specialists and those interested in the topic with opportunities for "resource sharing" with others who have similar concerns. "We will discuss issues at depths that need to be explored," he said.

"The university and this course provide the environment to think through this very complex issue," Segel added.

The class meets from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday evenings. The course is an academic elective for graduate students in education and carries three hours of credit.

## House Task Force Meets on Campus

Rep. Tim Walberg, co-chairman of the House Republican Task Force on Educational Approaches that Work, says his group is looking for "the cream of the crop of ideas." He and other members of the House Republican staff were at SVSU Thursday, Dec. 7 to hear testimony from several people involved in the Greater Saginaw Valley Regional Educational Cooperative.

"We have seen a number of them (ideas) already in the state of Michigan," Walberg said. "They are being put into use and are working, and we are seeing the impact on students."

Following testimony, the group travelled to Swan Valley and Hemlock high schools for a hands-on demonstration of an interactive telecommunications system.

The task force hopes to complete its final report of the study by Feb. 1990.

## Alumni Board Elects Officers

SVSU's Alumni Association Board of Directors recently elected officers for a one year term. The Alumni board consists of 15 members chosen by Association members (all SVSU graduates.)

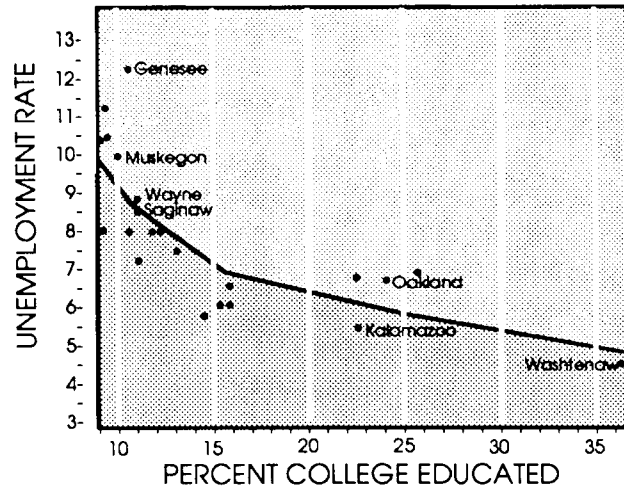
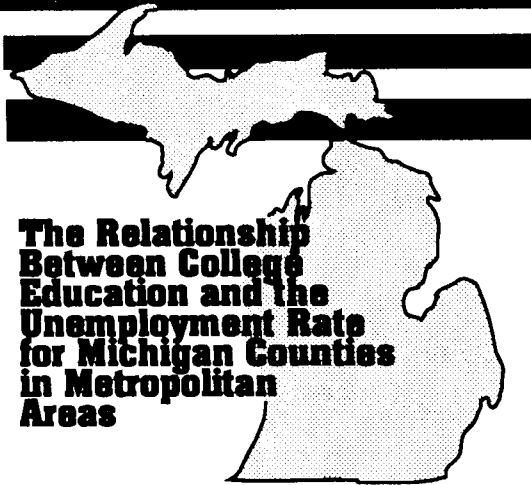
Timothy L. Lipan of Muskegon will return as president. Don Seidel of Saginaw was chosen vice president, and Bay City's Pamela A. O'Farrell was named secretary. Matthew Heinen of Midland and Terrance LeRash of Saginaw were elected to the executive committee.

The board also has adopted a revised mission statement that emphasizes building and maintaining strong relationships between the University and its alumni. Other goals of the association include development of programs and activities for both alumni and students.

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*SafeHaven and the SVSU Public Safety Department ask you to "Tie One On" this holiday season! Saginaw Valley is joining the national campaign sponsored by MADD and state law enforcement agencies to encourage people to tie a red ribbon on their car antenna or outside mirror to show support of a safe and sober holiday season. The ribbons are available from any campus police officer or the SafeHaven office located in Counseling Services, 1st floor Wickes.*

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## Briefly Speaking

-- The Valley Film Society will present *The Magic Flute* at 8 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre. Pro-rated season tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, call extension 4332.

-- The Marshall M. Fredericks Gallery will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13 and 20 and Sunday, Dec. 17. On Tuesday, Dec. 19 the Gallery doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

-- Faculty, students and staff can take advantage of Ryder Center facilities by participating in individually designed fitness programs. For more information, call extension 7326.

## Professional Profile

-- Dr. Janet E. Rubin, professor of communication and theatre, and Dr. William Gourd, chairman of the department of communication and theatre, recently demonstrated performance-based approaches to using drama/theatre in the classroom at the national Speech Communication Association conference in San Francisco. Rubin discussed story theatre and Gourd described readers theatre. Both directed representative scripts.

-- Dr. Sally Edgerton, assistant professor of education, participated in the Saginaw Public Schools pre-kindergarten teachers inservice program Dec. 1. The title of her presentation to the teachers was "Revisit Mother Goose: Integrating Traditional Rhymes and Stories into the Early Childhood Curriculum."

-- A book that grew out of Dr. Barbara Yarnold's dissertation has been accepted for publication by University Press of America. Yarnold, assistant professor of political science, hopes to complete final copy by May so *Refugees without Refuge* will be available as a textbook fall semester 1990.

## Across Campus

-- Condolences are extended to the family of Christopher Albin of Reese, who was killed in a car/train accident Dec. 4. Chris, a sophomore at SVSU, was majoring in communication.

## Holiday Closing

The University will close for the Christmas holiday break beginning at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 22. Except for offices that provide essential student services, the campus will remain closed through Jan. 2 and will re-open for operations on Jan. 3.

The regularly-scheduled holidays for employees are Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1 and 2. Additional paid personal days will be granted by the University to cover Dec. 27 and 28; Dec. 29 may be covered through the use of vacation leave, personal leave or unpaid time off.

Employees required to work Dec. 27 and 28 because their offices will be open will be granted additional personal time.

The *Interior* will be published Dec. 19; then will recess until Jan. 9, 1990 before resuming a weekly schedule.

### Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred during November. Please make the necessary alterations in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*.

### Transfers/Promotions

-- **Mr. Robert Lopez** (ext. 4148), promoted to working foreman, Grounds Department - Physical Plant.

-- **Mr. William Sheffield** (ext. 4252), promoted to assistant director of Campus Dining.

-- **Mrs. Saun Strobel** (ext. 4484), transferred to faculty secretary/coordinator, first floor, Science Building.

### Departing Staff

-- **Mr. John Pavlic**, formerly assistant director and catering manager for Campus Dining.

### Name Change

-- Kim Lewis, academic advisor, Academic Support Services, is now **Mrs. Kim McDonald**. Her extension remains 4284. (Congratulations and best wishes, Kim!)

### High Five

-- The SVSU **men's basketball** team lost for the first time in O'Neill Arena Thursday as Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne won 71-69 on a bucket at the buzzer. The Cardinals had won their first four games in their new home. Three-time defending GLIAC Champion Ferris State spoiled SVSU's league opener Saturday with a 66-62 win in Big Rapids. Senior forward Herb Schoepke moved into fifth on the all-time scoring list with 1,428 points. He passed Bob Wenson (1,396).

-- SVSU men play at Aquinas College Saturday, then have four straight home games beginning Dec. 18 with Northwood Institute.

-- IPFW also became the first visiting team to beat the Lady Cardinals in O'Neill Arena Thursday with a 76-67 win. SVSU was impressive in its GLIAC opener at Ferris State, taking home a 75-43 victory. Senior center Brenda Eiseler moved into sixth on the all-time scoring list with 1,259 points, passing Kim Key (1981-84).

-- The Lady Cards have a three-game road trip to St. Cloud State University, Minn., this weekend.

*Encountering a numeral almost twice your size can be an awe-inspiring experience for a child. Professor of English Kay Harley and her children were among the many members of the SVSU family that explored the facilities in Ryder Center during the Saturday "Family Day."*

*Several families helped christen the Center's olympic-sized pool, which will open for regular use in Jan. The basketball and racquetball courts also echoed to the sounds of balls being dribbled, thrown or struck, while the fitness center equipment attracted many interested in toning up muscles or otherwise improving their fitness levels. The snack bar and buffet also were popular spots for the more than 200 people who turned out between noon and 8 p.m.*



# BOARD REPORT



A Report of the  
Saginaw Valley State University  
Board of Control

December 11, 1989

The SVSU Board of Control welcomed its newest member, Gerald "Jay" Hornsby. Appointed in Nov., Hornsby was participating in his first regular business meeting as a member of the governing body.

Fifteen action items received Board attention. Board members also heard reports on winter semester enrollment, as well as a special report by Joyce Woods on her summer travel to Japan and The People's Republic of China.

Preliminary to the action agenda, Student Government President Roger Powell informed the Board that a petition drive had confirmed strong support among SVSU students, faculty and staff for placing a stoplight at the intersection of Bay Road (M-84) and College Drive. The heavy flow of Bay Road traffic, coupled with the speed of vehicles using the roadway, poses a danger to students and campus employees attempting to enter or exit campus, Powell said.

He asked Board members to assist the effort to secure a stoplight. Powell said both the Saginaw County Planning Commission and the Michigan State Highway Department have been contacted regarding the request. Board member Henry Klykylo recommended that the Saginaw County Road Commission also be notified of the request.

Powell said student government leaders plan to keep Board members, area legislators and the campus community updated on progress toward their goal.

In opening remarks, President Eric Gilbertson extended appreciation to "everyone who had anything to do with the inauguration." He said the event was a memorable one for him and his family, and that he hoped it was meaningful for the University as well.

Noting that the campus was in an "end of the semester mode," Gilbertson informed Board members of the recent Family Day at Ryder Center. He also extended congratulations to SVSU's nursing program for achieving an eight-year renewal of National League for Nursing accreditation, and to the social work program, which recently was re-accredited by the Council of Social Work Education for a five year period.

Board approval was given to SVSU's 1990-91 capital outlay budget request and to the appropriation request for the 1990-91 general fund operating budget, each of which had been submitted as required to the State of Michigan by Nov. 1.

The proposed Business Innovation and Professional Development Center is top priority on SVSU's capital outlay request, Gilbertson said. "It is an academic building," he said, indicating that it will house the College of Business and Management as well as providing conference facilities and a telecommunications center. In addition, the proposal for the center has been revised to eliminate a student union and bookstore but add a theater/auditorium that would provide instructional space for SVSU's communication/theatre programs.

"The project in its present form is acceptable to the state," Gilbertson said, indicating that the center would provide "outreach capacity" for SVSU programs.

Listed second in priority among proposed campus construction projects is a centralized heating and cooling plant. The project had been awarded initial planning money during the energy crisis. Plans for the system have been altered in response to changing fuel and energy availability and costs.

Gilbertson explained that the appropriation request is "the first in a long series of steps leading to (final approval of an appropriation bill)." He said that process may take until next Aug., although he hopes final action will take place earlier.

Gilbertson informed Board members that Michigan's public universities are uniting to ask the legislature to move toward strengthening the state's higher education delivery system.

"We are sponsoring a series of forums around the state and issuing a very significant report on funding in the State of Michigan," he said. The universities are backing a five-year program "to bring us back to where we were," he said, noting that Michigan now ranks 32nd among the states in appropriations per student.

Gilbertson said the universities' proposal asks that higher education funding be increased at the rate of inflation plus 3.5 percent each year for five years. That plan should bring

Michigan back into the top tier of states in terms of funding, Gilbertson said.

SVSU will be hosting the first of the informational forums on state funding for higher education on Jan. 23. The 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting in Ryder Center is expected to attract a number of community leaders from the area. Dr. James J. Duderstadt, president of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, and one or two other university presidents yet to be confirmed will lead a panel discussion and field questions from the audience.

The SVSU appropriation request for 1990-91 asks an 8.5 percent increase in the base operating budget, from \$15,407,126 to \$16,716,732. Gilbertson said this was in line with what other public universities will be requesting, and assumes an inflation rate of 5 percent, with an additional 3.5 percent of "catch-up" funding.

Three Program Revision Requests (PRRs) accompany the base budget request. Top priority is an additional \$475,397 to fully fund start-up and operation of the Ryder Center. The second PRR is for \$247,800 to hire additional full-time faculty for the enhancement of basic skills and cultural diversity.

A third request asks \$462,300 for computing support. Gilbertson said the funding, if granted, would go toward expanding support staff for computing, as well as providing additional microcomputers, printers and related hardware and software. Much of the additional equipment is slated for faculty use.

Finally, SVSU's request includes \$687,820 to fund telecommunications among SVSU, Delta and Mid-Michigan Community College. This would supplement activities already underway through the Greater Saginaw Valley Regional Education Cooperative.

Gilbertson described the appropriation request as "a short list of things about which we are very serious. It is

part of a larger plan supported by all Michigan universities."

The Board authorized the administration to let contracts up to \$600,000 for the construction of a water retention basin near the University's main entrance. The basin is needed to protect the campus from flooding and to store storm water, according to Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock. Expansion of campus facilities, plus the growing number of parking lots and buildings along Bay and Tittabawassee roads contribute to higher levels of run-off and create a potential hazard, he said.

The new retention pond is the fourth to be constructed on campus. Work will begin as soon as feasible. Funding of \$250,000 already has been approved by the state, and \$350,000 is being requested in the 1990-91 fiscal year.

Dirt removed to form the retention pond will be used to create the berms banking the football stadium. Construction of a privately-funded stadium surrounding the present football field and providing permanent seating also received Board approval. It is hoped that the new facility will be completed in time for the 1990 fall season.

Board members adopted a new policy and grievance procedure addressing discrimination, sexual harassment and racial harassment. The policy replaces an earlier and more general policy and sets forth procedures for dealing with violations of the policy. The policy, which states in part that "no unlawful discrimination will be practiced or tolerated in the provision of employment, education, organizations, athletics, housing, public accommodations and other services to public," will be distributed to campus departments in the near future.

In other action, the Board:

-- approved a \$1,840,000 auxiliary services/bonded facilities operating budget for 1989-90.

-- approved new tuition rates for the Oscoda/Wurtsmith Center. Undergraduate tuition will be \$89.50 per credit hour, with graduate tuition set at \$103 per credit hour.

-- reconciled the 1988-89 general fund budget with actual revenue and expenditure patterns.

-- approved emeritus status for Joseph G. Temple on the Board of Fellows and Dr. Ann K. Dickey, SVSU administrative staff.

-- adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for eight years' service on the Board of Control by Hugo E. "Ted" Braun Jr.

-- approved compensation increases effective Jan. 1, 1990 for vice presidents Woodcock and Yien and set compensation for Vice President for Public Affairs John A. Fallon III.

-- reappointed Ernst & Young, C.P.A. to conduct the annual financial audit.

-- authorized the President or the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs to enter into contractual relationships to secure sources of natural gas for the University.

-- authorized remodeling of the '66 and '68 Buildings, at a cost not to exceed \$225,000 appropriated by the state.

-- learned that winter semester enrollments are expected to be at or slightly above projections. Current registrations are up by 1.7 percent from a comparable date in 1988.

-- were informed that the newly-formed Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference has adopted a constitution. Among its provisions is allowance of 35 athletic scholarships, less than the 40 allowed by NCAA.

**Note: This is an unofficial report of Board activities. Official minutes are on file in the library.**