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Engineering Program Wins Accreditation

The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) has awarded national accreditation to SVSU's electrical and mechanical engineering programs. Announcement of the action came Monday, July 15, from the organization representing 27 international professional engineering societies.

Dr. Thomas E. Kullgren, dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, said, "This is a significant accomplishment for Saginaw Valley State University and represents the successful culmination of a period of significant growth and development."

He said the examination leading to program accreditation is a thorough one, involving an inspection of engineering courses, laboratory equipment, computer facilities and library holdings. In addition, there are interviews with faculty, students, employees and University administrators.

All engineering programs in the U.S. that receive ABET recognition are evaluated by the same standards. ABET representatives reviewed self studies supplied by science, engineering and technology personnel and visited the campus for two days, conducting an on-site inspection.

"The University is appreciative of the support received from regional industry, private foundations and individuals," Kullgren said. "Accreditation of SVSU engineering programs confirms to employers that our graduates have met a rigorous set of national quality standards."

New Director Appointed for Zahnow Library

The new director of SVSU's Zahnow Library brings a diverse history of experience gained by working in libraries from Portland, Oregon to New York City and in the country of Namibia on the African continent.

Announcement of the appointment of Jean N. Houghton to the University's top library position was made July 18 by Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Robert S.P. Yien. She will assume the position September 9.

Houghton comes to SVSU from the University of Detroit, where she has served as assistant director of technical services since 1987. Her previous experience includes work as librarian for the Science and Engineering Library of Wayne State University; assistant librarian and acting director at the General Theological Seminary in New York; art reference librarian at Michigan State University; and librarian at St. Mary's Anglican Mission in Odibo, Namibia, where she established the library, started and catalogued its collection and trained its staff to support the K-12 mission school.

She also served as head of the extension department of the Jersey City, New Jersey Free Public Library; assistant librarian at Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi; and art librarian at the Multnomah County Public Library in Portland, Oregon.

Houghton holds a B.A. degree from San Jose State University, a M.A. in library science from the University of Denver and a M.A. in art history from Michigan State University.



Photo by Vanessa Markel, Information Services

Before starting classes July 23, Taiwanese MBA students enjoyed an opportunity to meet area news reporters, sharing information about their backgrounds, goals and impressions of the U.S. The men and women seek to enhance their management skills and improve their firms.



Taiwanese Business Managers Undertake MBA Studies at SVSU

The first group of 28 international candidates seeking Master's degrees in Business Administration from SVSU arrived from Taiwan on Sunday, July 21 to study the American way of doing business. Classes began July 23.

Before departing their home country, the MBA candidates completed course work that began May 29 at the Avante International Center in Taipei, Taiwan. SVSU professors William G. Elliott and William P. Welch taught the courses, "The American Legal System" and "Quantitative Analysis."

The mid-level business managers will spend 45 hours each week until August 16 in classes devoted to microeconomic analysis, taught by Dr. Shyamalendu Sarkar, and organizational behavior, conducted by the Midland-based human resources consultant Dr. Maryann Frederick. Students will spend an additional 15 classroom hours studying research techniques with Dr. Hong Park in preparation for conducting research assignments in Taiwan.

Each of the MBA candidates has accumulated between six and eight years of practical experience in science, technology or investment banking at their jobs in Taipei or Taiwan's version of Silicone Valley — the Science-Based Industrial Park in Hsinchu City. Before beginning the course they received preparatory training in business at Taiwan's Tamking University. The group will continue studies next year, again taking some courses in Taiwan before returning to SVSU.

Plans are under way for a second group of about 30 candidates to begin studies toward advanced degrees in 1992.

Summer '91 Enrollment Continues Upward Trend

SVSU's summer enrollment continued an upward trend with a four percent increase in the number of students over last year. Records show 3,379 took classes this year, an increase of 127 over last summer. The number of credit hours taken by students was up seven percent over last summer's total.

Included in the summer totals, according to James P. Dwyer, director of admissions, are a number of "guest students" who attend colleges and universities elsewhere, but sign up for a course or two at SVSU while they are home for the summer.

Another factor swelling summer enrollments, according to Dwyer, is the increasing difficulty of completing degree requirements in four years. "To do that, students must carry 31 credit hours each year. More students are electing to take summer courses to ease the pressure of the school year," he said.

Another source of summer school enrollees are cooperative education students who attend universities elsewhere during the regular academic year and work at General Motors, Dow Chemical or Dow Corning facilities during the summer. Many take courses at SVSU during their stay in the area.

MUSIC TO SOOTHE THE SAVAGE BEAST — Members of Flutee pose near Marshall Fredericks' "Lion" in the sculpture garden. The quartet, composed of (from left) Mary H. Anderson, Deanna Popielarz, Pollee Lloyd and Kim Jeannette Teal, has been named to an artist-in-residence position at SVSU. Flutee will present two formal concerts in the SVSU Theatre, two informal "lobby" concerts and a one-day master class during the upcoming year. In addition, their SVSU affiliation will be noted in all off campus performances of the group.

According to Dr. Marc Peretz, chairman of the Department of Music, the appointment of Flutee to the artist-in-residence program supports SVSU efforts to provide arts activities and a cultural atmosphere on campus. It also enhances SVSU's capacity to serve as a cultural resource for the Tri-City area and the Thumb, added Dr. Judith Kerman, dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences.

Flutee's repertoire includes works from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th Century periods, and they are in the process of adding pops selections. Quartet members all are adjunct faculty at SVSU. Their first on-campus concert is scheduled October 10.



SVSU Students Receive Teacher Scholarships

Two SVSU students have received notification that their Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship awards will be renewed for the 1991-92 academic year. They are Dawn Bamberg of Bridgeport and Connie Botzau of Linwood, both majoring in chemistry education.

The Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship is a federally funded program that provides awards to students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class. The stipends of up to \$5,000 annually are intended to encourage entry into the teaching profession. Recipients must be Michigan residents, and must teach two years in a public or private non-profit school for each year of assistance received.

The Michigan Department of Education selected 30 new recipients and awarded renewals to an additional 92 students this year.

Professional Profile

— **Dr. Sally Edgerton**, assistant professor of teacher education, presented a two-day conference June 27-28. Titled "Exploring Mathematics and Science in Early Childhood," the workshop was conducted for the Mid-Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children at the Saginaw Intermediate School District. Linda Fawcett, kindergarten and fifth grade teacher for Port Austin Public Schools, was a co-presenter. The conference focused on new directions in mathematics and science for young children. Seasonal science themes were integrated into the early childhood curriculum with special emphasis on developmentally appropriate math, science and literature activities.

— **Dr. Barron Hirsch**, professor of art, served as juror for the 1991 Great Lakes Art Exhibition. Sponsored by the Thunder Bay Arts Council, the exhibit presents art that portrays the unique environment of the Great Lakes. All two-dimensional media are represented. Dr. Hirsch selected five artists to receive awards, including the grand prize of \$1,000.

— Photographs by **Dr. David Rayfield**, professor of philosophy, will be on exhibit at

Beggar's Banquet, 218 Abbott Road, East Lansing, beginning Sunday, Aug. 4. The works, including still deaths, nudes and sheet photographs, will be on display for about one month.

— **Dr. Roosevelt S. Ruffin**, director of affirmative action/multicultural programs, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Council for the Humanities for 1991-93. The Council is a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Since 1974, it has conducted a statewide humanities outreach through public programs, grant-making, circulating quality resource center materials and publications to foster public understanding and appreciation of the role of the humanities in enriching the lives of Michigan citizens.

Across Campus

Congratulations to Michael and Betsy Panhorst on the birth of their second child, Elizabeth Grace. She arrived July 21, 18½ in. long and weighing 5 lb. 7½ oz. The Panhorsts are parents of another daughter, Katie.

Around Town

The Saginaw Railway Museum is seeking volunteers to staff serving facilities and refreshment stands at the Saginaw Valley Railroad Historical Society, Inc.'s annual convention, August 23-25. If interested in participating, call 792-9360.

Computer Services Proves Their 'Byte' Is Every 'Bit' As Bad As Their Bark

The Computer Services Office staff softball team took a "byte" out of Campus Dining and feasted on a 12-5 cakewalk victory on July 10. Computer Services, who improved their record to 2-1 with a 16-9 win over a team from the Campus Activities office on July 24, are programming themselves for a big rematch tomorrow evening with the PCBs. Speculation has it that the PCBs may be slumping, evidenced by a heartbreaking 16-14 loss to the Campus Dining crew on July 18. These and other challenges to Computer Services are accepted by Claudia Anderson at ext. 5697.

Faculty/Staff
Directory portraits will be taken today through Friday and again during the week of August 12-16. Please call ext. 5641 for an appointment, which can be scheduled on the following days and times:

Mon-Wed-Fri
3-4 p.m.

Tue-Thu
11 a.m.-Noon



BOARD REPORT

A REPORT OF THE SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF CONTROL

Special Meeting
July 18, 1991

\$28.5 Million Budget Increases Full-Time Faculty, Financial Aid; Sets Tuition and Fees

An interim budget of nearly \$28.5 million, to operate the University during the 1991-92 fiscal year, was approved by the SVSU Board of Control. By unanimous vote, during a special meeting held Thursday, July 18, the Board accepted the administration's proposal calling for an increase of nine full-time faculty positions and a \$78,000 increase for student financial aid and admissions activities.

Reflecting the University's priorities established by the Planning Task Force Report, the approved budget calls for creation of three "teaching associate" faculty positions in the English Department, three similar positions in the Mathematical Sciences Department, one in Social Work and one year-long temporary instructor position in Natural Science. An additional position was added to the Sociology Department to accommodate former dean William Barnett's return to teaching.

Financial aid for merit-based student scholarships was increased by \$53,000 and another \$25,000 was earmarked for admissions expenses. The budget package also reflects a \$13,000 increase in Campus Life funding and a \$75,000 "down payment" on the acquisition, implementation and servicing of an upgraded, computerized management information system.

Explaining that the state contribution constitutes 60 percent of the University's budget, President Gilbertson said, "This is a particularly unusual year" and said "the state legislature may not make a final decision on appropriations for state higher education institutions until late September or early October."

Gilbertson said he believes the state ultimately will increase its allocation to SVSU by about 4.5 percent, but noted that would actually be only a 3.5 percent increase after taking into account the one percent Executive Order reduction in the base rate during the last fiscal year. He added, however, that he would not complain "because, although that amount is far short of what we'd like to see, it represents a significant commitment by the Governor and the legislature to the state's higher education institutions."

"We project additional student growth of at least two percent in the 1991-92 academic year," the president said. "And we anticipate an increase in insurance and utility rates of 8.4 and 6.6 percent, respectively."

About 77 percent of the new budget will go for faculty and staff salaries and fringe benefits, Gilbertson informed the Board. "The budget contemplates a 5.7 percent increase in overall compensation," he said. To manage increased costs while avoiding staff layoffs, the budget calls for elimination of four vacant administrative/professional positions, one clerical position and two custodial positions. Responsibilities under these positions will be reallocated to others within the organization, resulting in a savings of \$198,000.

The new budget calls for an increase in the University's mandatory tuition and fee rate of 6.837 percent in 1991-92. A Michigan undergraduate student carrying 31 credit hours during the academic year would pay \$2,425.75 required tuition and fees. Selected course fees for high cost programs also will be increased.

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

New Stadium Named for University's Early Patron

Saginaw Valley State University's governing body approved the naming of its recently completed football stadium for a Saginaw industrialist who was an early contributor to the institution's development.

At its July 18 special meeting, the Board of Control approved a resolution changing the name of the newly renovated 4,028-seat athletic facility to the Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium. Work transforming the facility, formerly called Cardinal Stadium, began after the close of the 1989 football season.

Wickes, a leading figure in Saginaw's early industrialization, was one of the first and most generous contributors to the establishment of Saginaw Valley College. His challenge gift of \$1 million led to a successful \$4.3 million fund drive in 1965, giving the University its start. Another of the University's major structures, which houses administrative offices and classrooms, already bears Wickes' name.

In 1969 Wickes was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree recognizing his early efforts in behalf of the institution.

In its current resolution, the Board of Control noted, "It is appropriate and desirable that the principal donor, the H. Randall Wickes Foundation, be recognized for this important gift to the development of campus life for SVSU students."

The stadium will be formally dedicated during the first home football game of the season on September 14.