NCA Continues SVSU Accreditation for Ten Years

SVSU administrators were pleased to receive official notification from North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) last week that the University's accreditation has been continued through 2004.

The decision by NCA's commission on Institutions of Higher Education concludes a year-long evaluation process that began with review of a self-study report and included site visits by the accrediting agency's team in March. Prior to that, a steering committee chaired by Crystal Lange guided development of the self-study report and related preparation, beginning in 1992.

SVSU first was accredited by NCA in 1970. The University's status has been reviewed periodically, and accreditation renewed in 1974, 1979 and 1987. Lange is particularly pleased that the current 10-year accreditation is the longest in the school's history. "Faculty and staff demonstrated clearly to the site visitors that one of the best things about this institution is the excellent people who serve here," she said.

Accreditation by NCA covers all academic programs and indicates that they are consistent with the University's mission and purposes. Accredited institutions must demonstrate that they have effectively organized their resources to accomplish stated purposes and that they can continue to accomplish their goals.

NCA accreditation is a system for recognizing educational institutions and professional programs affiliated with those institutions for a level of performance, integrity and quality that entitles them to the confidence of the educational community and the public they serve, according to the organization. It is recognized nationally among institutions of higher education.

In addition to institutional accreditation, several SVSU programs are individually accredited by national agencies. These specialized accreditations include Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, American Chemical Society, American Society of Clinical Pathologists and American Medical Association, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, National League for Nursing and the Council of Social Work Education.
Entries Invited for Latent Image VI Photo Competition

The Latent Image Photography Club and the Art Department will accept entries for the "Latent Image VI Photo Competition."

Photographic work will be accepted in Arbory 103 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Dec. 1 and 2. Entries also may be submitted between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 in Arbory 112.

All entries must be mounted or framed for judging. Previously accepted works are not eligible. Registration and notification forms must be submitted. Work should have entry tags on back. Fees are $10 for up to three entries by students, $15 for up to three entries by all others.

Works not accepted for showing should be picked up in Arbory 103 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 12 and 13.

An exhibition of juried works will be held in the University Art Gallery from Wednesday, Jan. 11 through Thursday, Feb. 2. An opening reception is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Additional information and entry forms are available through Hideki Kihata, associate professor of art, by calling ext. 5644.

Regional Scientific Meeting a Showcase for Faculty and Students

SVSU faculty members and students were major participants in the 50th Fall Scientific Meeting of the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS), Saturday, Nov. 5 at Delta College.

Chemistry Department faculty George Eastland, Albert Plausch and Stephen Lawrence, along with researcher Tom Vivian, outreach specialist Ray Foster and their students, presented eight poster sessions. Peter Mochs and the Science Club hosted a demonstration for K–12 teachers and students during the afternoon session. Physics Professor Frank Chen displayed his work in optics and holography.

The Midland Section presented two awards, both of which were won by SVSU faculty. The Award for Outstanding Service to the ACS was presented to Eldon Graham, associate professor of mechanical engineering. Graham was one of only three members of the Midland Section to have held all elective offices and to have served on the National Council of ACS.

The Award for Outstanding Achievement and Promotion of the Chemical Sciences was presented to Phillip DeLassus, a long-time adjunct professor at SVSU.

Faculty and staff may bestow the Alumni Scroll to graduating members of their immediate family during Commencement on December 16. Call Mary Jane Craves at ext. 4052 to make arrangements.

Jerry A Woodcock [left], vice president for administration and business affairs, accepts the keys to the newly remodeled Doan Center from Gerald L. Stefano, project manager for Wolgast Construction, Inc., during a Grand Opening Celebration on Nov. 10. The renovation not only enlarges Doan Center by 17,427 square feet but also reconfigures the facility to provide support for an expanding campus.
Nick Colandro Joins SVSU Jazz Ensemble for December Concert

Bass player Nick Colandro will join the SVSU Jazz Ensemble for a 7:30 p.m. concert on Thursday, Dec. 8 in the University Theatre.

Colandro began his music career at the age of five by working the bass pedals of the organ while his father played *Tequila* on the keyboards. Later Colandro took up the electric bass while performing rock-and-roll "garage concerts" with neighborhood friends.

During his high school years, Colandro gained an interest in jazz and started playing with his school's jazz band. He went on to study basic music theory at the University of Michigan-Flint, but most of what he has learned about jazz has come from practical experience and from associations with seasoned veterans of the genre, including Sherman Mitchell, Joe Freyre and recently deceased jazz saxophonist Floyd Mooreland.

SVSU faculty and staff can reserve a complimentary ticket to the concert by calling the Department of Music at ext. 4159.

Celebrated Pianist Catherine McMichael Featured in Wigilia Fete

Pianist, composer, arranger, teacher Catherine McMichael will be the featured artist at this year's traditional Polish *Wigilia* celebration at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4 in Doan Center.

Educated at the University of Michigan, McMichael has been a resident of Saginaw since 1981. She has performed in nearly every concert setting throughout the Saginaw Valley. Her compositions and arrangements have been heard by audiences of the Saginaw Choral Society, Saginaw Symphony Orchestra, Flûtée (SVSU's professional flute quartet in residence) and the piano trio Musique Elegante. McMichael was recognized by the *Saginaw News* as the Critic's Choice in arts achievement on New Year's Day, 1994.

In the past year, two of her compositions have been recorded on compact disc—*A Basque Noel*, a Christmas medley written for Tower Brass of Bowling Green State University, and *Floris*, written for Flûtée and featured during the quartet's performance at the national flute conference in 1993.

The event is $12.50 per person. Call Victoria Williams, 792-9293, or Dina Wehner, 793-7903, by Dec. 1 to make reservations.

Campus Happenings

- **Career Series:** 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30, Alumni Lounge. Jo Peterson, director of BIDI, will discuss "Owning Your Own Business as a Career."

- **Voices in the Valley Series:** 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1, Doan Center. Poet and writer Gay Rubin will read from her current works.

- **Valley Film Society:** 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2, University Theatre. *Down By Law* (USA, 1986) will be the featured film. Admission by season ticket or at the door.

- **CHEERS Educational Series:** 12 noon, Tuesday, Dec. 6, Alumni Lounge. Marcia Shannon, assistant professor of nursing, will present "Relaxing Your Way to Better Grades."

Writing Program Director Named

Diane C. Boehm has been named director of SVSU's Writing Program. The newly established program seeks to improve student writing skills in all majors and across disciplines.

Boehm's responsibilities include supervision of the Writing Laboratory, support for faculty efforts to integrate writing instruction and assessment into various degree programs, and providing expertise for writing improvement and assessment programs campus-wide. She also will be involved in the development of University policies and programs for writing competency.

To accomplish SVSU's goals in writing improvement, Boehm will work with the Office of Academic and Career Development Services to improve student testing and placement. She also will assist faculty to develop writing-intensive courses in academic and professional disciplines. She reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and will teach at least one course per semester.

Boehm has taught composition at SVSU since 1992. She also is a composition instructor at the University of Michigan-Flint. Her prior experience includes service as a writing specialist in the Learning Assistance Center of Minneapolis Community College. She is a member of the Michigan Board of Writing Projects and of the steering committee for the Saginaw Valley National Writing Project.

Her professional credentials include several presentations on writing and teaching of writing as well as numerous publications. Boehm is the author of several children's stories.
SVSU Receives $1.8 Million Grant to Assist National Scientific Research Program

A three-year federal grant of $1.8 million will support publication of a new periodical describing scientific research in the U.S. Global Change Research Program. The nationally-distributed quarterly, titled Consequences, will feature popular-level, scientific assessments of environmental-impact research.

Robert S.P. Yien, vice president for academic affairs, received notification last week of the award, which is funded by NASA, NOAA and the National Science Foundation.

"Consequences will cover the spectrum of practical environmental issues," say its editors John A. (Jack) and Barbara Eddy. "Information will be prepared expressly for each issue by a balanced team of leading scientists in the U.S. and abroad who are expert in the specific subject being addressed."

According to the Eddys, the national effort will be guided by an editorial board made up of federal agency leaders and distinguished scientists at non-governmental organizations and universities, including representation from Stanford and Pennsylvania State universities.

The first issue of the SVSU-sponsored publication, to appear in spring 1995, will focus on climate change, water supply and land use through a review of the significant changes that have occurred in each of these environmental concern areas in the U.S. during the last century. In addition to national distribution through traditional channels, the publication will be available on the Internet through the sponsoring agencies in Washington, D.C.

Editors Jack and Barbara Eddy have long worked in the arena of global environmental change and now are affiliated with SVSU. They came to Saginaw in 1992 from Boulder, CO, where they directed the Office for Interdisciplinary Earth Studies, an arm of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research. UCAR was established in 1986 to foster scientific research among the different academic disciplines. Jack Eddy served as Chief Scientist and Vice President for Research at CIESIN from 1992 until July 1994, while Barbara Eddy was Director of Scientific Outreach at SVSU prior to her affiliation with the SVSU Office of Scientific Publications.

For more information, contact Dr. Yien at ext. 4296.

Did You Know?...

• Health Services is issuing a "last call" alert for flu shots, which will help protect you against the strongest viruses expected this winter. The vaccine is $6, and is available in 267 Wickes Hall, or call ext. 4271.

• The Personnel Office is sponsoring an Administrative/Professional Development Program in order to enhance, strengthen and broaden the skills of AP staff. Applications are being accepted between Nov. 15 and Jan. 15. For further information, call ext. 4108.

• The Center for the Education of Women is offering a number of academic scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $3,500, as well as one for $10,500. Deadline for applications is January 13, 1995. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at ext. 4170.

• Sculptures by Marshall M. Fredericks will be on display through January 29 at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills and through December 3 at the Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham. For further information on the exhibitions, call Michael Panhorst at ext. 5667.

High Five

• Cross Country: named Aaron Kik "Most Dedicated" runner and Andy Sorenson "Most OutStanding Performer" at the team's annual awards banquet on Nov. 7. Rick McDowell was honored as the team's "Most Valuable" runner. For the women, Heather Bissell took home the "Most Valuable" player award.

• Men's Basketball: defeated the University of Michigan-Dearborn 104-89 last Friday in the team's home opener. The Cardinals will host Siena Heights College tonight at 7:30 and this Saturday will take on College of St. Francis at 1 p.m. Both contests will be held in O'Neill Arena.

• Women's Basketball: The Cardinals won the Gannon College (PA) Tip-off Tournament by defeating the host team 76-72. In the game, SVSU jumped out to a quick 16-0 lead and led by as many as 18 points with less than eight minutes left. Saginaw Valley advanced to the championship game of the tournament by defeating LeMoyne College 89-70 on Friday. Tonight the women will play Madonna College at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men's game against Siena Heights. Faculty and staff may pick up a season pass by calling ext. 7306.
Board Approves Public School Academies Policy, Adds to Operating Budget, Increases Line of Credit, Okays New Parking Lot

Members of the SVSU Board of Control adopted a policy to guide future decision-making about contracts and administration of Public School Academies (PSA) chartered by the University.

"The SVSU Board will consider approval of contracts for PSAs in order to provide elementary and secondary students with enhanced opportunities to achieve the objectives of Article 8 of Michigan's Constitution," the policy states. "By assisting in the development of such educational institutions, SVSU may make significant contributions to the variety and quality of educational programs available to public school pupils as well as create models for exemplary educational practices and parental involvement."

The policy statement not only spells out the procedure to be used for applying to the SVSU Board for a PSA charter, but also describes the process to be used in evaluating applications, details how the SVSU Board will oversee the operation of a PSA and sets out requirements for boards of directors of PSAs.

President Eric Gilbertson noted that the policy had undergone several months of intensive review and comments had been invited from educators and others throughout the area.

George Ward indicated he had taken issue with a recent court ruling by Ingham County Circuit Court Judge William Collette that declared the state's 1993 PSA enabling legislation unconstitutional. In a memorandum to fellow Board members, Ward, a Wayne County assistant prosecutor, said he is "confident the opinion will be overturned."

The Board approved an increase of $252,308 in the Fiscal Year 1995 General Fund Operating Budget, reflecting higher than anticipated revenues, for a total of $34,841,130. Most of the increase will go toward purchase of supplies, materials and services. In other fiscal action, the Board approved expanding the University's line of credit with Michigan National Bank from $2.5 to $4 million. The action was taken to provide six-month interim financing for the West Complex. Permanent financing of the structure will be provided by the State Building Authority.

The Board also approved the expenditure of up to $280,000 for construction of Parking Lot L, south of Pioneer Hall off Collings Drive. The lot is expected to provide about 180 additional parking spaces for students and visitors.

The Board approved emeritus status for Dr. Albert J. Beutler. Having served as Executive Director of the SVSU Foundation since 1985, Beutler recently announced his intention to retire in February, 1995. He has been credited with raising more than $20 million in gifts to the University and in 1993 was presented the "Outstanding Fund Raising Executive Award" by the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

This is an unofficial report of Board activities. Official minutes are on file in Zahnow Library. Copies of SVSU's Public School Academies Policy are available from Richard Payne in 349 Wickes Hall.
Professional Profile

- **Alfred Bracciano**, associate professor of occupational therapy, served as panel moderator for the Education Special Interest Section at the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) Fall Conference in Lansing on October 11. The presentation addressed educational and fieldwork issues encountered by technical educational programs in Michigan. Bracciano recently was elected by the MOTA Council of Education (COE) membership to serve as the Academic Chair, representing the academic programs in Michigan at a state and national level.

- **Jean E. Brown**, professor of teacher education, had a book she edited published by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), *Preserving Intellectual Freedom: Fighting Censorship in Our Schools*, which has 22 chapters, was called "a landmark volume" in a pre-publication review. Brown was honored by NCTE at a reception at the Fall Convention in Orlando on November 17. In the volume, Brown authored one chapter titled "Policing Thought and Speech: What Happens to Intellectual Freedom," and she co-authored with **Elaine C. Stephens**, professor of teacher education, a second chapter titled "Being Proactive, Not Waiting for the Censor." **Dee Storey**, associate professor of teacher education, also contributed a chapter titled "Caution, Novice Teachers: The Promoting of Reading, Writing and Thinking Could Be Grounds for Censorship."

- **Sally A. Decker**, professor of nursing, was among a select group of candidates nominated to be a 1994 "U.S. Professor of the Year." The award is given annually by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education administers the program, which was created in 1981. Decker was cited by colleagues and students for her innovative use of photographs and sculptures in the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery as visual metaphors to help nursing students grasp difficult or abstract concepts.

- **Eric Gilbertson**, president, recently was named to the Committee on Policies and Purposes of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). The committee establishes guidelines and sets directions for AASCU. Founded in 1961, AASCU is an association of more than 370 public colleges and universities across the U.S.

- **Eric Gilbertson**, president, and Shiv K. Arora, professor of marketing, served as honorary chairmen of "We Are Saginaw: Planning Our Racial Harmony." The forum, which was held at the Saginaw Civic Center last week, was designed to develop an action plan that promotes harmony among people of differing races. About 260 people were estimated to have participated in the forum.

- **Drew Hinderer**, professor of philosophy, was a panelist for the GTE Ethical Issues on Technology and the Environment Symposium, held November 16 at Central Michigan University. He spoke on each of four issues: the Exxon Valdez oil spill; old growth forests, spotted owls and the interests of loggers; ozone and CFCs; and the supposed innocence of computing technology.

- **Steve Lawrence**, assistant professor of chemistry, recently had an applications article published in the *Journal of Chemical Education* (1994, 71, 530). The article, titled "Many Students and Only One GC/MS," describes the Chemistry Department's method to provide students with "hands-on" experience performing real-time analyses using our Fisons Trio 1000 GC/MS.

Hamilton Receives "Spirit" Award from Saginaw County Chamber

Eugene Hamilton, associate vice president for advancement and public service, is the recipient of the 1994 "Spirit of Saginaw" Award presented by the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce. A plaque marking the occasion was conferred October 7 during the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner at the Germania Club.

Initiated in 1987, the award acknowledges activities during the past 18 months that contributed to the community's quality of life. Former chairman of the Saginaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Hamilton also served as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and as Executive Director of Saginaw FUTURE, an economic development organization in Saginaw County.

A member of the SVSU staff since 1969, Hamilton has served the University in a wide variety of positions ranging from basketball coach/acting athletic director and admissions counselor to director of international programs and director of placement and cooperative education.
Robert T. Becker

When Bob Becker became director of Saginaw Valley's business services in 1968, he never envisioned becoming the University's athletic director. But that's exactly where his lifelong interest in sports led him.

"I had been involved in athletics all my life," he says, "either as a player or coach or official. I was officiating high school and college football and basketball when I came here."

Former SVSU administrator Stu Gross convinced Becker to start the college's golf program in 1969. He continued to coach golf for 20 years, racking up an impressive record that included 17 trips to the nationals.

"Saginaw Valley finished in the top 17 in 14 of those competitions," Becker notes. "Once we were second in the nation. We also hosted the national tournament four times."

When Muddy Waters arrived to start the football program, Becker was asked to handle financial affairs for athletics. Later Waters moved on to coach at Michigan State, and Becker became a candidate in the nation-wide search for an athletic director. He was named to the position in 1980 and continues to serve in that capacity.

"I've never been sorry that I got this job," he says, although he acknowledges the position presents many challenges. "Maintaining the appropriate competitive level for the program is most challenging," he says. "That involves a lot of different things—financing, staff and facilities, among others."

"Today, with cutbacks in financing, maintaining that appropriate balance in our programs is very challenging. I am also a proponent of achieving gender equity."

Becker believes athletics achieves a purpose in higher education. He points to the recognition that institutions gain through their sports programs. In addition, "sports become a rallying point for the university, and attract students who are athletess to the university. At SVSU that translates to a few more than 300 full-time students who might not be here otherwise."

Athletics also has spinoffs in other areas, he says. "Cheerleading is one example, and in some cases even the band. There might not be a marching band if there weren't sports. Athletics also can be a rallying point for the community. That is evident with what happened this fall with football."

Becker considers his involvement in planning Ryder Center the pinnacle of his career. "To have had the opportunity to be involved in the design and construction of a complete new athletic plant has to be the highlight of my career. You don't always get a chance to do something like that."

He also treasures the tremendous number of friendships that he's formed as a result of athletics. Those acquaintances stretch from the Saginaw Valley throughout the U.S. Becker has earned the respect of colleagues and competitors and has served on numerous regional and national boards and committees. He was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1986. He currently is serving a four-year term on the NCAA Council.
To Health, to Life!

It took the second time around to really make a believer of Lou Jacoby.

"I was foolish after my first heart attack and kept eating the same diet I had been eating," he confesses. "The second one finally convinced me."

The initial heart attack occurred nearly seven years ago, while the second was in early 1993. Jacoby describes both as "frightening experiences and immensely painful." Testing established that he had a genetic flaw resulting in a low HDL ("good cholesterol") count. His LDL ("bad cholesterol") count, on the other hand, was high. Since the balance was wrong, it became apparent he would have to take strong measures or face further heart disease.

"My choices were to take drugs or to go on a restricted diet," he says. Jacoby chose what seemed to him the more natural route of regaining his health through diet.

His bible these days is a text by Dean Ornish, M.D., titled Eat More, Weigh Less. The book contains information about nutrition and numerous recipes for creating an extremely low fat diet.

"The regimen works because it really restricts the amount of fat you eat," he says. "Fat makes up no more than 10 percent of my calories. I eat no more than 5 milligrams of cholesterol a day."

The result: Jacoby has lost 50 pounds since starting the diet. Before starting the Ornish plan he had trimmed 80 pounds and now weighs a modest 235, compared to 365 before his heart attacks. His cholesterol count also has responded; LDL is down below 100, he reports, while HDL is up to 32.

To accomplish these results, Jacoby has eliminated meat, poultry and fish from his diet. He eats "lots of fruits, vegetables, pasta, rice and beans. The Ornish book teaches how to make really tasty meals without using oil or fats—just balsamic vinegar, soy sauce and such."

"I don't eat out much," he smiles. "I've only discovered one restaurant that serves this type of food—Millie's in San Raphael across from the Golden Gate Bridge."

On the other hand, Jacoby does get out a lot, for long walks with his Basset hound Dinah. The SVSU and Northwood campuses are among the pair's favorite haunts. Together, he and Dinah chalk up more than 20 miles each week. "Dinah loves to play with the deer at Northwood," he says.

In earlier years Jacoby might have been tempted to join Dinah in hunting deer. In fact he twice traveled to Africa for month-long safaris, once in 1969 and again in 1973. "That was back when I was kind of young and foolish," he says. "Now I have more appreciation for life because I have been sick."

His wide-ranging interests have led to degrees in accounting, public health and urban planning. He also has dabbled in oil painting. And he has a continuing love affair with sports cars. "They are my passion," he says. "I have owned six Porsches over the years and currently have a Carrera 4."