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George Eastland Honored by American Chemical Society

The Midland Section of the American Chemical Society (M-ACS) recognized Professor George W. Eastland, Jr. as its 1995 Outstanding College Chemistry Teacher awardee during Spring Science Awards Night May 22 at the Dow Chemical Company.

Awards committee member Sandra Stoltz-Dunn of the Dow Chemical Company said M-ACS presented a plaque to Eastland and others from the five county area to “recognize the achievement of local chemistry and science teachers and students across the education spectrum from the elementary level to the college level.”

“It’s good to be recognized for what you’ve been doing,” Eastland said about the award. “It’s always nice when someone acknowledges your effort.”

A member of the faculty in the SVSU chemistry department since 1969, Eastland holds a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and education from Wittenberg University and a Ph.D. in chemistry from South Dakota State University.

Winner of SVSU’s Landee Teaching Excellence Award in 1979 and honored in 1980 by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards, Eastland served as chairperson of the University’s chemistry department from 1976 to 1980. A one-time high school wrestling coach, he has served as faculty advisor to the SVSU Athletic Department for 20 years. He is a board member and past chairperson of M-ACS.

Nominated for the M-ACS Award by his colleagues at SVSU, Eastland was described as “a legend in chemistry education in the Saginaw Valley. He has two special gifts—he makes learning exciting and he is able to successfully nurture students who have severe science apprehension.”

Eastland’s wife, Judith, recently was awarded a master’s degree in Medical Library Science by Wayne State University. They are parents of two daughters—Ann, a graduate of Indiana University; and Cara Marie, who is studying criminal justice at SVSU. They live in Saginaw County.

Two SVSU students were among six awarded plaques as Outstanding College Chemistry Students from area colleges. Jessica L. Barker, Birch Run, majored in chemistry and graduated summa cum laude earlier this month. Joanne M. Wittbrodt, Auburn, majored in chemistry and math and also graduated during the May 6 Commencement.

M-ACS named Joan Klotzic of Pullen Elementary School in Mt. Pleasant as the Outstanding Elementary Science Teacher for 1995. Gretchen Kohl of the Dow Corning Corporation was recognized with the Science Education Volunteer Award. Eighteen students from Bay, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw Counties were awarded plaques as Outstanding High School Chemistry students.
Picnic to Raise Funds for SVSU Visiting Lecturer from Rwanda

Members of the campus community are invited to join in a fund-raising effort to pay travel expenses for a visiting lecturer from Rwanda.

Jean Baptiste Munyandamutsu fled his home country when civil war broke out last year. Ten years ago, Baptiste was a graduate student of Tom Hearron, professor of English and a Fulbright Lecturer in Rwanda in 1985. Hearron facilitated Baptiste’s application to teach African Literature and Literature Interpretation at SVSU during the 1995-96 academic year.

Phyllis Hastings, professor of English, will host a fund-raising picnic from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18 at her home (1050 Fischer, Saginaw). Maps are available from Carole Oberin, faculty secretary in third floor Science Building. For more information or to make reservations, call Hastings at 777-2365 or ext. 4376. Anyone who cannot attend the picnic but would like to make a tax deductible donation toward Baptiste’s $1600 plane ticket may send a check by the end of June. Please make checks payable to the SVSU Foundation and indicate that the contribution is for Jean Baptiste.

The summer 1995 “Buckle Up America” campaign kicked off May 24. Public Safety urges motorists to buckle their seat belts even while driving on campus. Not having the seat belt fastened will result in a ticket. In 1994, 66 percent of Michigan motorists used seat belts. The campaign focuses on increasing that percentage and educating motorists to always wear safety belts. Various displays and events are planned throughout the summer to increase awareness. For more details, call ext. 4157.

Wayne O’Brien, a first-grade teacher at Sherwood School in Saginaw Township, brought about 70 of his students to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery for an educational tour. This is the fifth visit for students of O’Brien, who has B.A. and M.A.T. degrees from SVSU and also plays in the Collegium Musicum. Approximately 100 school groups totalling some 3,000 students will visit the Gallery this academic year. The school tour program is supported for the second consecutive year by a $10,000 grant from the James and Lynelle Holden Fund.
Sign Up for Cyberspace Newsletter

Members of the campus community who use e-mail may be interested in a newsletter that is distributed via campus e-mail once a month.

Produced by the Reference staff in SVSU’s Zahnow Library, Libline will include a variety of columns, including “Z-Tips,” which lists internet commands and short-cuts; “Z-Picks,” which are net picks of the month (World Wide Web and telnet destinations, sites, etc.) from the Zahnow Library staff; and “CyberGuest,” a different guest columnist every month who will address internet issues.

To receive future issues of Libline, send an e-mail message to the network using the following commands:

- send a message to: libline-request@tardis.svsu.edu
- leave the subject line blank
- in body of message, type: subscribe

For more information, please contact Scott Meldendorf at ext. 7053 or Anita Dey at ext. 5635.

High Grades Place SVSU Students on Deans’ and President’s Lists

Students at SVSU placed heavy emphasis on scholarship during the 1995 winter semester. Overall, 952 students made the President’s and Deans’ Lists this year, an increase of 47 over the number of students who made the lists in 1994.

A 3.40 grade point average is required for the Deans’ List, while the requirement for the President’s List is a perfect 4.00 grade point average for the semester.

1995-96 Recognition Scholarships go to 33 Undergrads

Financial assistance from the Recognition Scholarship program will go to 33 undergraduate students with outstanding academic records when they return to SVSU next fall.

Recognition Scholarship recipients must have achieved at least sophomore standing, have a cumulative 3.40 grade point average and be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours of study. The scholarship provides $200 per semester for tuition and fees and is renewable up to six semesters while the student maintains a 3.40 GPA. Students must complete an essay on educational goals. Students receiving other major SVSU scholarship awards are not eligible.

New Recipients

- Amie Covell, Senior, Occupational Therapy
- Tambarayi Dombo, Sophomore, Biology
- Leanne Gauthier, Junior, Elementary Education
- Tom Gribble, Jr., Sophomore, Elementary Special Education
- Catheryn Gross, Junior, Mathematics
- Jayme L. Hayes, Sophomore, Biology
- Brena Henningway, Junior, Special Education
- Amy Hoeppner, Senior, Marketing
- Jennifer Lewis, Senior, Elementary Education
- Taherah Mahajerin, Senior, Elementary Education
- Traci Martin, Junior, Elementary Education
- Rick Mastrojanni, Senior, Social Work
- Jennifer McKenna, Junior, Nursing
- Michelle Menjoulet, Senior, Elementary Special Education
- Sheri Minner, Junior, Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pamela Simon, Junior, Elementary Education
- Tonya Smith, Junior, Nursing
- Joshua Stevens, Senior, Mechanical Engineering
- Bridget Styer, Sophomore, Psychology
- Janice Whitmill, Senior, Nursing
- Felicity Zakishesky, Junior, English (Education)

Renewals

- Stacey Aldrich, Senior, Nursing
- Beth Batdorf, Junior, Design
- Catherine Dunkle, Senior, Secondary Education
- Jamie Edgery, Junior, Social Work
- Mark Gracias, Junior, Electrical Engineering
- Margaret Kenel, Senior, Occupational Therapy
- Kristyn Kurka, Junior, Fitness Management
- Carolyn Pickard, Junior, English
- Matthew Roe, Senior, Business Management
- Karen Van Alstine, Junior, Occupational Therapy
- Alison Walker, Senior, Accounting
- Brian Wright, Junior, Education

Mary Ann Cull, center, an interior designer with Art Sample Furniture, poses with Kathy Nowacyk, left, administrative assistant to the vice president of administration and business affairs, and Woody Pelton, right, special assistant to the president for international programs. Art Sample donated a number of furnishings for the guest house on Davis Road that will be home for international visitors and other guests of the University. Among the items donated are bedroom and dining room furniture. Art Sample, located at 1740 N. Michigan in Saginaw, has served mid-Michigan since 1927.
Professional Profile

- **Diane Boehm**, director of writing programs, presented two workshops for the teachers and administrators at Chesaning High School. The March 30 workshop focused on “Designing Effective Writing Assignments Across the Curriculum,” while the May 25 workshop offered “Strategies for Responding to Student Writing.”

- **Hong Y. Park**, professor of economics, presented a paper titled “Impact of Supplier of the Supplier Certification” at the 1995 American Marketing Association and Korean Marketing Association joint conference in Seoul, Korea, May 14-17. The paper, which was co-authored by **Surender Reddy**, associate professor of management, and Geon-Cheol Shin, was published in the conference proceedings.

  Park was honored as an outstanding alumnus by the Department of Economics at Utah State University this spring for his contribution of research work in regional economics and economics of organization.

  Park’s paper titled “Sourcing Strategies of U.S. Firms and Korean Firms” was accepted for presentation at the 1996 Allied Social Science Meeting in San Francisco.

- **Rosalie Riegel Troester**, professor of English, recently traveled to England to present two papers. She attended the April 22 Society for Oral History Annual Conference at the University of Bristol where she presented “Coming and Becoming: The Catholic Worker Movement and the Rhetoric of Conversion.” Troester also spoke to an invited audience on April 24 at Trinity College, University of Cambridge on “Women Writers of the Harlem Renaissance.”

Transitions

Please note the following personnel changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory Addendum:

**NEW**

- **John LaPrad**, instructional computing programmer analyst, Computer Services, ext. 5677

- **Suzy Merchant**, women’s basketball coach, Athletics, ext. 7312

- **Roy Schroeder**, program manager, Midwest Manufacturing Technology Center, BIDI, ext. 4047

**PROMOTED/TRANSFERRED**

- **Carl Dueweke**, shipping/receiving clerk, Bookstore, ext. 4262

- **Pat Samoletsz**, acting director, Computer Services, ext. 4221

**RETIRED**

- **James Finzel**, director of Computer Services

**LEFT/LEAVING**

- **Claudette Charney**, women’s basketball coach, Athletics

- **Cindy Dunleavy**, senior secretary, Admissions

Campus Happenings

**QS-9000 Workshop**: runs through tomorrow for auto suppliers who need to know how to comply with QS-9000 regulations.

**Chris Burke Concert**: 2 p.m., June 17, Temple Theater, $7 per seat. Sponsored by Never Say Never Down Syndrome Support Group.

High Five

- **Softball**: Tracy Dohner, a communication senior, and Shelley Moenaert, a finance sophomore, were named to the 1995 GLIAC Softball All-Academic team.

- **Track**: Head Coach Jim Nesbitt was named first vice president of the NCAA Division II Track Coaches Association. He will serve a two-year term, then will take over as president the following two years. Nesbitt’s 1995 women’s team won the GLIAC Championship.

- **Baseball**: Coach Walt Head was named GLIAC Coach of the Year. Players Scott Clark, Cory Sturgess and Matt Pearson were first team all-GLIAC selections. Head led SVSU to the school’s first league title with a 21-7 mark and 36-14 overall record.
When Norm Sterchele purchased his first computer (an Apple II) in 1978, he confesses, "I was so afraid that I might make a mistake and damage the machine that I kept it in a little room downstairs while I was learning how to use it." He even had plans for sneaking it out for repair if disaster occurred.

“By the end of two years I not only was familiar with the software, but could take the computer apart,” he laughs. Today, he is proud of a home office that includes an IBM 486 used by his wife for her real estate business, a Mac that’s his favored computer, a copy machine, fax and laser printer.

And he spends a good share of his workday teaching prospective and current teachers how to use computers as an instructional tool. “My classes are taught in a Macintosh lab because everyone else teaches IBM and I think there’s a need for both,” he explains.

Sterchele believes computers will be increasingly important as teaching tools. “I think that it’s the way education is going to be moving,” he says. “I just want to provide teachers with as many options as I can. Initially, the computer was just one option. Now it’s several dozen options. You can do so many things with it—word processing, art, photography and research are examples.

“The Internet should be a primary resource for people doing research—and that includes students,” he says, noting that such research activities can involve students from “the second grade all the way up.” He says that people who use the Internet will “uncover resources they never knew existed.

“Teachers need to become research facilitators and co-learners with students. The Internet makes that extremely easy; it makes information accessible.”

He talks about watching the excitement of people learning how to explore the information superhighway. “In a class last week 20 students were ‘on-line’ and they were talking to seven different countries,” he says. He explains that they use Netscape to enter the World Wide Web. “We go off through Yahoo and then off on Virtual Tourist. We’ve bookmarked the Whitehouse and can read all of the President’s current speeches as well as other Washington news.”

Sterchele notes that the info highway has interesting side roads and detours. “You can talk about anything you want with anyone you want. There are no rules. There is some kind of ‘room’ for everybody,” he says.

That kind of freedom can sometimes pose a threat, he feels. “Schools need to be more aware that there can be controversial material or things inappropriate for young students,” he says. “We need to have more parents involved if kids are involved. And we need to make sure that teachers are involved with kids. Everything is available on the Internet.”

However, the value of computers in education far outweighs the risks, he believes. “We have a huge library here with more than 100 CD ROMs. They contain educational programs for all grade levels—and many are programmed to run in several languages.”
Kristin E. Gregory

Few of SVSU’s 7,000 plus students know Kris Gregory’s name. Many, however, are familiar with her voice.

When SVSU implemented a phone registration system this year, Gregory recorded the messages that step callers through the registration process. While it’s not the most time intensive of her responsibilities, it’s among the most recent.

Gregory joined the SVSU staff in December of 1987. “I worked a week and then had two weeks off for the holidays,” she recalls. “I thought that was pretty nice!”

She soon learned that finding time for vacation wouldn’t be all that easy, given the rigor of her job. One of Gregory’s main responsibilities entails assigning rooms for all the classes conducted on campus each semester. That often requires all her considerable negotiating skills, as facility growth has tended to lag behind enrollment growth.

To further complicate matters, many classes have specific space requirements, or a classroom that seemed large enough becomes inadequate when more than the anticipated number of students signs up for a class. That often calls for last-minute shifts during the first week or two of classes.

“I’ve learned that there will be between 50 and 60 requests for room changes during the first couple of weeks of each semester,” she smiles. “Class scheduling is complicated, and it gets more difficult each time. We are getting bigger all the time, and the schedule is getting bigger.”

Gregory notes that all room assignments are handled manually at present, and she’s exploring options for computerizing the process. “When West Complex opens we will need to coordinate class scheduling with conference and event scheduling,” she says. “There is software that interfaces with the Colleague program, and that would allow us to interact with the Conference Bureau.”

Gregory estimates that about half of her time is devoted to class and other academic scheduling duties.

Another major task involves working with the Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee and other campus offices in the preparation of SVSU’s course description catalog. She gathers all proposals approved by CAPC and ratified by the faculty and notes where they should be inserted in the catalog before passing text along for publication. That involves a careful check to insure that each revision is changed everywhere it might appear throughout the catalog.

Although her assignments can be quite demanding, Gregory says the support she receives from other staff makes her job enjoyable. “I get to work with and know all the faculty,” she says, “and the staff are really wonderful. They are a talented and creative group of people.”

Gregory has served as administrative secretary to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery board since its inception in 1988. “I have enjoyed being involved and having the opportunity to know Mr. Fredericks.”