Theological scholar to give Edwards Lecture

The campus community is invited to the 1995-96 William and Julia Edwards Lecture in Philosophy and Religion, which will be delivered by Dr. Karen McCarthy Brown, a professor of the Sociology and Anthropology of Religion at Drew University in New Jersey. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 11 in Founders Hall. Admission is free of charge.

McCarthy Brown’s talk, which is titled “Haitian Images of Liberation and Spirituality,” will be illustrated with many slides taken during intermittent visits to Haiti since 1973. She also has conducted continuous research since 1978 in the Haitian community in Brooklyn, New York. Her doctoral dissertation was on “The Veve of Haitian Vodou: A Structural Analysis of Visual Imagery.”

After graduating with honors with a bachelor’s degree from Smith College, McCarthy Brown went on to earn her master’s degree at Columbia University’s Union Theological Seminary. Her Ph.D. is from Temple University. Her first appointment at Drew University came in 1976 as assistant professor.

Other stops in her teaching career include Barnard College, Temple University, the University of California-Berkeley, Harvard Divinity School, Connecticut College, Rutgers University and Western College for Women. She also spent one semester as a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.


Professor Brown also will lead a discussion based on her article “Fundamentalism and the Control of Women” at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 12 in the Alumni Lounge in Zahnow Library.

McCarthy Brown’s appearance is supported by a generous grant from the Edwards.

SVSU pilots fly with writing project

Five SVSU students hope to make an impact on their colleagues. The quintet is engaged in a pilot program aimed at improving writing skills among University students.

The project, coordinated by SVSU Writing Center Director Diane Boehm, is modeled after a writing program pioneered at Brown University. The SVSU pilot is one of about 50 around the U.S., Boehm believes.

Called the “Writing Associates Pilot,” the program uses junior and senior students with extensive background in writing courses as assistants to faculty teaching courses in other academic areas. The writing associates reinforce skills needed to successfully complete written assignments while the professional faculty teach the content of the course.

“The concept encourages instructors, students and the writing associates to form a partnership for improving writing,” Boehm says.

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"To qualify as a writing associate, each student must have completed our 'Tutoring Writing' course as well as other courses in English, composition and writing," she explained.

The Tutoring Writing course incorporates a tutoring experience as part of class requirements. In this situation, students work one-on-one with other students who need assistance in developing their writing abilities.

As writing associates, however, they work with groups of 20 or more students who are enrolled in the participating classes. The five courses involved in the winter semester pilot are "Criminal Justice in the U.S." taught by Don Bachand; "Organizational Behavior" taught by Deborah Bishop; "Introduction to Political Science" taught by Robert Lane; "Endocrinology" taught by Gary Lange; and "Fundamentals of Communication" taught by Marcia Ribble.

Writing associates are: Nicholas R. Kloka, an elementary education major from Bay City assigned to Lane’s introductory political science classes; Louis (Bud) Kanyo, an English major from Rhodes assigned to Ribble’s communication course; Laura Taggett, an English major from Saginaw assisting Bishop’s management students; Bob Hill, an English education major from Goodrich assigned to Bachand’s criminal justice class; and Tony Behrends, an English major from Caro working with Lange’s endocrinology class.

The associates exchange notes about their experiences at monthly lunch meetings and communicate in between via e-mail. Boehm requires each associate to keep a journal with detailed information about their experiences and progress of students they work with.

For more information about the Writing Associates Pilot, contact Boehm at ext. 7728, or by e-mail: dboehm@tardis.svsu.edu.

Computer loan limit raised

SVSU employees who participate in the University’s interest-free loan program for purchasing personal computers will be able to finance larger sums, thanks to an increase in the loan limit. The change, effective immediately, allows faculty and staff to borrow up to $4,000, according to Controller Jim Muladore.

"This is the first change in the loan limit since the program was initiated in 1987,” Muladore said. “The new limit was established primarily in recognition of high-end users who were not able to finance purchase of equipment under the previous $3,000 limit.”

Individuals who participate in the program must pay their own sales tax and make a 10 percent down payment on equipment purchases. Loan payments will be deducted automatically from biweekly pay checks over a period not to exceed two years.

Since the loan program was introduced, a total of $550,000 has been extended to more than 300 SVSU employees, according to Muladore. "It has been a very successful program. Many employees have benefited and there has been only one default,” he said. He indicated that people who need advice in selecting a system to meet their needs can obtain help from Computer Services staff on a limited basis.

Computer Services offers used equipment

Due to the replacement of computer and office equipment, SVSU is offering the excess equipment to faculty, staff and students. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, March 20 and 21, in a locker room adjacent to Cardinal Gym.

Computer items include IBM and Zenith XT and 286 computers with hard drives; monochrome and color monitors; dot-matrix, inkjet and laser printers; Apple IIE computers with monitors; and older versions of software that may or may not work on this equipment. Prices for a working system complete with computer, monitor, DOS and keyboard start at $40.

Among the office equipment are cash registers, typewriters, telephones and fax machines.

"Most of the equipment works," said Hank Pletscher, microcomputer support manager.

"The rest is useful for parts, and you can try before you buy.”

Pletscher said everything is being sold in "as is" condition with no warranty or return policy. The computers will not support Windows, but will run DOS software like WordPerfect 5.1.

For more information, contact Computer Services at ext. 4225.
Public Safety recognized for Community Policing Program

SVSU’s University Police is among six police departments in the state of Michigan to receive recognition by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Presented February 15 at the organization’s semi-annual convention in Grand Rapids, the award cites SVSU’s Community Policing Program for promoting safety and security on campus.

Established about four and one-half years ago, the Community Policing Program started out in a small office in Doan Center. Presently, two officers are assigned to the unit, which has been relocated to the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

The two officers, Bethany Rusch and Marc Strain, maintain contact with students and staff. In warmer weather, the officers are seen peddling around campus on bicycles, stopping often to talk with students and offer assistance.

Occupational Therapists to host Career Fair

The Student Occupational Therapy Association will be hosting a career fair from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 8 in Ryder Center.

The keynote speaker at “Promoting Function Through Occupational Therapy” will be Dr. Dorothy Ann Elsberry, director of the Occupational Therapy program at the University of South Dakota. She will discuss “Future Issues in Occupational Therapy” from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

Following the keynote address, career fair participants will have an opportunity to attend workshops for in-depth discussions on a variety of topics including Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Mental Health, In-patient Rehab and Home Health. Other topics are Work Hardening and Work-site Evaluations, as well as treatment for hands and upper extremities.

The career fair is free of charge. For registration forms or additional information, contact Jon Cohee, 126 Broken Arrow Trail, Houghton Lake, MI 48629 or call (517) 422-4160.

“Extravaganza” offers fun and education for kids

Six months ago Walter Rathkamp, Director of the regional Mathematics and Science Center, worried about finding 300 elementary school students interested in spending a Saturday at the first Science and Mathematics Extravaganza. Today he and other Center staff members worry about accommodating a possible overflow for the second extravaganza, set for Saturday, March 16.

“We had 500 kids apply for 300 spaces last November,” said Daryl Bernard, office clerk at the Center. “We kept the other 200 on a mailing list, and they were the first to be contacted for the spring extravaganza.”

The extravaganza, targeted toward grades 4-8, offers hands-on opportunities in science and math. The sessions are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on the SVSU campus.

Registration for the extravaganza is $30 per child and includes three classes, lunch and any handouts or take-home items from the classes selected. Persons interested in registering a child for the event should call ext. 4121.

There have been suggestions that the University e-mail system be used to announce the closing of campus or cancellation of classes due to weather emergencies. Because not all employees have e-mail, and because it isn’t possible to control information entered into the e-mail system, e-mail will not be used to make official announcements about closings and cancellations. "We will, however, attempt to utilize the system to notify persons that there is a weather emergency and that they should either check their voice mail, listen to local media stations, or call the SVSU weather line,” said Jerry Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs. The University’s official means of communicating weather emergency information remains the weather line (790-4477), local media announcements as set forth in the Adverse Weather Policy, and SVSU’s voice mail system.

Dr. George T. Rowan was a guest speaker in several SVSU classes during Black History Month. Above he presents research on African American youth living in urban areas. Rowan is director of the David Walker Research Institute in the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University. He also is an associate professor in the Department of Resource Development, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
Across Campus

- Judith Harper, senior faculty secretary in Brown Hall, wishes to convey her appreciation to all those who sent cards, donations and other expressions of sympathy following the death of her husband, Gary.

- The campus community extends sincerest condolences to the family of Carol Lazier, who was enrolled in the College of Education. Funeral services for Carol took place at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church on Feb. 28.

Campus Happenings

- Roosevelt Ruffin Lecture Series — 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7 in Founders Hall. Dr. La Francis Rodgers-Rose will present "A Return to the Source: The Wisdom of Our Foremothers."

- Entrepreneurs Club — 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 in Doan Center. Tickets for "Show and Tell" night are $14 in advance, $16 at the door. Call ext. 4048 to make reservations.

High Five

- Track — SVSU's Jason Bryan finished fourth in the 35-pound weight throw (53-4) at the University of Michigan men's indoor open invitational on Saturday. Other top SVSU finishers include Bob Miller, fifth in the 800; Chris Nichol, fifth in the hurdles; and Matt Struble, eighth in the pole vault.

- Softball — split a pair of contests Saturday in Florida, completing their spring trip with a 5-7 record. The Cards were defeated 3-2 by St. Joseph's of Pennsylvania, then bounced back with an 8-6 win over Ferris State University. The team is idle until a March 27 game at Central Michigan.

- Baseball — opened its 1996 season Feb. 25 with a 10-10 tie with Barry University (FL). The game, which was called in the seventh inning due to darkness, is the first tie in eight years for the Cardinals.

- Women’s Basketball — finished the season with a surprising 9-9 record in the GLIAC, 15-11 overall. The Cardinals’ Angie Peterson, a 5-10 forward from Ellsworth, was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year.

- Men’s Basketball — completed their season with an 18-11 overall record. The Cards lost to Michigan Tech, 90-72, in the consolation game of the GLIAC tournament held at Oakland University. Saturday’s defeat gave the Cards six losses in their final eight games.
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Board approves chartering of six Public School Academies, authorizes signing of contracts for apartment construction

Based on the recommendations of a review panel, SVSU Board of Control members today approved charter applications submitted by six proposed Public School Academies. The resolutions authorizing establishment of the schools grants authority to Board Chair Ruth A. Braun to execute a public school academy contract and related documents between each school and SVSU when it has been determined that all legal, financial, personnel and facility requirements necessary to operate effectively have been met.

All schools expect to be in operation by September 1996.

Applications were approved for:

- **Lake Bluff Academy**: a school for grades K-4 to be located in Manistee. The application stresses parental involvement, activity centered learning and small classes.

- **Northwest Academy**: designed for grades 6-12, the academy will be located in Charlevoix. Particular emphasis will be placed on achievement in the fields of mathematics, science and technology.

- **“Soberity High”**: to be housed in Grand Haven, this school, which expects to adopt a new name, will enroll high school students who are in recovery from chemical dependency. By moving the students from the environment where their problems developed, educators expect to facilitate abstinence and enhance recovery.

- **Michigan Health Academy**: plans to enroll approximately 200 junior and senior high school students in a program that provides both a general background for the field of health care and specific job preparation for entry-level placement in the field or advanced placement in a post-secondary training program. The Southgate school will be supported by Henry Ford and Oakwood hospitals, as well as Arbor and Rite-Aid drugstores.

- **Sunrise Educational Center**: co-founded by three Tawas area teachers, the school will provide kindergarten through 6th grade experience in a small setting with a very low class size.

- **Creative Learning Academy of Science, Mathematics and Humanities**: will prepare kindergarten through 6th grade students for lifelong learning through a program rich in traditional core subjects with heavy emphasis on language arts. The academy will be located in Beaverton.

In related action, the Board adopted revisions to their policy statement on public school academies, making it conform to amendments to the state legislation that allows for chartering of PSAs.

As a follow-up to a December 15, 1995 resolution authorizing University administration to design and develop cost estimates for additional apartment units, Board members today authorized the President and/or the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs to sign contracts for the construction and equipping of three apartment units. Each would contain four apartments with four bedrooms per unit, and could house up to 48 students.
The new apartments would be located near Pine Grove Apartments and should be opened by fall semester. Total cost, including architectural fees and furnishings, is not to exceed $1.6 million, including interest and bond issuance costs. A second resolution authorized issuance of general revenue bonds.

In other action, the Board:

- approved tenure for nine faculty. They are: Marianne Barnett, English; Jeanne Bender, Nursing; Sally Cannon, English; Eric DeVos, Psychology; Steven Erickson, Communication/Theatre; Mary Harmon, English; Robert Lane, Political Science; Janice Wolff, English; and Stephen Yanca, Social Work.

- confirmed an agreement to repair flaking and peeling ceiling paint in the Ryder Center arena. The agreement compensates SVSU for the cost of repair and calls for Spence Brothers to perform the necessary work.

- authorized acquisition of up to $400,000 in computing equipment for the instructional microcomputer labs and to expand the campus network. Additional hubs will be installed in campus buildings not now connected to the network.

- authorized purchase of a new management information system platform to replace the Prime computer. SVSU is working with Delta College on a joint request so that each institution can provide back-up for the other in case of an emergency.

- set room and board rates for the 1996-97 academic year. The new rates increase at approximately the same rate as inflation and reflect costs of operation. Monthly apartment rentals will be $560 for families or $230 for individual students. Residence hall rates are set at $4,140 per year for the traditional declining balance meal plan or for the cafeteria 19-meal plan, $3,820 for the thrifty declining balance plan, and $4,465 for the declining balance plus option. The residence hall increases include an RHA fee of $10 per semester.

- approved the new SVSU Student Association Charter, which was ratified by a majority of those voting from the SVSU student body on February 20 and 21. The charter, which will become effective May 1, establishes a body of 13 representatives and a president to represent student concerns and advance student priorities. The Association replaces the Student Government structure currently in place.

- passed resolutions of appreciation for Herbert H. Dow II and Dr. Richard H. Gilmore.
Fifth annual Valley Fest offers arts smorgasbord


It’s all on tap at the fifth annual Valley Festival of the Fine Arts, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 16. The event showcases work created and performed by SVSU students and faculty, as well as that of other artists and organizations. Activities and displays take place in the Ryder Center and in the Arbory Center for the Fine Arts, with trolley service available to guests.

The Art Mart, located in Ryder Center, features work by more than 40 artists from Michigan and Ohio. They will be offering items ranging from jewelry to metal and wood sculptures, hand-crafted basketry and musical instruments, paintings in various media, stained and blown glass, fiber arts and needlecraft.

While browsing through the Art Mart displays, visitors can enjoy music and stories by “The Collecting Consort.” The duo, Anne and Gary Wakenhut from Lakeview, Michigan, blend music of Celtic harp, hammered dulcimer, whistle, wood and pan flutes with narration and story.

Their program, titled “Music, a Magical Journey,” borrows from folk, classical and contemporary music. “We paint musical pictures of life and nature to appeal to the creative imaginations of people aged six to sixty,” the Wakenhuts say. Their appearance features a touring performance area similar to stage settings used by European minstrels. It creates a scene of drama and celebration through portrayal of castles, the simple life of old, and the beauty of nature, according to the Wakenhuts.

In another corner of Ryder Center, kids will be entertained by the “Not Just Vanilla Dancers” from Midland, the Doris Marsh School of Classical Ballet, the Joan Malone Dance Center, Gym Jesters, and special appearances by Ronald McDonald. The Children’s Fun Arts Factory features drop-in, hands-on activities that give kids help in creating their own take-home art and crafts. Activities are geared to a wide age range, and there are goody bags, soap carving demonstrations and caricature drawings for those who prefer a more passive approach to art.

Across campus in the Arbory Center, students and faculty will entertain with a series of short performances between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. The menu includes piano, wind and brass instruments, readings of poetry and fiction, a percussion ensemble and vocal solos.

Local grant dollars to do Double Duty

Thanks to a $650 grant from the K. Lucille and James Martineau Fund of the Saginaw Community Foundation, about 200 Saginaw public school students will learn how to create a ceramic bowl. But they’ll also learn how to use their creativity to serve others.

The grant money will be used to purchase ceramic clay and glazes for making bowls that will be donated to the “Empty Bowls” project.

“We expect that about 200 bowls will be created by K-12 art students in a half dozen Saginaw public schools,” said Michael Panhorst, co-coordinator of the Empty Bowls project. “Last year we initiated this project in our community. Empty Bowls has an illustrious history since it was started in 1991 by two Michigan potters.”

The international project combats hunger by selling donated bowls, along with a meager meal. At the SVSU event, that consists of soup, bread and water. “Purchasers eat the meal and

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keep the bowl as a reminder that someone’s bowl is always empty,” Panhorst said.

In 1995 Valley Fest organizers donated about $1,300 to Saginaw’s Hidden Harvest, a program that rescues prepared and perishable food from restaurants, hospitals and produce markets. The collected items are delivered to agencies that feed people. “Hidden Harvest hit the road in June 1994 and by the end of 1995 had salvaged 280,000 pounds of food—enough to feed a family of four three meals a day, seven days a week for 43 years!” said Culli Damuth, chair of the Hidden Harvest Advisory Committee.

“This year we want to involve K-12 students in the project,” Panhorst said. “This gives them an opportunity to learn how to make a ceramic bowl, one of the oldest and most universal art techniques. It will advance the art education of area students, while also addressing another important concern—hunger.”

SVSU faculty, students and staff already have created about 220 bowls for the 1996 project. Panhorst and project co-coordinator Sara Brooks Clark hope to net about $2,400 from the sale of soup-filled bowls at prices ranging from $7.50 for student bowls to $20 for “celebrity” bowls. While the money raised and the increased community awareness of hunger are important, Panhorst stresses that offering art education to students is a key goal of the project.

“Funding for art education in our schools has dwindled over the past several years,” he said. “Without funding from the grant to subsidize the cost of clay, students may not have had an opportunity to learn the basics of the art of ceramics.”

Adults are invited to make bowls during a workshop at Valley Fest. For more information about the Empty Bowls project, contact Panhorst at ext. 5667 or Clark at ext. 5684.

“The Death and Life of Sherlock Holmes” on stage during Valley Fest

While most Valley Fest activities conclude by 5 p.m., the Department of Communication & Theatre will present its winter youth theatre production at 7:30 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre.

This original play by Suzan Zeder weaves together characters and incidents from some of Arthur Conan Doyle’s best-loved stories and gives them a new twist as the world’s greatest consulting detective matches wits with Doyle’s most cunning villains—Colonel Sebastian Moran, Dr. Grimsby Roylott, and, of course, Professor Moriarty. Non-stop action carries the plot through murder and mayhem right up to a stunning climax at the very edge of Reichenbach Falls as the play explores the complex love/hate relationship between Sherlock Holmes and the man who created him.

The cast of the SVSU Youth Theatre Production includes Eric Wielinski, a sophomore communication major from Saginaw, as Holmes; Matt Young, a sophomore communication and theatre major from Mayville, as Watson; Betsy Granstra, a junior communication and theatre major from Midland, as Mary Doyle; Jared Hautamaki, a freshman from Rochester Hills, as Arthur Conan Doyle (Moran, Roylott, Moriarty); and Meredith Roedel, a freshman political science major from Vassar, as Mrs. Hudson and as the Lady of the Street.

Other cast members are Jaime Prine, a sophomore communication and theatre major from Saginaw, as Wiggins; David Scholl, a senior nursing major from Bay City, as Lestrade and as John Clay; Kirk Bovee, a senior theatre major from Bay City, as Officer Hopkins; and Chad Sibley, a freshman from Bay City, who debuts on the SVSU stage as the Swiss Messenger.

Complimentary tickets for SVSU faculty and staff are available by calling ext. 4261.
SVSU VALLEY FESTIVAL OF THE FINE ARTS  
Saturday, March 16, 1996  

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

This year’s Valley Festival of the Fine Arts marks the fifth annual presentation of SVSU’s kaleidoscope of music, drama and art. It is an event that has appeal to residents of our entire region as well as the campus community and has been described as “one of the top ten art events in mid-Michigan.”

It is not without the help of volunteers that events such as this are possible, however. The Valleyfest steering committee is asking you to donate a couple hours of time on that day to help with decorating, hosting, providing directions to exhibitors and guests and other miscellaneous tasks that must be accomplished to provide a festival truly representative of SVSU.

Please return the completed form below to the Campus Life Center (141 Wickes) with your available times and interest areas or call the Campus Life Center, 790-4170, to get more information.

Thanks from the Valleyfest Steering Committee: Merry Jo Brandimore, Alice Cornejo, Marilyn Frahm, Ray Foster, Jeanne Kraycsir, Gayle Koehler, Nick Messing, Dave Mrozinski, Michael Panhorst, Betty Papajesk, Theresa Rohn, Bill Wollner.

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VALLEYFEST VOLUNTEER FORM

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☐ Yes, I am willing to help on Saturday, March 16th. Please schedule me at the time(s) indicated:

_____ 8 - 10 a.m. (Decorating, set-up, greeting agencies)

_____ 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

_____ 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

_____ 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

_____ 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

_____ 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Clean-up)

I would prefer working in the following areas:

_____ Arbury Fine Arts  ____ Ryder (General help)  ____ Kids Fun Arts Factory  ____ Where needed

☐ I am not able to volunteer on that day, but would be willing to help in other ways. Let me know how I can help.

Return to the Campus Life Center (141 Wickes) by Monday, March 11th. Thanks!