Endowed Chair in Education named for Midland philanthropist

An Endowed Chair in Education has been developed in the memory of Carl A. Gerstacker, chairman emeritus of The Dow Chemical Co. until his death in 1995. Gerstacker was chairman of Dow from 1960 to 1976. He and his family gave millions of dollars to colleges and universities, civic projects and many other projects. Gerstacker established the Gerstacker Awards to honor teaching excellence and top officers in Midland County law enforcement and fire department personnel.

The chair will highlight and expand the work of the College of Education and the Regional Mathematics and Science Education Center. Carl A. Gerstacker was noted for his concern to providing better educational opportunities, at all levels, for future generations and for the betterment of the community.

Endowed scholarship to assist accounting majors

When Curt and Jan Berger were looking for a way to honor the memory of their daughter, Shelly, they thought of her educational experiences at SVSU and decided to establish the Shelly Berger Endowed Scholarship Fund. Shelly was a recent graduate of SVSU killed in a tragic automobile accident in November 1996. Many have described her as a bright young woman with a very promising future.

“Shelly had a tremendous future ahead of her and it is difficult to understand why this had to happen to someone like her,” the Bergers wrote in a letter seeking additional funds for the endowment. “Shelly touched the lives of many people. They remember her bright smile, her cheerful laugh and the caring way she handled difficult situations. That is the memory we have of Shelly and we would like it to continue as long as possible.”

The Berger family, who have made a generous gift to the SVSU Foundation to start the endowment, hope contributions from the community and family friends can help build the principal to $10,000. The scholarship fund is designed to encourage and support attainment of a degree in accounting.

Candidates for the scholarship must be juniors or seniors pursuing an undergraduate degree in accounting with a 3.0 grade point average. Special consideration will be given to candidates who demonstrate a high level of extracurricular campus involvement and/or are employed to help finance their education.

Shelly was employed with Weinlander Fitzhugh, CPA, at the time of the accident. She received her B.B.A. from SVSU in 1996. She lettered in track and cross country and served as an intern with The Dow Chemical Co.

“She was enthused about getting her education at SVSU,” Curt Berger said.

Contributions may be made to the Shelly Berger Endowed Scholarship Fund, in care of the SVSU Foundation.
Engel named director of School/University Partnerships

SVSU recently named Dr. Larry E. Engel of Saginaw as its director of School/University Partnerships. Engel currently is superintendent of the Saginaw Intermediate School District (ISD), a position he has held since 1988.

As director of School/University Partnerships, Engel will have responsibility for maintaining a close link between K-12 superintendents and the university. He also will be responsible for assisting, evaluating and overseeing public school academies for SVSU. As superintendent at the Saginaw ISD, Engel chartered three public school academies for Saginaw Intermediate. He also had the opportunity to participate in the development of core curriculum, which has become the "core curriculum" for all school districts in Saginaw and Midland counties, which exceeds the state of Michigan standards.

Engel was superintendent of the Swan Valley School District from 1986 to 1988, and New Lothrop Area Public Schools from 1981 to 1986. He also has been a principal and teacher in Kelloggsville, Reese and Midland public schools. Engel is an adjunct faculty in the Department of Educational Leadership.

"This is an opportunity for me to experience an educational career looking at new directions," Engel said of his appointment.

Engel is a 1972 SVSU graduate with a bachelor of arts degree. He received his master's in administration of elementary schools in 1974 from Central Michigan University and his doctorate in educational leadership in 1981 from Western Michigan University.

Engel will assume his duties at SVSU the first of February. He replaces Dr. Wayne Vasher, who retires the end of February after more than three years with SVSU.

SVSU Annual Fund goal set

SVSU's fund raisers have set a target of $400,000 for the annual campaign that supports scholarships, faculty research, purchase of library materials and various student needs. The SVSU Foundation and the Annual Fund Committee launched this year's activities in early October.

During the past 20 years, the annual campaign has raised more than $3.2 million for the University. Grant Schaefer is the general chairman of this year's Annual Fund committee, which is composed of 78 community friends of the University from the Tri-Counties and Thumb areas.

New Annual Fund committee members include Tim Blanchet and John A. Decker, both attorneys with Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner PLC; Richard J. Garber Jr., president of the Garber Management Group; Kenneth LeCureaux, executive vice president of the Bierlein Cos.; William M. Martin, owner of Martin Chevrolet-Jeep-Eagle-Geo; James J. "Jake" Shinners, an attorney with Shinners & Associates; Wayne B. Smith of Smith & Smith CPAs; Herbert A. Spence III, vice president of the Spence Bros.; James E. Thews of the Bean Trade Association, and Lynn R. Wolgast, chairman and CEO of Wolgast Construction.

SVSU employees may contribute through payroll deductions through Dec. 31. Fund raisers expect to top last year's effort that saw 1,600 donors contribute $375,113, according to Norma Gase Zivich, director of Annual Giving and Development Communications.

For additional information, contact Zivich at ext. 4075.

SVSU students prepare for December graduation ceremonies

Some 336 SVSU students who completed degree requirements in summer and fall semester participated in Commencement ceremonies Friday, Dec. 12 in O'Neill Arena.

Eligible for graduation in December were 263 students who completed bachelor's degrees in fall semester and 54 who earned master's degrees. Students who completed degree requirements during the summer semester also had the option of participating in the December event.

The Commencement speaker was Donna J. Roberts, a member of SVSU's Board of Control. Roberts recently retired from The Dow Chemical Co. as Corporate Secretary and Assistant General Counsel.

Curtiss Hall marks first anniversary

More than 150,000 people have attended 3,000-plus events since Curtiss Hall opened its doors a year ago.

"It's been a hectic year for the Conference Bureau," said Penny Bailey, director of the Conference Bureau. She noted the building received final decorating touches that make it one of the premier conference centers in Mid-Michigan.

For further information, call ext. 4162.
Professional Profile

- Alfred G. Bracciano, associate professor and director of the Occupational Therapy Department, presented a workshop at the Annual Michigan Occupational Therapy Association Fall Conference in Detroit. "Therapeutic Ultrasound: Sound Information for the Occupational Therapist" presented research and foundational information in the use of therapeutic ultrasound as an adjunct to treatment, facilitating occupational performance. The workshop included a lab session incorporating the latest ultrasound equipment. Don Earley, adjunct faculty in OT, co-presented.

Bracciano also chaired an Occupational Therapy Student Research Symposium, which included papers and research indicative of the current trends, education and training of OT students throughout Michigan.

- Barron Hirsch, professor of art, was interviewed on Channel 19's TV program, Artworks. In addition to discussing his work, Hirsch showed 18 of his paintings. Eight were from the Mexico series influenced by the celebration of "Day of the Dead." 10 works were from the landscape series inspired by the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western Virginia. The program aired Dec. 1.

- Iksu Jurn, associate professor of finance, presented a paper titled "Testing for a Unit Root in Time Series with Structural Breaks: In Case of Foreign Exchange Rates" at the Center for Finance and Banking Research at Korea University, Seoul, Korea, Nov. 7.

- Ann Rae, professor of social work, presented a workshop on "Evaluation Outcomes in Human Services" for staff of Catholic Family Services; Child and Family Services; Lutheran Family and Children Services of Saginaw County; and Innerlink of Saginaw. The workshop, sponsored by United Way of Saginaw County, was Dec. 4 in Curtiss Hall. The session increased knowledge and understanding of the concepts, usefulness and applications of outcomes evaluation for professional staff in human services organizations.

- Janet E. Rubin, professor of communication and theatre, made two presentations at the National Communication Association conference in Chicago, Ill. The Religious Speech Communication Association sponsored her work, "Using Drama to Teach the Holocaust: Memory and Stage Reality." Her second paper, "Building a Community in Instructional Settings by Using Creative Drama Activities Around the Immigrant Experience, Struggling for Cultural Identity, and Conflicts for the Newcomer," was sponsored by the American Alliance for Theatre and Education. Both programs were juried for the national conference. Her NCA presentations were followed by a seminar for Barnes and Noble in Pittsburgh, Penn.

- Dee Storey, professor of teacher education, was one of six people interviewed by WEYI Channel 25 in regard to reading closed captioned television. Public Service Announcements from the interviews have been running on TV-25.

Storey also presented a paper titled "Locating Resources for Teaching Children's and Adolescent Multicultural Literature" at the national conference of the National Council of Teachers of English Nov. 20 in Detroit.

Also, Storey co-presented a paper with Dr. Carrie Sorensen at the national conference of the National Council of Social Studies Nov. 22 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The paper was titled "Ellis Island and Beyond: Immigrants Presented in Children's Books."

- Matthew Zivich, professor of art, won the Gary Laatsch Memorial Sculpture Award at the Saginaw Art Museum's annual competitive show for his painted relief titled Bangers. This work is the second relief sculpture finished during Zivich's present sabbatical. Zivich also won the third prize in photography at SVSU's Latent Image photography competition for one of three accepted works titled All the Girls Named Pat.

SVSU personnel to appear on Fox

An SVSU faculty member and a representative from the Michigan Secretary of State's Office were the featured guests on WSMH Fox 66 during Mid-Michigan Focus, a program for and about people and issues in the Saginaw Valley. Richard Priehs, associate professor of criminal justice and department chair, was joined by Elaine Charney, director of the driver license appeal division of the Secretary of State. The show aired Monday, Dec. 15.

Hosting and producing the show was Cecilia Jerome, director of Information Services. Directing the show was Keith Frye, electronic media distribution and production technician for the Zahnnow Library, and Brian Mudd, head of audio/visual services for the library.

Mid-Michigan Focus will continue production in January.
Have You Heard?

- Health Services will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 in Brown Concourse. Donors should eat within four hours of donating. Appointments also are available by calling ext. 4271.

- Fire alarms and sprinkler systems will be tested in Ryder Center, Doan Center, Pioneer Hall, Theatre, Service Building and Administrative Services Building from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Dec. 21. Contact Physical Plant at ext. 4080 for further details.

Transitions

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

SVSU Welcomes
- Kay Dunker, database librarian, Valley Library Consortium
- James Schmidt, electronic communication specialist, Information Services, 790-4054
- Deborah Schneider, instructor, Communication & Theatre, 249-1938
- Kristine Schultz, curator of education, Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, 790-5637
- Mary Walk, conference coordinator, Conference Bureau, 249-4687, pager 730-4731

Same Face, New Place
- Sue Browning, Academic Affairs
- Ken Wahl, consultant to dean, College of Education, 790-4470

Retiring
- George Corser, Mechanical Engineering
- Arnold Melnick, Accounting
- Dorothy Turrell, Zahnow Library

Moving On
- Paul Becker, Mathematics

Across Campus

- The campus community extends condolences to:
  - Lisa Douglas, administrative secretary in International Programs, whose father, Don Douglas, passed away Nov. 25.
  - Larry Engel, director of School/University Partnerships, whose father, Eldon Engel, passed away Dec. 9.
  - Craig Maxwell, director of Public Safety, whose father, Tom Maxwell, passed away Nov. 11.
  - The family of Barb Mehnert, who passed away Dec. 10 after a brief illness. Mehnert was a senior secretary in the Conference Bureau.

- Jo Peterson, director of BIDI, recently was appointed president of the national board of the National Association of Career Women. Peterson is the founding president and current past president of the organization’s Saginaw County Chapter, which has been active for three years.

- Craig Tatum, director of Multicultural Programs & Affirmative Action, is one of six recipients of the 1997 Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award, presented by the Lake Huron Area Council Boy Scouts of America. Tatum was recognized at the organization’s Dec. 10 awards banquet at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw.

Campus Happenings

- Valley Film Society — 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, Performing Arts Theatre. Blue and White will be the two featured films. Admission is by season pass, available at the door.

- Auditions for Selkie — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 and 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Performing Arts Theatre. For more information call ext. 1936.


High Five

- Football — Senior defensive end Paul Spicer was selected as “Player of the Year” in the MIFC, recognizing his league-leading quarterback sacks (17 for 110 yards in losses). In addition, junior quarterback Jeff Klopf was named “Co-Offensive Back of the Year,” while junior offensive tackle Kent Kraatz earned “Offensive Lineman of the Year” honors.

- Men’s Basketball (record) — lost to Mercyhurst College, 71-69, on Sunday, and on Saturday dropped an 87-74 decision to Gannon University. The next home game will be Saturday, Jan. 3 against Oakland University. Tipoff is at 3 p.m.

- Women’s Basketball (record) — defeated Mercyhurst College, 94-73, Sunday, but lost in overtime to Gannon University, 98-92 on Saturday. The Cards return to action in O’Neill Arena Jan. 8 against Wayne State at 5:30 p.m.

The SVSU campus will be closed for Christmas holiday break Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Thursday, Jan. 1. SVSU personnel not working Tuesday, Dec. 30 will need to use a personal vacation day.
Dot Shorkey may be new to her position within the Admissions Office. But Shorkey’s face is a familiar one for both staff in the Student Services Division, and students in need. In November, Shorkey moved to Admissions from the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid. She knows all too well that look of confusion on a new student’s face.

“I think you have to be a good listener in this position,” Shorkey said. “And you have to have a sense of humor or you will not make it through the day!”

“You have to not only listen with your mind, but your heart, too. There are a lot of people who need guidance.”

Shorkey said she enjoyed her two-plus years in Financial Aid, but was “ready for a change.”

“I had done all I could in the Financial Aid Office,” she said. “I hope I that in the past couple of years I made a difference. But there comes a time when change is good for everyone and that time is now.”

In her job with Admissions, Shorkey performs some of the same duties. In particular, she greets students, parents and visitors, schedules campus tours and works with guest and non-degree applicants.

Shorkey began her career with SVSU nearly five years ago, when she and her husband, Ron, relocated the family business from Standish. She served in the clerical pool for a short time, working in Financial Aid and for the Department of Public Safety, before being hired full time for the former office. Shorkey also is a licensed practical nurse and a licensed real estate salesperson.

Family is an integral part of Shorkey’s life. She and her husband have two children, Scott, 27, and Shelli, 25. They also have one grandson, Qwinn, who is 6. Shelli was the third generation to marry on Aug. 23.

Twenty-eight years ago, Shorkey and her husband married on that date. And 28 years before that, Shelli’s grandparents were married.

Shorkey’s extended family includes her co-workers. “They’re the greatest,” she said.

For Christmas, Shorkey and her husband will go to Palm Springs for golf — an activity both enjoy.

Shorkey’s personal philosophy exemplifies her ability to work well with others: “Do not judge a person by the wrong road he has taken. For someday, you may travel that same one. Help him make the U-turn by accepting who he is and by understanding the events leading up to that road.”
Teaching: Lifelong Learning

Erv Sparapani, professor of teacher education and Faculty Association president for 1997-98, has three goals for his tenure as the Faculty Association president.

"First, I'd like to reach agreement on the full-time/part-time faculty ratio," Sparapani said. "That's an issue that needs to be resolved and the Faculty Association wants to work with the administration to devise a plan for addressing our needs."

Sparapani said another of his goals has to do with communication among faculty across the campus. "We need to find a way to create more opportunities for faculty to interact with each other and discuss areas of interest or concern."

His third goal is to devise a process for the Association to recognize those who have served the Association in various capacities and recognize those faculty who have retired.

Sparapani said he looks forward to his one-year term as the Association's president — the 10th faculty member to be such — and hopes to accomplish his goals.

Sparapani started his teaching career, fresh from Northern Michigan University, at the W.J. Maxey Boys Training School north of Ann Arbor. There he taught basic English and reading to juvenile delinquents between the ages of 13 and 16 who had reading levels of third grade or less.

"I was working on the project 'English in Every Classroom,' which later became 'Hooked on Books,'" Sparapani explained. "No teacher at Maxey had a textbook. Students were given a pen, spiral notebook and a Webster's pocket dictionary." He added that each class received 10 copies of the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News for study, along with a number of magazines donated by the Ludington Press in Detroit.

His early experiences at Maxey formed his views on education and teaching, Sparapani said.

"There was no curriculum, no one saying, 'This is how it's done,'" he continued. "As a new teacher right out of college, I was nervous about the lack of curricular guidelines, as were all the teachers.

"Consequently, we spent a lot of time talking with each other; we discussed what we were doing, what we were trying, what worked, what didn't seem to work. It was very collegial and the students were fairly successful."

Sparapani left Maxey and went to Kellogg Community College. After a short time, he left the college. "I philosophically disagreed with the curriculum they wanted me to teach." So Sparapani returned to his boyhood home in Iron Mountain to teach until 1980 when he left for The University of Michigan to obtain his Ph.D., which he received in 1983.

It was in 1985, after two years at Montana State University, that Sparapani came to SVSU. He began teaching in the undergraduate secondary education program, but now teaches master's degree classes geared toward elementary, middle school and secondary classroom teachers. Sparapani said his main interests are teaching for higher-level thinking, and the developmental patterns of middle grade students.

"I'm fascinated by brain-based teaching and learning," he said. "This focuses at how the brain receives information and how we can structure classroom and school practices to align with the brain's natural patterns."
December 12, 1997

Board approves new master's program, tenure, capital outlay requests

The SVSU Board of Control on Friday, Dec. 12 approved the Master of Natural Science Teaching Program. The program is designed for teaching professionals who wish to update and increase their science and/or mathematics competency. It also is designed to provide educational and professional development growth for teachers at the elementary, middle and secondary levels.

- Reappointed the CPA firm of Andrews Hooper & Pavlik, PLC, to conduct the financial audit for the 1997-98 fiscal year.
- Approved a request to seek a 6 percent increase in state appropriation for ongoing operations for fiscal year 1998-99. The increase represents a 3 percent adjustment in the current level of the per-student floor amount from $4,290 to $4,418; and a 3 percent inflationary adjustment.
- Approved a Capital Outlay Budget Request for various projects costing $32.7 million for fiscal year 1998-99. The request includes $25 million for the planning and construction of “Instructional Facility #3.” The state of Michigan will provide $18.75 million toward the project, with the balance of $6.25 million to be provided by SVSU. The facility would be approximately 70,000 square feet and include general purpose classrooms with multimedia capabilities, in addition to high-tech equipment, laboratories and support facilities. The funding includes renovation for a portion of the Zahnow Library.

An additional $3.15 million was requested toward a $4.2 million project to provide for a heating, cooling loop and control extension project.

Funds in the amount of $1.875 million were requested toward the $2.5 million campus infrastructure improvement project.

Funds in the amount of $750,000 were requested for construction of a 16,000-square foot heated building for the grounds and receiving operations near Tower Drive — the main service entrance — expected to cost $1 million.

- Approved a revised base budget for 1997-98 for the General Fund Operating Budget.
- Approved revenue and expenditure variances from the 1996-97 General Fund Operating Budget.
- Approved the 1997-98 Auxiliary Services-Bonded Facilities Operating Budget.
- Approved salary increases for the President and Vice Presidents Robert Maurovich, Jerry Woodcock and Robert Yien.
- Approved tenure, effective July 1, 1998, for Alfred Bracciano (Occupational Therapy), Jane Girdham (Music), Mary Hedberg (History), Karen Klundt (Sociology), Janet Nagayda (Occupational Therapy), Karen Selby (Teacher Education), and Marcia Shannon (Nursing).
- Approved sabbatical leaves for specified times during the academic year 1998-99 for 14 faculty members: Jeanne Bender (Nursing), Jennifer Bridges (Physical Education), Sally Cannon (English), Robert Cheek (Management), Kenneth Gewerth (Criminal Justice), Mary Harmon (English), John Jesierski (History), Stephen Lawrence (Chemistry), Eric Petersen (History), Gerald Peterson (Psychology), David Rayfield (Philosophy), Thomas Renna (History), Sam Sarkar (Economics) and Janice Wolff (English).
ENERGY
Conservation Measures

During this holiday season when the SVSU campus is closed, the Physical Plant Department, in an effort to avoid unnecessary energy costs, is planning to schedule and provide minimum utilities services to all campus facilities as indicated below.

There are three broad conservation measures in which potential energy cost avoidance is achievable in all campus facilities. They are:
1. Reduced space temperatures to approximately 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Reduced domestic hot water temperatures for restrooms, showers, kitchens, labs, etc., to minimum levels.
3. Reduced lighting levels to minimum levels.

All buildings are scheduled to receive all three conservation measures during the holiday break. Those buildings with no known exceptions are:

Administrative Services Building
Children's Center
Doan Center
Pioneer Hall
Residence Halls A to G
Service Building

Those buildings with known scheduled activities and/or other concerns will receive services in the same manner as above with the following exceptions:

CIESIN Building
Exception: Space temperatures and lighting levels will be maintained at normal settings.

Brown Hall
Exception: Space temperatures will be maintained at normal levels in all live animal rooms.

Fine Arts Building
Exception: Space temperatures will remain unchanged.

Ryder Center/Cardinal Gym
Exception: Space temperatures, water temperatures and lighting levels will be maintained at their normal levels for scheduled activities as published by the facility manager. Reductions will occur during times when the facilities are not being used.

Science Building
Exception: Space temperatures will be maintained at normal levels in all live animal and plant material locations.

Wickes Hall
Exception: Space temperatures will be maintained at normal levels for the Admissions Office for the period it is scheduled to be open.

Zahnow Library
Exception: Library Consortium space temperatures will remain unchanged.

Direct any concerns and/or questions regarding these measures to the Physical Plant Office, ext. 4080, as soon as possible so concerns can be addressed in a timely fashion. Campus personnel who are concerned about their plants are advised that plants will survive fine in both 60 degree temperatures and without water for the duration that the campus is closed for holiday break.

Here are some suggestions for maintaining plants:
Take them home for the holidays. Water them thoroughly and either leave them in their present locations or take them to 105 Arbury Fine Arts Center on the last working day.

If you elect to use A105, you should label your plant(s). Plants must be picked up before 4 p.m. when campus reopens Friday, Jan. 2. Physical Plant will not be responsible for plant(s) during campus closures.
Winter '98

Regular Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Exceptions to the above schedule

Dec 24-Jan 1 (Holiday) CLOSED
Jan 2 (Fri) 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Jan 3-4 (Weekend) CLOSED
Jan 5-9 (Mon-Fri) 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Jan 10-11 (Weekend) CLOSED
Jan 12 (Classes Begin) Regular Winter Hours

Feb 28-Mar 2 (Sat-Mon) CLOSED
Mar 3 (Tues) 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Mar 4-5 (Wed-Thur) 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Mar 6 (Fri) 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Apr 12 (Easter) CLOSED
May 2-3 (Weekend) CLOSED
May 4-8 (Mon-Fri) 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
May 9 (Sat-Commencement) 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
May 10 (Sun) CLOSED
May 11 (Begin Summer Term) Regular Summer Hours

Reference Desk Hours (phone 790-4242)

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Audio Visual/Library (phone 790-5657) Audio Visual/West Complex (phone 249-1938)

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 7:30 pm Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

SPRING BREAK MARCH 1-6

Library Main Phone Number 790-4240

FINAL EXAMS APRIL 27 - MAY 1
Havin' Fun Gettin' Fit!

Campus Recreation Aerobics
(call -7321 for details)

Starts Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00pm

2nd Floor Ryder Dance Studio

(Class meets entire winter semester on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00pm.)
All shapes & Abilities welcome!
$2 drop in fee, $20 for 7 weeks,
$40 for the semester.