A sixth endowed chair has been created through the generosity of the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation. The foundation provided $1.25 million to create an Endowed Chair in Ethics, to be housed in the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences.

This endowment is in addition to the H.H. Dow Chair in Chemistry (held by David Swenson), the H.R. Wickes Chair in International Business (held by Norb Elbert), the Dow Chemical Company Chair in Global Business (currently under recruitment), the Gerstacker Chair in Education (could be filled in fall 2000), and the Strosacker Chair in Engineering (could be filled by fall 2000). It is anticipated recruitment for the Chair in Ethics will begin in fall 2001.

As SVSU continues to grow, its faculty are increasingly involved in helping regional institutions steer a responsible course through the many ethical dilemmas created by contemporary technologies, advances in health care and complex pressures in business, government and society at large. The University, its students and graduates confront difficult personal and professional moral choices and, as they assume ever more influential positions in the organizations of which they are members, they have ever greater responsibilities to provide leadership that is both ethical and effective.

Many academic programs at SVSU recognize the need for sound ethical understanding and practice. Programs such as the Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership & Administration and some health care concentrations require formal course work in ethics. Many other programs at the University, in the areas of Science, Engineering and Technology, and Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, strongly encourage their students to engage in serious consideration of ethical issues. Yet other programs, such as political science, history, economics and sociology, find such issues embedded in the nature and content of their subject matter. Through the University, the goal is to help the student become a productive and ethical professional, irrespective of the career a student chooses.

The appointment of an Endowed Chair in Ethics will focus these efforts to promote responsible, ethical and effective decision making, and assist in developing new initiatives throughout the University and the region. The position will attract creative, accomplished individuals who may serve the University community by leading a multi-faceted dialogue on the theoretical and applied issues of ethics and public policy. The Endowed Chair in Ethics signals a deep and public commitment on the part of both the Wickes Foundation and the University.

SVSU created endowed chairs to attract to the University individuals who are recognized as teachers, researchers and scholars. It is hoped these individuals also might become a magnet in attracting other recognized faculty, as well as outstanding students to the University. An endowed chair will be able to garner research grants, to expose students to new and higher-level thinking, to motivate other faculty and to assist the University in reaching out to the region and beyond.
Capital Punishment topic of Beutler Forum on Ethics and Practice

Professors Victor L. Streib and D. Burk Foster, two nationally-recognized experts on capital punishment, will lecture on the ethics and administration of the death penalty in the United States Wednesday, Feb. 17. The two presentations are part of the Albert J. Beutler Forum on Ethics and Practice. The Dow Visiting Scholar and Artists Series also sponsors the lectures. Admission is free of charge.

The first presentation by Streib and Foster will take place at 3 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The second presentation will be a roundtable discussion with members of SVSU's faculty. That will take place at 7 p.m. in Curtiss Hall. The roundtable also is open to the campus community at no charge.

During his presentation, Streib will examine the arguments — both for and against — capital punishment, and highlight the legal and ethical issues arising over its use as the ultimate form of punishment in the criminal justice system. Foster will focus on the use of the death penalty in the South, the region of the United States where most executions — past and present — have taken place.

Streib is dean and professor of law at the Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. He has written or edited three books, 11 book chapters and more than 30 scholarly articles on various aspects of the death penalty. Streib received his juris doctorate degree from Indiana University and has a bachelor’s degree from Auburn University.

Foster is associate professor of criminal justice at the University of Southwestern Louisiana at Lafayette. He is the co-editor of *The Wall is Strong: Corrections in Louisiana*, has written extensively on the topic of capital punishment and serves as a consultant to defense attorneys in capital cases. Foster has both master’s and bachelor’s degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

SVSU observes Black History Month

SVSU will host Black History Month presentations by Albert Rawlins, musician, and Scott Youngstedt, SVSU assistant professor of sociology.

On Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 2:30 p.m., Rawlins and his colleagues will perform compositions from the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Baroque periods using replicas of historical woodwind, string and percussion instruments.

The performance, which is part of the Roosevelt Ruffin Lecture Series, will be in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission is free of charge.

Youngstedt will discuss "Race: What is it Good For? Absolutely Nothing!" at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Curtiss Hall Seminar Room G.

Please note that an appearance by Donna Liebman, a specialist in African-American dance, scheduled for Feb. 16, is cancelled.

Participants sought for Feb. 13 American Heart Walk at SVSU

SVSU Saturday, Feb. 13, will open its doors for the American Heart Walk, Bay Division. Individuals and corporate teams will walk the SVSU corridors in this non-competitive fundraising event from 9 to 11:30 a.m. SVSU President Eric Gilbertson and Jan Blecke, SVSU professor of nursing, are co-chairs.

The American Heart Walk focuses attention on the problems of cardiovascular disease and stroke — the nation’s No. 1 killers. The walk, one of 800 nationwide, raises funds for heart and stroke research and education.

Six SVSU employees have volunteered as team captains and are recruiting members for their teams. Captains are Blecke (ext. 4130), Gary Brasseur (ext. 4480), John Curry (ext. 4252), Kathy Lopez (ext. 4661), Robert Maurovich (ext. 4287) and Shelly Remender (ext. 4255). Individuals interested in joining a team, should contact a captain.

Families are encouraged to participate!

New exhibit opens in Art Gallery

The works of two artists will be featured from Feb. 9 through 26 in the University Art Gallery.

Printmaker Steve Shellenberger, who specializes in still lifes, creates images that seem to be caught in the act of moving. According to Barron Hirsch, gallery director, Shellenberger’s works “have a life of their own.”

Also included in the show are portraits by Debra Bosio Riley. “Six Virgins and One Magdalene” are painted on vintage ironing boards that seem to be making a comment on women in society. A filmmaker, video artist and painter, Riley has exhibited her work in New York, Detroit and Chicago.

Gallery hours during winter semester are noon to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 1:30 to 5:30 on Wednesday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call ext. 4391.
SVSU Annual Fund surpasses goal

The SVSU Foundation 1998 Annual Fund totals were 2 percent above the organization's goal. A total of $333,185 was received in gifts through Dec. 31 for the 1998 campaign. The total is an increase of $64,000 above the 1997 total and is the second-highest amount in the 21-year history of the Annual Fund.

Contributions were received from 417 individuals, representing $185,042 of the total raised. Thirty-six corporations contributed $40,225, and 23 foundations and organizations gave $19,145. SVSU alumni, including those who gave during Phonathons, contributed $88,773.

During the past 21 years, the annual campaign has raised nearly $3.5 million for the University. Grant Schaefer is the general chairman of this year's Annual Fund committee, which is composed of 80 community friends of the University from the Tri-Counties and Thumb areas. The annual campaign supports scholarships, the purchase of library materials and various student needs. The SVSU Foundation and the Annual Fund Committee launched this year's activities in early October.

SVSU records enrollment increase

SVSU recorded a 3.41 percent increase in its winter 1999 enrollment, up 252 students from winter 1998 figures, for a total of 7,646 students. The total also included a 4,032 increase in registered credit hours – 71,933 – a nearly 6 percent increase above 1998 figures.

In addition, the University realized a 7 percent increase in new graduate students, who also recorded a 21.42 percent increase in their credit hours. The total number of graduate students is up 16.64 percent, an increase of 198 students to a record winter enrollment of 1,388.

SVSU students named to Who's Who

Nearly 50 SVSU students were named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Campus nominating committees and editors of the 1999 edition of the publication included the names to the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The 44 students from SVSU join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.
Professional Profile

- Carlos Ramet, associate professor of English, had a book accepted for publication by The Popular Press (Bowling Green, Ohio). Ken Follett: The Transformation of a Writer is a comprehensive study that places Ken Follett in the context of 19th and 20th century popular literature and uses a variety of critical approaches to demonstrate that Follett has significantly amended and contributed to the suspense-thriller form. Completion of the study was made possible by a winter 1998 sabbatical.

Have You Heard?

- A series of faculty/staff luncheons will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Room on Feb. 23, March 17 and April 8. The cost is $3.95 per person.
- Miss the open house in the Instructional Technology Center and Audio/Visual West? Do not despair! Tours may be arranged by contacting A/V West at ext. 3931. See the new television studio, instructional computing technology, and much more!
- Due to increasing costs, motor pool rates for small cars, large cars, seven- and 15-passenger vans will be increased $.02 per mile. This increase was effective Feb. 1. Station wagons are being removed from the motor pool and replaced with seven-passenger vans.
- The Evaluation Committee will meet Tuesday, March 23 to review applications for the SVSU Foundation Resource Grant Program. The SVSU Foundation Board on Dec. 8 approved the awarding of 11 grants, totaling $28,543, from this endowment, and has a total of $47,000 available for awards at the next quarterly meeting. Applications, available from Emmie Busch, must be returned to the SVSU Foundation by March 1. Recommendations will be submitted to the SVSU Foundation Board for approval at the April meeting. For further information on the program, contact Norma Zivich at ext. 4075.
- Health Services expresses appreciation to those who donated 72 pints at the Jan. 20 blood drive. In addition, 62 registered as bone marrow donors. The next blood drive will be Wednesday, March 24.
- The Internal Revenue Service has changed the business mileage reimbursement rate from 32.5 cents per mile to 31 cents, effective April 1. SVSU, which currently reimburses employees for business travel at a rate of 31.5 cents per mile, will lower its rate to 31 cents per mile. Any amount above 31 cents must be reported as taxable income, and developing and implementing a system to record this information would not be cost effective.

Across Campus

- Congratulations go out to:
  - Michael Peck, assistant basketball coach, and his wife, Terri, on the birth of a daughter.
  - Marc Strain, police officer, on the birth of a boy, Taylor, on Jan. 27.
- Condolences go out to:
  - Donald Bachand, dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences, on the loss of his mother-in-law, Eileen Wingerson, on Jan. 24.
  - Tim Burke, assistant director of Academic and Career Services, on the loss of his father, Jack Burke.
  - Barron Hirsch, professor of art, on the loss of his mother, Estelle Hirsch, on Jan. 22.
  - Jerry Kill on the loss of his father.
- SVSU extends condolences to the families of these students who recently passed away:
  - Heather Banyai
  - Decanna Killingbeck-Johnson
  - Charlene Maggio

Transitions

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

New locations, extensions

- Jack and Barbara Eddy, Office for Environmental Publications, HCO1, Box 3178-D, Manistique, MI 49854, (906) 573-2880, fax (906) 573-2887
- Tim Inman, 790-4086
- Deborah (Peruski) Roberts, instructional technology specialist, 152 Curtiss Hall, 249-4681, drr@svsu.edu

Moving On

- Sally Cannon
- William Miller

High Five

- Women’s Basketball (17-4, 12-3) — upset No. 4-ranked Northern Michigan University, 67-65, Saturday. The Cardinals overcame a 17-point second half deficit with a 23-3 scoring run.
- Men’s Basketball (9-12, 7-8) — defeated NMU, 75-74, Saturday. The win moves SVSU into fourth place in the GLIAC North Division. The Cardinals’ final home game of the season is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. against Rochester College.