

SVSU breaks ground on \$28 million Health & Human Services Building

SVSU held ground-breaking ceremonies for its new Health and Human Services building Friday, March 20. The \$28 million facility will have nearly 90,000 square feet of floor space when it opens in August 2010.

“This new building will provide our faculty and staff with upgrades that will enhance the teaching and learning process,” said Janalou Blecke, dean of the Crystal M. Lange College of Health and Human Services.

“The physical space and state-of-the-art technology the building offers will provide opportunities to expand and enhance laboratory simulation activities, which are very valuable to students and prepare them for health careers.”

The building will contain 13 labs, 12 classrooms and office space.

It will also have some interesting environmentally-friendly features, including some that are unseen, such as an aquathermal heating and cooling system that will run an underground pipeline loop to a nearby retention pond, resulting in significant energy savings.

“During heating season, we will use about half the energy of a traditional system,” said Steve Hocquard, assistant vice president for campus facilities.

“Water is a very efficient energy absorber.”

While other buildings utilize aquathermal technology, Hocquard says the use of a retention pond will “likely make the system unique for the state.”

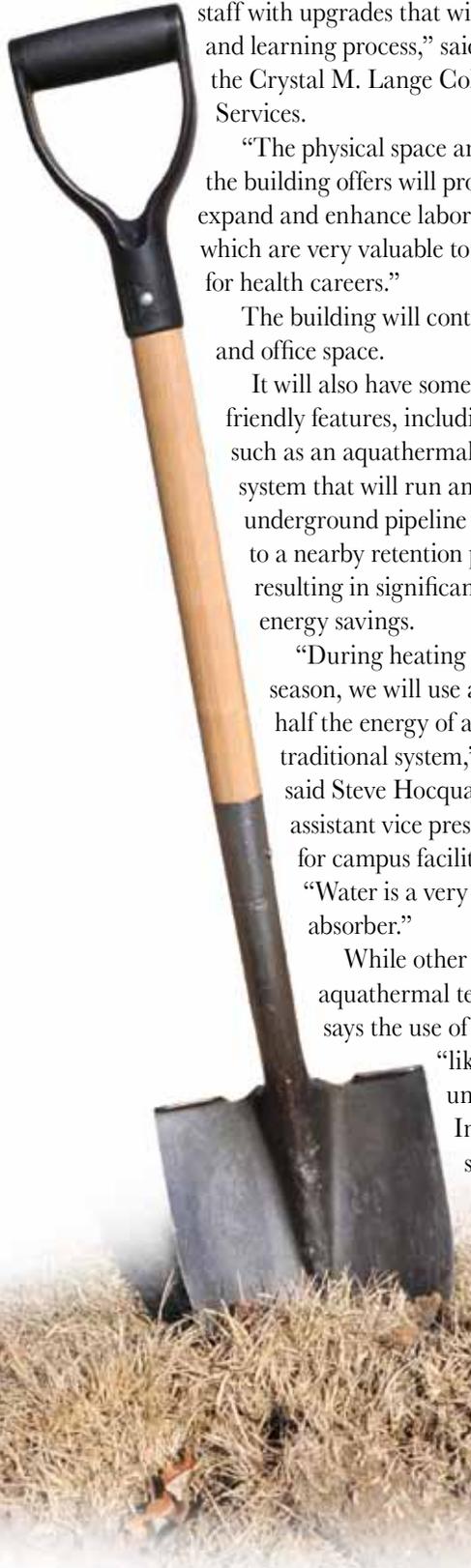
In addition, Hocquard says solar panels likely will be included and

tied into the building’s electrical grid. SVSU received a silver rating for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for its renovation and expansion of Pioneer Hall, and he says the new Health and Human Services building will be designed to meet the same standard.

Blecke says the new building will also provide a common home for her College, which added the departments of kinesiology and social work to health leadership, health science, medical technology, nursing and occupational therapy, as part of an academic reconfiguration in July 2008.

“It’s an opportunity to bring us together and to do more work in an interdisciplinary and collaborative way,” she said. “That is a huge benefit to students because they will be working together with professionals in these fields when they graduate.”

TMP Architecture of Bloomfield Hills has been selected as the architect for the project, and Spence Brothers of Saginaw will serve as the contractor. The State of Michigan provided 75 percent of the funding (\$21 million) for the building; SVSU is supplying the remaining 25 percent (\$7 million).



Joel Gougeon served as master of ceremonies, and Dave Gamez spoke on behalf of the Board of Control.

Turning a shovel of earth at the groundbreaking ceremony were: Steve Hocquard, Nort Schramm, Herb Spence, Don Bachand, Roger Kahn, Jeff Mayes, Tony Stamas, Ken Horn, Terry Brown, Dave Abbs, Jan Blecke, Jeff Martin, Jim Barcia, Kizhakepat Karunakaran, Leola Willson, Eric Gilbertson, Dave Gamez and William Frederick Jr.



James Fry

David Barker

Professor of Modern Foreign Languages

“Sometimes you can’t plan your life.” Those words from David Barker ring true in many contexts, as does the companion comment that education prepares one for life.

Barker began teaching at SVSU in 1971 at age 27 – barely older than most of the students who fill his French classes. He was completing his Ph.D., but his teaching assistantship had expired, so he was looking for work when one August day he was walking through the foreign language department at the University of Texas and the secretary turned to him and said – in French – “You may be interested in this.”

The next week Barker was on a plane to Michigan, where he has continued to teach for 38 years.

“It’s worked out fine,” he said with a smile.

Barker says the caliber of SVSU students “has gone up” during his lengthy tenure, and he wishes more students “would avail themselves of the opportunity to learn a foreign language.” He recognizes that since most SVSU majors do not have a foreign language requirement, students who sign up for language courses generally do so with a strong interest in them.

“We’ve been rather fortunate to have rather good students,” he said, adding that many have high ambitions. “As far as careers go, those with a foreign language can have an advantage.”

Barker says learning a new tongue is “sort of the opposite of learning your first language” where sounds are mimicked and words are spoken before their meaning is fully understood, and long before reading occurs.

“Kids don’t fight it,” Barker explained.

As a student, Barker studied abroad – “an experience you can’t put a price on” – and is glad to see more SVSU students following suit. “They come back different people,” he said.

Barker also appreciates the culturally enriching opportunities provided by 400 international students, and visitors such as those from Catholic University in Lille, France, which annually sends exchange students, some of whom over Barker’s career “fell in love and married Saginaw Valley girls.”

Barker will retire at the end of the semester. The final act of his distinguished career will fittingly occur when he delivers the keynote address to May graduates. He long has been the Commencement marshal, leading the ceremonial processional, a role he plans to continue to fulfill in retirement.

Barker expects his working theme for his address at Commencement will be about the Saginaw Valley family, but he reserves the right to change his mind.

Some things can’t be planned too far in advance.



Dale Klimmek

Network Analyst • March 2009

Dale Klimmek has one of those jobs where he often hears from people only when they have a problem and need his help to fix it.

“When your computer needs to get on the network, I’m in charge of making sure that happens and everything flows as needed,” Klimmek said. “My job is to get everybody to the server room,” clarifying his role from those who deal with issues outside the campus network.

In a time when e-mail, Internet access and shared storage drives are an indispensable part of daily business, and some tell the network analyst they “can’t function” without their network connections, Klimmek often responds to calls for repair, which in any given week can range from a handful to as many as 50. The rest of the time he is laboring to prevent those phone calls from occurring.

“I maintain the physical network on the campus,” Klimmek said, which he noted includes “all the switches and the closets nobody sees. There are nearly 100 wiring closets on campus that have network electronics in them. My job is to keep them running as close to 100 percent as possible.”

When technology fails, some diagnosis may be required, which can take time; and while Klimmek hopes for patience, he understands that people don’t always want to hear an explanation for why the network is down.

His responsibilities also include the wireless network, which saw a major expansion over the holiday break in December when wireless was installed in most of the student housing on campus.

“That project had more than 200 radio ports involved, so it was quite a large project,” he said. “The housing wireless is now about four times more than campus wireless is right now.”

Early returns are favorable.

“They don’t complain, so we think it’s working pretty well,” Klimmek quipped. “We’re also tracking usage and it’s pretty high.”

Klimmek spends much of his time around young people. Before joining SVSU, he worked for a company that had many K-12 clients, and for the past decade he served as a volunteer scoutmaster for a Boy Scout troop in Bay City – in fact, the very same one he joined at age 11. The group has an activity each month designed to build character, and teach citizenship and outdoor skills.

Future SVSU projects for Klimmek include replacing outdated equipment and adding more features to the network, such as video surveillance cameras.

“We’re working toward a really nice network,” he said. He hopes that will save him a few phone calls.



Rooms named for long-time English faculty

Two long-time members of the English faculty have been recognized for their exceptional service by having rooms named in their honor. The Katherine H. Harley Conference Room (SE 213) was dedicated March 23, and the W. Leslie Whittaker Memorial Lecture Room (B 109) was dedicated March 30. Harley retired in 2008 after nearly four decades on the faculty; Whittaker joined the faculty in 1966 and was still actively teaching when he passed away in April 2008 at the age of 89.

Professional Profile

• **Sara Brooks Clark**, studio art technician, has her art work on display through April 3 at the Delta College Galleria in the exhibit “Tools.” She hosted a “walk and talk” reception Wednesday, March 4.

• **Francis C. Dane**, Finkbeiner Endowed Chair in Ethics, published an article titled “Type II Errors in ‘Nurses’ Prediction of Volume Status After Aneurismal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage: A Prospective Cohort Study” in *Critical Care*.

• **Joseph Jaksa**, assistant professor of criminal justice, presented “Criminal Justice Academics and the Influences of September 11, 2001” at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 14.

• **Beth Jorgensen, Edward Meisel, Chris Schilling, David Swenson**, and **Brian Thomas** were invited to publish an article titled “Fish and Worms: Developing Food Production Systems in Population Centers” in *BioCycle* (Vol. 50, No. 2, pp. 27-29, Feb. 2009).

• **Mike Mosher**, associate professor art/communication & multimedia, has a wall installation titled “Scratch Lightly and Sniff” included as part of the group exhibition “The Five Senses,” curated by Say Park at Work, 306. S. State Street, Ann Arbor. The installation affixes perfume scratch-n’-sniff strips upon figures painted on the wall. Details can be found at www.art-design.umich.edu/.

• **Hong Park**, professor of economics, and **Iksu Jurn**, professor of finance, published a paper titled “Corporate Strategies and Performances of Korean Firms: The Unified Theory of the Firm Perspective” in the *Global Economic Review* (Vol. 38, 2009). The paper is coauthored with Geon-Cheol Shin of Kyung Hee University. The study was funded through the Fulbright Foundation, the Korea Economic Research Institute and SVSU.

• **George Puia**, Dow Chemical Chair in Global Business, has a chapter titled “Global Entrepreneurship and Global Business” in *Global Entrepreneurship*, which is edited by S.M. Carraher and D.H.B. Welch and is scheduled for release in April from Kendall Hunt Publishers (ISBN: 978-0-7575-6211-2).

• **Christopher Schilling**, Charles J. Strosacker Endowed Chair of Mechanical Engineering, published an article titled “Heating Buildings and Business Operations with Biomass Fuel: A Planning Guide,” in *Michigan State University Extension Bulletin E-3044*, (Dec. 2008, pp. 3-23). Co-authors of the article are M. Seamon, T. Dudek and S. Harsh (all MSU Extension).

• **Arif Sultan**, assistant professor of economics, presented a paper at the Academy of International Business – Southwest Chapter conference held in Oklahoma City, Feb. 25-28. His paper, which

was co-authored with **Said Elfakhani**, Harvey Randall Wickes Endowed Chair in Business, was titled “Adverse Selection in Used Car Markets: An Empirical Analysis.” Sultan also served in the program committee of the conference.

• **Christopher Surfield**, assistant professor of economics, recently published an article titled “Atypical Work and Employment Continuity” in *Industrial Relations Journal*; the co-author is John T. Addison.

New Cardinals

• **Marcus Bennett**, resident director/assistant director of residential life, has a new son, Marcus Anthony Bennett Jr. (6 lbs., 10 oz., 20 in.), who was born Feb. 28.

• **Angela Bublitz**, assistant Graphics Center supervisor, has a new son, Cole Bublitz (7 lbs., 11 oz.), who was born March 5.

Condolences

• To **Dominic (Nick) Badalamenti**, maintenance/electrician, whose father, Dominic Badalamenti Sr., passed away March 4.

• To **Jim Chasnis**, maintenance, whose mother, Mary Louise Chasnis, passed away Feb. 12.

• To **Bill Demand**, HVAC assistant, whose father, William Demand, passed away Feb. 2.

• To **Deborah Huntley**, associate vice president for academic affairs, whose mother-in-law, Ruth Huntley, passed away Feb. 21.

Briefly Speaking

• Faculty and staff may present the diploma jacket to graduating members of their immediate family during the Commencement ceremony at 1:30 p.m., May 9. Call Joe Vogl at ext. 4051 to make arrangements. The university provides regalia free of charge to faculty, adjunct faculty, and staff; orders are due April 3. To order regalia, go to www.svsu.edu/webapps/regalia/; also go to this site if you have your own regalia and plan to attend. To confirm that your regalia order was received, call the Bookstore at ext. 4277.

• The Athletics Department invites the campus community to the Third Annual Cardinal Cabaret Silent & Live Auction, Saturday, April 18, at 6 p.m. in Curtiss Hall. The cost is \$45 per person, \$80 per couple or a table of 8 for \$300, which includes dinner, entertainment, silent and live auctions! A grand prize raffle drawing for \$1,000 will take place at 9 p.m. To view the auction list of more than 100 items, or to register for the event, visit www.svsu.edu/cardinalcabaret/, or call ext. 7306. All proceeds from the event will support student-athlete scholarships.

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