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## Chinese Professor Bids Farewell

*(Professor Jiazu Gu, visiting professor from Suzhou University in the People's Republic of China, recently embarked on a return trip to his homeland after spending six months as associate professor of English at SVSU. What follows are excerpts from his farewell letter to President Ryder and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Robert Yien, dated May 30, 1989.)*

"... In recalling days I've spent on this campus, I'll always cherish happy memories. I'll forever bear in mind the great contributions which Dr. Ryder has made in promoting international understanding and friendship. It was during Dr. Ryder's presidency that we witnessed the building and development of the sisterly relations between Suzhou University and Saginaw Valley State University. I shall not forget the untiring effort which Dr. Yien has made in bringing the international academic exchanges possible.

"The touching settings of friendship which I've personally experienced are too many to enumerate. Still fresh in mind are recollections of a piercing cold, snowy, Saturday evening last December when Dr. Yien, Mrs. Mason Wang and others met me at Tri-City Airport to render me a warm welcome, an experience I might not have been able to enjoy at my home university in China. Equally unforgettable were memories last Christmas Eve when I was a guest at a dinner given by Dr. and Mrs. Gary Thompson who kindly made me feel as if I were a member of their family.

"... A friendly atmosphere is prevalent everywhere on campus, and equally shown to

me on the part of staff members. For the English Department, for instance, the faculty secretaries have always been so polite and ready to help me. Their sense of responsibility and hard-working spirit have impressed me so deeply that I've written back to their Chinese counterparts on several occasions telling them how American secretaries contribute to the school.

"... The staff members in the Office of International Programs have helped me in many ways.

"... Though I've ended my work at your university, I will never end my friendly ties with your institution. Humans always feel sorry upon separation, yet separation is something unavoidable. Chinese poet Sue Shi (1037-1101) says:

*'Men have their woe and joy, parting  
and meeting;  
The moon has her dimness and  
brightness, waxing and waning.  
Never from of old has been lasting  
perfection.  
I only wish that you and I may be  
ever well and hale,  
That both of us may watch the fair  
moon, even a thousand miles  
apart.'*

"Sincerely yours, Jiazu Gu."

## SVSU Exchange Programs Continue

The Office of International Programs has indicated professor exchange programs are unaffected by the turmoil brewing in China. No professors were planning to visit Suzhou at this time, according to the office. Relations with the university will continue as in the past.



**CHIPPING AWAY** -- Jay Kinsey, one of two All-Americans on the SVSU golf team, chips his ball onto the green during the NAIA national tournament May 23 through 26. The Cards finished 13th in the tourney.

## University to Resume Direct Management of Physical Plant

Effective with the expiration of the current contract later this summer, SVSU will discontinue its association with ServiceMaster. The University has contracted with the company to manage Physical Plant operations since September 1983.

According to Jerry A. Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs, the time has come for SVSU to manage the department on its own. "Many improvements have been made during this six-year period," Woodcock said. "We feel we are now in a position where we can do it more economically ourselves."

As part of the contract with ServiceMaster, custodial equipment was provided by the company. The University will replace that equipment with its own. The only positions affected by the contract's expiration will be the three managerial positions in Physical Plant.

## Delta Honors Ryder

President Jack M. Ryder was named the recipient of Delta College's 1989 Michigan Week/Education Day Award. The award was

presented to Ryder by Delta President Donald Carlyon on Friday, May 26 at SVSU.

Ryder was honored by Delta for the leadership he displayed during his 15-year tenure as president of SVSU.

The Delta Michigan Week/Education Day Award was established in 1979 to honor professional and lay educators for their contributions to education in the tri-county area.

Other honorees include former Delta Trustee William Hargreaves of Midland, Saginaw civic leader Ruben Daniels, former Midland schools' superintendent Ernest Britton, and retired Bay City educator Ernest Zielinski.

## Host Families Needed

SVSU and Delta College will be hosting Japanese students this summer and are seeking hosts for "homestays." SVSU will host college women in need of homes for several weekends in July and early August (dates to be announced.)

Delta will host high school boys and girls and needs families as hosts for an extended amount of time during July and August.

For more information, contact the Office of International Programs at extension 4473.

## Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred during May. Please make the necessary alterations in your Faculty/Staff Directory.

### New staff

-- Mr. William Demand (ext. 4080), hired as HVAC assistant, Physical Plant.

-- Ms. Lynda Donner (ext. 4108), hired as assistant to the personnel director.

### Departing staff

-- Mr. Thomas Bird, formerly Independent Testing Lab Supervisor in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology.

-- Ms. Marlene Ervin, formerly instructor of marketing.



**RYDER HONORED** -- President Jack M. Ryder accepts Delta College's 1989 Michigan Week/Education Day Award from Delta President Donald Carlyon.

## Ferris Takes Marketing Honors

Ferris State University proved it is better to be "Bull-doggish" about the market with its win at the Michigan Intercollegiate Marketing Competition in April, hosted by SVSU.

FSU was named the top team from among a group of 20 representing nine colleges and universities in Michigan in the two-day finals of competition that began in January. SVSU's Wurtsmith team was first runner-up.

The competition was jointly sponsored by the College of Business and Management, the student chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society and the Saginaw Valley chapter of APICS.

## Letterhead Orders Due

Graphics Center will be printing SVSU letterhead during the month of July. Departments and offices are advised to order letterhead at this time. Letterhead will not be printed again until January. For additional information, contact Graphics Center at extension 4278.

## Central Stores Closed for Inventory

Central Stores will be closed for inventory on June 28, 29 and 30. No orders will be filled at that time.

## Last Call For Calendar of Events

Information to be considered for submission in the fall 1989 *Calendar of Events* is due by Monday, June 26 to Cecilia Simons-Jerome, Information Services. For more information, call extension 4054.

## BIDI Co-sponsors Seminar

Dislocated workers looking for an alternative to unemployment may want to consider the possibility of starting their own businesses. A half-day seminar on how to start a small business will take place at the Schuch Hotel on Thursday, June 22. Admittance to the seminar will be limited to those individuals who qualify as Job Training Partnership Act Title III Dislocated Workers.

The conference is co-sponsored by JTPA,

## SVSU Mackers Fare Well

Two squads featuring SVSU personnel netted honors during Saginaw's first Gus Macker three-on-three tournament June 3 and 4.

Director of Placement, Cooperative Education and Counseling Services Gary Apsey teamed up with Dr. Gene Hamilton, dean of International Programs (on leave), and Major Leckie and his daughter Melissa to win the "Toilet Bowl" division. The team lost its first two games to land in the Toilet Bowl and won both games in that category to take it all.

Men's head basketball Coach Bob Pratt and Director of Admissions Jim Dwyer with teammates Craig Dill and Laval Perry placed second in their division, losing in the finals by one point.

BIDI, the Saginaw Area Growth Alliance and the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

Registrations for the seminar are being handled by BIDI, ext. 4048.

## Briefly Speaking

-- The **Marshall M. Fredericks Gallery** will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 18 and 25.

-- A **real estate licensing exam** will be administered in Brown Hall, rooms 109, 126, 127, 128 and 203. For information, call Conference Bureau at ext. 4348.

## SVSU Personnel "Busted"

At least two members of the SVSU staff were "busted" by the American Cancer Society and forced to solicit donations as "bail."

Jim Dwyer, director of Admissions, garnered \$400 for the ACS; and John Curry, director of Campus Dining Services, netted \$530.

Incoming SVSU Faculty Association officers were recognized at a June 12 luncheon, along with those who held 1988-89 offices. Beginning fall semester, Dr. Basil Clark will serve as president and Dr. Walter Rathkamp will become immediate past president. The 1989-90 vice president is Larry Kickham. Dr. Douglas Hansen was 1989-90 vice president. Dr. Deborah Bishop is incoming treasurer and Dr. David Schneider is secretary. They replace Dr. Russell Gingras and Dr. David Barker, respectively. Serving both years on the executive board are Dr. Enayat Mahajerin, Dr. Merylyn Mondol and Dr. Charles Pelzer. Replacing Dr. Beth McNett Fettinger will be Dr. Janet Robinson. President Jack Ryder thanked '88-89 officers for their commitment and cooperation and asked the incoming team to "do everything it can to work with the new president (Dr. Eric Gilbertson)."

### Professional Profile

-- Mr. Gary R. Apsey, director of Placement, Cooperative Education and Counseling Services, has been appointed conference co-chairperson for the fall 1990 Midwest Cooperative Education Association Conference. The conference will take place Oct. 15 through 19, 1990 in Grand Rapids.

-- Apsey also has been elected president-elect of the Saginaw Business Education Coordinating Council (BECC) for 1989-90. The BECC is a committee representing education (secondary and post-secondary), business and the Saginaw Chamber of

Commerce to develop cooperation and educational leadership between education and business/industry.

-- Dr. Guy M. Lee Jr., professor of education, conducted an in-service meeting on May 5 for administrators in the Gary (Ind.) Community Schools. The topic was "Asbestos, Lead and Other Environmental Pollutants In Our Schools." Legal implications of compliance, factual and financial matters were stressed.

-- Lee also conducted a workshop for administrators in Atlanta, Ga., on June 2. The topic was "Health Related Legal Issues in Education." The workshop explored constitutional protections, vaccination, diseases (including AIDS), drug testing, student pregnancy and other related health services issues impacted by the constitution, statutes, ordinances and directives that legally involve schools.

-- Dr. Thomas Renna, professor of history, on May 22 gave a paper, "The Celestial Jerusalem as Utopia in 13th Century Art and Literature," at the III<sup>o</sup> Congresso Internazionale di Studi sulle Utopie (Spazio Tempo Simultaneità in Utopia), which took place in Rome, Caserta and Reggio Calabria, Italy, May 16 to 24.

-- Dr. James Sullivan, associate professor of English, received an NEH Summer Fellowship to the University of California-Berkeley and was selected as a consultant at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy in Albany, N.Y.

### High Five

-- Saginaw Valley finished 10th at the 38th annual NAIA National Golf Championship Tournament, hosted by the Cardinals at Bay Valley, May 23 through 26. The Cards totaled 1,218 for the four rounds, including 302 to match the best round on the final day. Guilford College, NC, won its first-ever national golf title by shooting 1,187. SVSU also landed two All-Americans: Adam Anthony finished seventh (296) and junior Jay Kinsey, eighth (297). Kinsey finished with the identical score his older brother Kendall turned in to earn All-American honors for SVSU in 1984, when SVSU last hosted the event.



**HONORED** -- President Jack Ryder stands with Rep. James O'Neill Jr. on the naming of the new arena for the state legislator. The arena, housed within the Jack M. Ryder Health and Physical Education Center, was named during special ceremonies on May 25.

# BOARD REPORT



A Report of the  
Saginaw Valley State University  
Board of Control

June 13, 1989

Students anxious to know fall 1989 tuition and fee rates must wait for the answer, as no administrative recommendation was presented for action at the June 12 Board of Control meeting. The item was deleted from the agenda and will be taken up at a special meeting of the Board. The meeting will be scheduled as soon as action is complete on the State's appropriations bill for higher education. President Jack Ryder said legislative action was expected soon, but without knowing the amount of operating dollars to be received from the State, it was not feasible to set tuition rates.

Action on a 1989-90 general fund budget also was deferred until appropriations levels are known. Instead, that agenda item was modified to approve a continuation of the current budget until the new plan can be finalized.

In his opening remarks to the Board, President Ryder noted, "This is the last meeting I will be attending as president of SVSU. I look upon this with some sadness and yet I am looking forward to a new life and a different pattern to my life. I look upon that with interest and excitement."

Ryder estimated that he had attended some 200 Board meetings during his 15-year tenure at SVSU. "I have presided over some 20 Commencements (including two ceremonies per year recently), and a lot of students have graduated from this institution in that period of time," Ryder continued. "It is a source of satisfaction for

the Board of Control and President to see these students acquitting themselves well."

Ryder went on to thank a number of people for their support, commitment and dedication during his time in office. The list included Board members, students, faculty, staff, legislators and members of the community. "The community has changed to embrace what we are doing here," Ryder said. "They are looking for leadership, direction from us. The University also will be a key to economic recovery in this region. That is a tribute to what this faculty, staff and administration has achieved."

Ryder urged all University groups to give their support to incoming President Eric Gilbertson. "There is a new future, new leadership, fresh ideas, a fresh approach. Keep on course and move ahead," he concluded.

Board Chairman Florence "Jo" Saltzman commended Ryder for his leadership and recognized several people for recent service to the Presidential Search Committee.

Before concluding their agenda, Board members approved a resolution establishing a succession of command for the interim following the conclusion of Ryder's term on June 30 and prior to Gilbertson's arrival August 28. During that period, the usual sequence observed during presidential absences will prevail, with Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S.P. Yien acting as chief officer. When he is away from campus, authority will pass to Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry Woodcock, and when both

are unavailable, Dean of Student Affairs Richard P. Thompson will be designated as chief officer. The trio expects to confer on many decisions.

Board members approved two resolutions authorizing the administration to borrow money for capital projects. The first resolution empowered the president or vice president for administration and business affairs to solicit proposals from banks for the terms of a loan agreement and to negotiate and execute such an agreement. The loan is not to exceed \$1.5 million for capital expenditures to take place over the next two years. Student fees will be pledged as loan security, and the borrowed funds must be repaid over a five year period from the date funds are drawn.

Projects to be financed from the borrowed money, approved on a second resolution, were \$200,000 for equipment for the engineering program; \$105,000 for physical plant equipment (needed to replace items supplied by ServiceMaster following the discontinuation of their contract with SVSU); and \$285,000 for construction of parking lots, including lighting and sidewalks. The lots will be financed by user fees. It is hoped that construction can be completed in time for fall classes and campus events.

After discussion regarding its priority order, Board members adopted a modified list of goals for 1992-93 and objectives for 1989-90 for SVSU. Eight goals, identical to those approved for the current year, comprise the list. They are: (1) Achieve an appropriate enrollment/resource balance which permits student body

growth only within the limits of available resources; (2) Identify, recruit, and enroll more minority students; (3) Enhance the university's academic reputation; (4) Increase direct assistance to K-12 school districts; (5) Internationalize SVSU's curricula; (6) Enhance SVSU's economic development and applied research activities; (7) Promote wellness; and (8) Require and assist students to learn more. A statement that enhancing the university's academic quality is the primary goal, from which others flow, was added to the resolution.

A resolution to set tuition and/or fees for the Electronic University Network was not presented, as planning is still being completed. However, Dean of Business and Management James Mitchell provided background information on the electronic instructional system.

Mitchell explained that EUN's home base is in California. Instruction is provided via computer modem for the convenience of students whose job responsibilities preclude normal class attendance. Mitchell anticipates offering SVSU's Master of Business Administration program by this method. Three classes would be offered in fall and winter semesters and two during the summer sessions. SVSU instructors determine final course content, but can utilize programming provided by EUN to the extent they desire. Testing is done by mail or at a test center.

Initiation of the program will be on a pilot basis, with SVSU becoming the first public institution to offer a complete MBA program via this method. Board member Ted Braun advised that any contract with EUN be reviewed by SVSU's legal counsel prior to entering into an agreement.

In other action, the Board:

--approved reappointment of Hillary Bassett to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Board for a three year term to expire in June 1992.

-- reappointed Bert W. Baker,

George F. Ditzhazy and Richard A. Lounsbury to the Board of Fellows; approved nominees Willard Hunter, Burnett Kelly and Ernest Paulick; and granted emeritus status to Margaret Darger and Herbert H. Lyon.

-- named an administrative bargaining team consisting of the director of personnel and contract administrator (team chairman); the controller or his designee; the assistant to the director of personnel; and the physical plant director or his designee. The team will negotiate a new agreement with Local 933 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. The current agreement with employees in this group expires midnight June 30, 1989. Bargaining toward the new agreement is expected to commence within 60 days.

-- approved leave of absence without pay for Sister M. Rachel Wallace, associate professor of nursing. She will study in Rome, Italy during fall semester.

-- adopted an administrative response to the recommendations of the Board of Fellows to the Board of Control. The recommendations were based on a year-long study of "To Secure the Blessings of Liberty," a report of the National Commission on the Role and Future of State Colleges and Universities. The administration will present a progress report to the Board of Control in June 1990.

-- approved a motion "to begin a study of the pre-accreditation needs of the programs in business and management and to determine the pursuit of professional accreditation for the programs in 1991." The motion did not specify an accrediting agency.

-- authorized the president or vice president for administration and business affairs to select a professional service contractor, take bids and issue a construction contract for landscape development and a water impoundment area at the main entrance on Bay Road. Plans for the area will be developed by Grables,

Mills & Young, Inc. While the retention pond eventually may encompass nine acres, only about three acres will be utilized initially.

-- were informed that a study of the feasibility of a central heating and cooling plant was completed May 31, but results are not yet available. The central plant would replace current equipment that includes 31 boilers, 6 chillers, 24 furnaces and 6 rooftop units presently servicing central campus buildings. It could be capable of co-generation and is expected to result in significant savings -- up to \$3 million in five years.

-- heard an update on the Network for Instructional TV project by Dr. Ralph Coppola, director of sponsored programs.

-- accepted a preliminary report on admissions for fall 1989 showing an overall increase of 12 percent in "first time in college" students and 19 percent in transfer students. Total admissions in all student categories are up 14 percent over the same date in 1988.

-- heard a report from Dr. Thomas Kullgren, dean of science, engineering and technology, on the status of the college. He informed the Board that SET's seven departments employ 39 full-time faculty and eight staff and offer 21 percent of SVSU's credit hours. SET offers 16 academic programs, and average class size is 21. New developments include an electron microscopy lab, advances in environmental research, filling of three open faculty positions and one staff position, addition of scholarships and the temporary employment of a Fullbright professor while Dr. Frank Chen is on sabbatical. He listed several outreach programs that offer support to K-12 systems. Professor of Chemistry George Eastland outlined the college's strengths and noted future challenges. Among the challenges is the increasing pressure caused by new General Education requirements, which couple with growing enrollments to create heavy teaching loads and multiple preparations.