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Library Receives $353,000 Grant

SVSU's Melvin J. Zahnow Library has received a $353,511 grant from the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation to expand and enhance the Valley Library Consortium. SVSU, with Delta College and the Saginaw Public Libraries, is a charter member of the VLC, organized in 1980 through a grant from the Wickes Foundation.

The consortium electronically links the three library systems through computers located at SVSU. Library patrons at any location may access the holdings from other locations.

In fall 1987 VLC submitted a grant proposal to the Wickes Foundation, requesting funds to expand membership and to enhance capabilities of the automated circulation system.

Wickes Foundation responded by challenging VLC to match its award with additional funding, prompting consortium members to seek membership commitment from libraries and library systems within the region.

By June of this year 14 regional libraries and library systems, ranging from Sebewaing in the Thumb to Harrison Public Library, declared their intention to join VLC. Each will purchase, at a discounted rate, necessary computer terminals, connecting ports, light pens, laser scanners and software to provide linkage to the consortium's computer cataloging system. The costs to local systems are expected to average about $4,200 per port, well below the cost of installing an independent system, according to SVSU Library Director Clifton Jones.

Expansion and enhancement of the VLC will encompass three stages, Jones said. "Deployment of a new automated library system will be the critical step in the first phase," Jones said. To accommodate the expansion, VLC will purchase a CLSI CL-CAT system. "Initially, new member libraries will utilize the system for such administrative purposes as circulation, serials management, acquisitions and direct reference support," he said.

Phase two will see continued expansion of membership, and member libraries will have the option of adding the online Public Access Catalog and additional administrative modules, Jones said. During this phase, VLC will focus on establishing a common database with appropriate authority controls and expanding its service to member libraries.

Two goals are set for the third phase: education and establishment of a state-of-the-art interactive video telecommunications network.

With the support of a $353,511 grant from the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation, library users throughout the Saginaw Valley will be able to conduct rapid data searches and have access to the holdings of several libraries from any single library location.

The proposed network is to be a cooperative effort with the Greater Saginaw Valley Telecommunications Network, which recently received Michigan Department of Education funding through the Greater Saginaw Valley Regional Education Cooperative.

Anticipated cost for the initial phases of VLC development is $1,067,570, which includes the Wickes Foundation grant and $714,059 in matching funds. Negotiations are under way with CLSI for a computer system purchase, and Jones hopes to complete phase one work by the end of 1990. Phase two is expected to require approximately a year for completion, while phase three is linked to the development of the Greater Saginaw Valley Telecommunications Network.
New Football Stadium to be Constructed

Plans are under way to construct a new football stadium on campus. A private contribution totaling $1.2 million will be used to build the facility. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

"This very generous gift to the University will enable us to enjoy a fine stadium facility without cost to taxpayers or our students," said President Eric R. Gilbertson. "We are deeply grateful for this opportunity."

A contract is being negotiated with architects Rosser Fabrap International of Atlanta, Ga., to design the stadium. The firm specializes in sports facilities and were consultants on the construction of the Ryder Center for Health and Physical Education.

Effective immediately, Dr. John A. Fallon III has been promoted to vice president for public affairs. The new position consolidates a number of responsibilities and streamlines organizational structure for several units that currently have vacant positions.

Fallon joined SVSU July 15, 1987 as assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Control. In his new position, Fallon will retain legislative liaison responsibility and will assume overall responsibility for the University Development Office, the Business and Industrial Development Institute and the offices of Information Services and Admissions, Continuing Education and International Programs.

A new assistant to the president will be sought immediately.

Positions to be eliminated are the associate director of personnel, a full-time staff position in Alumni Affairs and the director of custodians and grounds. Duties in the alumni office will be redistributed across the remaining staff positions in the Office of Development, and working foremen will assume responsibilities of the custodian and grounds director.

Two positions -- dean of continuing education and international affairs and director of BIDI -- will be consolidated into one, to be assumed by Dr. Eugene Hamilton upon his return to the University next summer. In addition, planning responsibilities will be eliminated from the former position of director of institutional research and planning, and compensation for the position will be altered accordingly.

Other changes involve a reassignment of the Chrysalis Center to a reporting relationship under the dean of student affairs.

Also, a search is under way to fill the newly-created position of General Counsel, initiated to serve as legal counsel for all University offices and programs and to conduct collective bargaining negotiations.

Finally, the Executive Committee will become the President's Staff, with an expanded membership including vice presidents, deans, the controller and several directors.

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The project is scheduled to include earthwork to build a berm on each side, permanent seating for 2,500 fans -- 2,000 on the west side and 500 on the east side -- rest rooms and a press box. Included in the initial project are design elements for future expansion if necessary. The stadium will be constructed around the current Cardinal Stadium Prescription Turf, completed in 1975.

University officials hope to have the project completed in time for the 1990 season, but unforeseen factors could affect the timetable. If necessary, the Cardinals would move elsewhere in the area for six home games.

Organizational Changes Announced

In a memo to the campus community, President Eric Gilbertson recently announced a series of organizational changes intended to strengthen the University's external relations and effect internal cost savings. The restructure includes creation of two new positions, downscaling of others and elimination of some currently vacant positions.
Foundation Elects Members to Board of Directors

Three new members were elected officers to the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors and two members were reappointed. The elections took place during the Foundation's annual meeting on Sept. 12.

New officers were Robert H. Walpole, named chairman of the board; Dr. Eric R. Gilbertson, SVSU president, named first vice chairman; and Melvin J. Zahnnow, named secretary.

Martha Arnold was re-elected and named second vice chairman; and Jerry Woodcock, SVSU vice president of administration and business affairs, was re-elected and named treasurer.

The officers were elected to one-year terms to end with the 1990 annual meeting.

In addition, the Foundation board elected George Ward of the SVSU Board of Control to complete the unexpired term of Carmen Munoz. His term will expire in 1991.

Walpole and Patsy Schwartz were elected to second terms of four years, to end in 1993.

Award Established for Faculty in Business and Humanities

The SVSU Foundation recently announced an award to recognize SVSU faculty in the College of Business and Management and faculty in the areas of arts and humanities in the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences. The award will be initiated during the 1989-90 academic year.

The House Family Award for Teacher Impact is named in honor of Robert and Jeanette House of Midland, who were deeply influenced during their college years by several faculty members. This influence not only inspired them during those years, but continued to be a guiding force throughout their lives.

The intent of the House Family Award for Teacher Impact is to give both recognition and a gift of some substance to members of the faculty who have become major contributors to the lives of their students.

All regular and adjunct faculty in the business, arts and humanities areas are eligible to receive the award; the same person may not receive the award in consecutive years. The award will go to a single recipient and is not to be divided.

A selection committee will solicit nominating statements from graduating seniors describing the positive impact of the nominated teacher on the student's life.

A committee composed of the dean of each college, a member of the Robert House family and the recipient of the award from the previous year will select the faculty recipient. If no nominations are received, the award will be increased by the unawarded amount in the following academic year.

High Five

-- The football squad eked past Ferris State, 29-27, on Saturday for the Cards’ third victory of the season. The win puts the Cardinals at 3-5 overall and 2-2 in the GLIAC. They host GVSU on Saturday.

-- The men's cross country team finished third at the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional.

-- Becky Duda led the women's cross country team to a 12th-place finish at the regional. Duda will represent SVSU during the NCAA Nationals.

FUTURE CARDINAL? -- Robbie Cronin donned a football uniform and helmet for the annual trick or treating venture by the Children's Center on Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31.
Hornsby Appointed to Governing Board

Gerald (Jay) Hornsby has been appointed to SVSU's Board of Control. The eight-year appointment, announced by Gov. James J. Blanchard, is effective immediately.

Employed by the Dow Chemical Co. since 1960 in a variety of capacities, Hornsby currently serves as vice president, human resources, for the firm.

A Midland resident for more than 23 years, Hornsby believes that a healthy SVSU is important to the tri-city area and to those individuals who benefit from the University's programs.

Hornsby earned a bachelor of science degree in commerce from Ohio University and a master's degree in business administration in industrial relations from the University of Cincinnati. His wife, Dorothy, is a teacher in the Midland public school system. The Hornsby's are parents of three grown sons.


Sculpture Gallery Announces November, December Hours

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery has expanded its hours to include four hours on Tuesdays, in addition to already-established Wednesday and Sunday times. Dr. Michael W. Panhorst recently was named director/curator of the gallery.

During November and December the gallery will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays; and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays. The gallery will not be open Nov. 22 through 26 or Dec. 22 through Jan. 2.

Special group tours may be arranged by calling extension 5667.

Observatory Open Fridays Through Dec. 8

The Observatory will be open from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Fridays through Dec. 8, weather permitting. The observatory will closed on Friday, Nov. 24 to celebrate Thanksgiving.

The observatory is located on Pierce Road, just west of Bay Road adjacent to the Department of Public Safety building.

The open house is co-sponsored by the SVSU Observatory and the Tri-City Sunset Astronomical Society.

Across Town

-- The Art Kaleidoscope Gallery in Bay City will host its annual Wearable Art Holiday Show Nov. 10 through Dec. 23. The show will feature original designs, fabrics, jewelry and accessories by gallery artists and paintings by Joyce Bailey. Preview hours are from 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 10. A luncheon with informal modeling is set from 1 to 3 p.m., Nov. 11. For information, call 892-8552.

-- The MacGregor "Just Say No" Club will conclude its Community Awareness Series with networking and a film from 7 to 9 p.m., Nov. 13 at MacGregor Elementary School Auditorium in Bay City. The program seeks to educate and battle the war against drugs. For more information, call 892-1558.

-- The Midland Theatre Guild will present Peter Samelson, the magician, at 2:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24 in the Midland Center for the Arts Auditorium. For ticket information, call 631-8250.

-- The Saginaw Choral Society will perform during the Andy Williams Christmas Show at 4 and 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 in the Heritage Theatre of the Saginaw Civic Center. For ticket information, call 753-1812 or 792-4382. Group discounts also are available.
Spain Tour Set for March

For one week during March, the opportunity to learn about Spain first-hand and garner up to four credits in HUM 355: Spanish Art and History will be presented by SVSU.

The annual Spain Tour is scheduled to take place March 3 through 11. The $1,190 fee includes round trip air transportation from Flint, hotel accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, health insurance and guides.

For information, contact Dr. Ricardo Pastor, professor of Spanish, at extension 4486.

Wind Quintet Concert Set

A masterclass for area pianists and a performance of the Beethoven Quintet for Pianoforte and Winds, Op. 16 will take place Nov. 13 and 14 on campus.

Dr. Bellamy Hamilton Hosler, who performs on her own pianoforte, will offer a masterclass at no charge at 11 a.m., Nov. 13 in Room 102 of the Arbury Fine Arts Center. Hosler will address issues of style and interpretation of 18th and early 19th century keyboard works, while providing a demonstration of the unique sound and technique of the pianoforte.

Hosler’s performance with the quintet will be at 8 p.m., Nov. 14 in the Theatre. The concert will include other works for quintet by Beethoven and Ingolf Dahl. Tickets for the concert will be available at the door: $5 general admission; $3 students and senior citizens.

For information, call extension 4389.

Shikoku Exchange to be Described

The Office of International Programs will host a meeting to describe the formal student exchange program between SVSU and Shikoku Women’s University, Tokushima, Japan. The event will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Nov. 14 in the Student Lounge.

Speakers include Joyce Woods, vice chairperson of the Board of Control; and Dr. Basil Clark, professor of English.

In July, while in Japan on an extended visit, Woods visited SWU. Clark was an exchange professor to SWU. Slides, photographs and memorabilia will supplement remarks by Woods and Clark.

SVSU female students interested in traveling to Japan in May for a five-week residency at SWU are encouraged to attend. Details will be available about costs, financial support and academic credit. All members of the SVSU community are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Briefly Speaking

-- Dr. Andrzej Ceynowa of George Washington University will discuss Poland in Transition as part of the Library Lecture Series. His speech will begin at 12:30 p.m., Nov. 9 in the Student Lounge.

-- The Economics Society will host D. Brian Law, president of Magline Inc., who will discuss How U.S. Companies Can Gain A Greater Share of the International Market at 3:30 p.m., Nov. 9 in Wickes Lecture Hall.

-- The fall theater production of Dracula will be presented at 8 p.m., Nov. 10 and 11; and at 2 p.m., Nov. 12 in the Theatre. For ticket information, call extension 4492.

-- The Lunchbreak Concert on Nov. 14 will feature Barbara Jean Crandall at noon in Lower Level Doan.
ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY INFORMATION
(Please keep a copy at home.)

Adverse weather conditions, especially those associated with Michigan winters, may affect the normal operations of the University. The decision to cancel classes and/or close the main campus will be made by the vice president for administration and business affairs in consultation with the director of Physical Plant. If adverse conditions necessitate cancellation or closing, the decision to do so will be made prior to 6 a.m. for day classes (those beginning before 4 p.m.) and by 2 p.m. for evening classes.

Because commuting students, faculty and staff come from such a broad geographic area, it is extremely difficult to arrive at a decision that is appropriate to each vicinity. The quad-county area alone includes approximately 2,000 square miles and weather conditions rarely are uniform throughout this large area. There is no one decision that will satisfy everyone; however, a diligent effort is made to arrive at a reasonable decision that considers health and safety of students as well as their right to receive instruction. Under no circumstances does SVSU ask students, faculty or staff to assume undue risk in traveling to class in inclement weather.

Information about class cancellations/closings will be relayed to radio and TV as soon as the decision has been announced. Messages will be broadcast on TV-5, TV-12, TV-25, WBCM, WGER, WHNN, WIDL, WKNX, WKOY, WMPX, WIOG, WSAM, WKCQ, WKQZ, WSGW, WTLZ, WUGN and WXOX. Station announcers are asked to make the following types of announcements:

1. "Daytime classes have been cancelled at SVSU."
2. "Evening classes have been cancelled at SVSU."
3. "Saginaw Valley State University is closed for both day and evening classes."

No announcement is made when the University is open.

The SVSU Weather/Information line -- 790-4477 -- has taped messages about the open/closed status of campus. There are four messages. Summarized, they are:

1. Campus is open as usual.
2. Campus is closed for daytime classes and operations.
3. Evening classes and activities are open as usual.
4. Campus is closed for evening classes and operations.

For a full statement of the SVSU weather policy, see the SVSU Operations Manual.

Instructors who are prevented by weather from reaching their classes when the campus is officially open should consult the Operations Manual for steps to be followed. Students who are prevented by weather from reaching their classes when the campus is open should report the nature of their absence to their instructors as soon as possible. Employees who are prevented by weather from reaching campus while the University is open should call their supervisors immediately to report the nature of their absence.

Your patience and cooperation is appreciated in dealing with emergency weather situations.