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"State of the University" Address Examines SVSU's Context, Conditions

"We are part of, not insular from, a rapidly changing world and a fragile state and increasingly integrated and competitive international economy. There are social forces at work around us that will likely change whom we serve and how we serve them. And our institution is entering into a new stage in its development -- a stage fraught with risk and ripe with opportunity."

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University" message, delivered to a full house in the Wickes Lecture Hall Jan. 18, Gilbertson detailed demographic changes, economic conditions, world events, attitudes and other forces shaping the context in which the University exists. He indicated that this context would set the parameters for decisions to be made about our direction.

Gilbertson described the present condition of the University as "stronger and happier than we might know or admit.

"We have a few hang-ups and some limitations -- most imposed on us by forces external to the University. But we also have good colleagues, fine facilities, earnest and ambitious students, and honest work to do. And we have the freedom to plan and to pursue our own destiny," he said.

Toward that end, the president soon will appoint a broadly representative planning Task Force. "This group will be comprised of faculty, staff, students and representatives of the institution's publics," he said.

The task force will share ideas, conduct public meetings and hearings and issue a draft report, which will be open to reaction and comment. "We want the (goal-setting) process to be as broadly participatory as possible," Gilbertson said.

"There is an old Chinese proverb which, loosely translated, says something like, 'If you don't watch out you might wind up somewhere in the direction that you seem to be headed.' This, like most of life's essential wisdom, may be somewhat deflating. But we had better be certain that we are headed in the right direction -- or directions -- for that is likely to be where we end up.

"The process of planning, goal setting, correcting course, re-thinking priorities is, or should be never ending. No Task Force report will decide these questions for all time. And no perfect consensus will ever be possible to achieve. But we need to think, to plan, to try. And the process I have described will be a start," Gilbertson said.

Copies of the complete text of President Gilbertson's "State of the University" address are on file in the Information Services Office. Persons interested in reading the address may make arrangements by calling extension 4054.
Immunization Alert Sounded

"Have you checked your immunization records?" asks Health Services Coordinator Gloria Hansen. "If not, you could be in danger," she states.

Hansen says it is important to know when -- or if -- you were immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus and diphtheria. The protection offered through immunizations may well prevent a serious disease. And some of the well-known "childhood" diseases present a significant threat to adults, she says.

"If you have measles as an adult, you are at risk for middle ear infection or bronchopneumonia, or more rarely, inflammation of the brain or death. Mumps will cause painful swelling. If a woman contracts rubella during the first three months of pregnancy, her baby can have serious birth defects."

Tetanus and diphtheria are even more dangerous, she continues. "Tetanus, which sneaks into dirty cuts and puncture wounds, gives unprotected persons only a 50 percent chance of survival, even with modern medicine. With diphtheria, which can be mistaken for a severe sore throat in its early stages, one out of 10 people die."

Therefore, Hansen is urging people to take the easy way to prevent these diseases by obtaining or updating their immunizations. Health Services is offering a free clinic in Doan Center on Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. "All you have to do is show up," she says. And if that time is inconvenient, you may come to the Health Services office between 9 and 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please call ext. 4271 if you plan to take advantage of the free service so adequate vaccine supplies will be available.

Fall President’s List Announced

SVSU recognized 207 students for outstanding academic achievement by naming them to the fall semester President’s List. Qualifying students earned a 4.0 grade point average while carrying 12 or more credit hours.

Hamilton Serves on "Futures Team 2020" Committee

Most members of the campus community are familiar with Dr. Eugene Hamilton's role as Executive Director of Saginaw FUTURE. Less is known, however, about his participation in a state-wide effort, "Futures Team 2020," as part of the two-year assignment.

Hamilton has been a member of the group since Sept. 1988 and serves as chair of a subcommittee dealing with the future of Michigan’s agriculture/food processing industry and its impact on the environment. The committee is known simply as the "Environment" subcommittee, he said.

The blue-ribbon panel is charged with developing a futuristic plan for Michigan's food and agriculture industry. "Michigan's agriculture has not reached its full potential," said Paul Kindinger, formerly director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Robert Mitchell, current MDA director, is co-chair of the Futures Team 2020 and is supporting the effort to link manufacturing with the production side of agriculture to open new opportunities in the state. Biotechnology is expected to play a pivotal role in this process.

"There is a lot of research toward value added to main products we grow in the Saginaw area," Hamilton said. He said the team also is looking at other ideas, such as super farms, new food processing plants, new food products and more farmer education. Farmers must become more sensitive to market forces, Hamilton believes. "They must anticipate consumer desires and needs generated by changing lifestyles," he said.

Since Hamilton did not come from a farm background, he admits he has had to study the industry and says he has learned a great deal. Among the facts he's gleaned: Michigan ranks #9 in cash receipts at and beyond the farm gate, but only #29 on a per capita basis. The key to improving that status is linking production with utilization.

The team expects to complete a report on its studies and recommendations in February. The document will be unveiled at the Governor's Conference on Agriculture, scheduled for April 17 and 18.
Honors Program Sponsors Lecture

Songwriter/singer/historian/lecturer Candace Anderson will combine multiple talents and multiple mediums in a lecture/demonstration slated for 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25 in room 109 Brown Hall. The title of Anderson's presentation is "Letters, Diaries, and Dreams: Merging Historical Research and Creativity."

Anderson's appearance is sponsored by SVSU's Honors Program. Her presentation will examine ways to use historical archives and unconventional sources for research, as well as illustrate how these can be transformed into artistic creations.

Anderson frequently lectures under grants from the Michigan Council for the Humanities. "Area audiences will remember her original drama, We, the People Remember," notes Dr. Rosalie Troester, associate professor of English and chair of the Honors Program.

"Letters, Diaries, and Dreams" is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Troester at ext. 4022.

Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred during December and January. Please make changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory.

New Staff

-- Ms. Lucia Cadena (ext. 5639), hired as bilingual counselor, Bilingual/Bicultural Center. B.A., education, SVSU.

-- Ms. Holly Furlo (ext. 4230), hired as staff accountant, Controller's Office. B.S., business administration, CMU.

-- Ms. Susan Garpiel (ext. 4382, 245 Wickes), hired as instructor of nursing. B.S.N., St. Louis University; M.N., UCLA.

-- Mr. Henry Pletscher (ext. 5677), hired as microcomputer manager, Computer Services. B.S., business administration, FSU.

-- Ms. Gloria Turner (ext. 4212), hired as part-time cashier, Controller's Office. A.A., Delta College.

-- Mr. Eric Tomkins (ext. 7300), hired as campus recreation supervisor, Ryder Center. B.A., CMU.

Transfers/Promotions

-- Ms. Cindy Butzin, senior secretary, College of Education, to administrative secretary.

-- Ms. Joan Doozan, senior secretary, International Programs, to administrative secretary.

-- Mrs. Debbie Newton (ext. 4113), transferred to administrative secretary, Regional Education Cooperative.

-- Mrs. Lori Williams (ext. 4325), transferred to senior faculty secretary, 3rd floor Science Building.

Departing Staff

-- Mrs. Cecilia Simons-Jerome, formerly media coordinator, Information Services.

Office Moves

-- Dr. John A. Fallon III, vice president for public affairs, to 320 Wickes, ext. 4096.

-- Mr. Leroy Hampton, director of affirmative action, to 332 Wickes, ext. 4397.

-- Dr. Jack M. Ryder, professor of education, to 218 Ryder Center, ext. 7331.

-- International Programs, to 202 Wickes, ext. 4473.

Briefly Speaking

-- There is still space available on the annual trip to Spain. The excursion takes place March 3 - 11 and costs $1,150. For details, contact Dr. Ricardo Pastor at ext. 4486.

-- Auditions for O P Q R S, ETC. take place this evening at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 4 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre. For more information call Janet Rubin at ext. 4019.

-- Candace Anderson will perform selections from her album, "Talking to a Tennessee Moon" at noon on Thursday, Jan. 25. The event, in lower level Doan Center, is part of the Lunchbreak Concert Series; you may bring a lunch or purchase one for $1.55.

-- Joseph Francisco will present "Can Ozone be Replaced?" on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 4:30 p.m. in 226 Wickes Hall. The lecture is part of the SVSU Science Club's winter seminar series. Call ext. 4349 for information.

Please note: Ms. Margaret H. Krawczyk, assistant professor of nursing, should be included in the list of faculty eligible to receive the Landec/Teaching Excellence Award. Also, the tax reform law of 1986 stipulates that income from such awards is subject to income tax.

Professional Profile

-- A book review by Dr. Barron Hirsch, professor of art, has been accepted for publication by The Michigan Historical Review. The book, Artists in Michigan 1900-1976, published by Wayne State University and the Smithsonian Institution, documents the development of visual arts in Michigan. It includes the history of art museums, artist associations, university art departments, commercial art galleries and public patronage.

Across Campus

-- Condolences are extended to Dr. Louis Jacoby on the death of his sister, Helen, on Jan. 12.

-- The campus community extends sympathy to the family of Zane Rybkowski on the Jan. 13 death of his mother, Irene.

Assistant Baseball Coach Sought

Baseball coach Walt Head is seeking applicants for a part-time assistant coach. Contact the Ryder Center staff at ext. 7300 for more information.

High Five

-- Approximately 600 fans witnessed the first-ever track meet in O'Neil Arena Saturday. The SVSU men won 10 of 17 events while the Lady Cardinals won four of 12. Sophomore Suzanne Coventry tied a school record by clearing 5'-6" and won the high jump.

The men's basketball team avenged an early-season loss to local rival Northwood Institute Monday by taking a 94-73 victory. The Cards lost two games in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, losing 80-66 at Northern Michigan Thursday, and 70-61 at Michigan Tech on Saturday. The Cardinals are 12-6 overall and 4-3 in the GLIAC.

The Lady Cardinal basketball team won all three games last week to improve their overall record to 13-4 and climbed to second place in the GLIAC with a 5-1 mark. SVSU won 72-65 Monday at Northwood, 70-61 at Northern Michigan Thursday, and 60-55 at Michigan Tech Saturday. Brenda Eiseler was named GLIAC "Player of the Week."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visited SVSU last week in the form of impressionist Rudy Barker, who delivered a portion of the "I have a dream" message. The presentation was part of SVSU's MLK Day commemoration.
"Propping Up" the NCAA

In his undergraduate days, Dr. George Eastland wrestled collegiate opponents to the mat. These days he engages in verbal and parliamentary wrestling during National Collegiate Athletic Association conferences.

Eastland has served as SVSU's Faculty Athletic Representative for the past several years. In that capacity, he has been part of debates that have tightened up eligibility requirements for college athletes. Most recently, NCAA has taken a stand to limit the time involvement of student athletes in sports, allowing more time for academics.

"In November or December each year we receive copies of propositions ("Props."), which are proposed amendments to the NCAA manual," he said. The propositions, and any amendments to them, govern the administration of collegiate athletic programs. The amendments can be submitted by member schools, the NCAA Council or the Presidents' Commission. Proposed changes are voted on at the January convention.

Eastland reviews the proposals and notes those that apply to SVSU as a Division II school. These amendments are discussed with Athletic Director Bob Becker and President Eric Gilbertson to decide upon an institutional stance.

Prop. 30, limiting the number of games in a basketball season, as well as practice times for both football and basketball, was hotly debated at this year's convention.

"There were seven parts to Prop. 30 and 13 amendments," Eastland said. "It took 5 1/2 hours of debate." He said the debate might have reopened the next day, except for a parliamentary maneuver that prevented any reconsideration.

One part of Prop. 30 provides that time demands on all sports other than football and basketball will be considered at the 1990-91 convention.

Voting is done by division, Eastland said, and may be roll call or by a color-coded "paddle" system. Roll call votes are becoming more common in recent years, as college and university presidents ask for more legislation to govern athletic programs they view as getting out of hand.

Eastland said the Division II schools took the lead in securing passage of Prop. 30. "We set a standard that Division I had to follow."

He described Prop. 30 changes as being rather modest, but positive. Basketball seasons are reduced from 28 games to a maximum of 25. The number of spring football practices has been reduced, and contact is prohibited. Basketball players can begin conditioning on Oct. 1, but the coaching staff may not be involved until Nov. 1.

Eastland said the new rules will save some money for SVSU, although the primary intent is to reduce time demands on student athletes. He said SVSU has an "honest" athletic program. "We do not over-emphasize athletics, compared to other schools in the conference. I feel good representing SVSU because of this."
An English Garden Grows in Saginaw

A field ablaze with golden daffodils. A meadow sparkling with poppies, daisies and bluebells. A woodland so thickly carpeted with primroses that a child has difficulty finding a spot to place her feet.

These are among the memories that Joan Doozan carries with her from her English home.

Though she has lived in the U.S. "long enough to raise three children," her recollections of the English countryside are strong. She maintains family ties, and periodically travels to England.

Between those rather widely spaced trips, Doozan creates a bit of England in her own Saginaw yard through her gardening efforts. The shorter growing season here and differences in soil present challenges, but she has developed techniques for overcoming them. She's even located a nursery in Clarkston that stocks many English plants.

Although Doozan feels her plots have not achieved the beauty of their English counterparts, she acknowledges that "people come around to see my garden."

Doozan finds her international background a real advantage for working with students in SVSU's international programs. An administrative secretary in the Office of International Programs, Doozan handles a great deal of the inevitable paperwork that accompanies travel across national boundaries.

"They (internationals) have a unique set of needs that American students do not have," she notes. "Just about everything they do has to have authorization from the Immigration and Naturalization Service. I take care of all the immigration documents."

Approval is needed, for example, to work off campus, or to extend stay in the U.S. beyond the time initially approved.

International events, particularly the Tiananmen Square incident, are initiating change in some of the regulations for international students, Doozan says. The Pelosi bill, for example, would eliminate the requirement that Chinese nationals return home for at least two years after they finish their studies. While the bill was pocket vetoed by President Bush, he issued an order waiving the return requirement.

The Pelosi bill and other current legislation tend to liberalize requirements and lift restrictions for internationals, Doozan notes. Keeping abreast of such changes so the students will be well served is a responsibility that Doozan does not take lightly.

But her service goes beyond assisting with paperwork. She also offers friendship, a place to discuss problems or fears that a traveler may have. In short, she see advocacy as part of her role.

"I can relate to students because of my own situation. It is very important that international students have someone they can absolutely trust; someone that is willing to go to bat for them," she says. "You cannot remain in this program without being an advocate of internationalism and everything that goes with it."

Doozan has worked in SVSU's International Programs office since 1985. Approximately 30 international students are enrolled in SVSU classes this semester.