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Michigan Consortium Receives NASA Grant

CIESIN. It's not just a funny new way to spell "season" -- though it's pronounced that way. And it does have a relationship to climatic seasons.

However, CIESIN is the acronym for "Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network." On Friday, Feb. 9, 8th District Congressman Bob Traxler was on campus to announce the awarding of a \$3.9 million NASA grant to CIESIN.

"I am very pleased that NASA has selected CIESIN, with its three Michigan members: Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan and ERIM (Environmental Research Institute of Michigan) to begin this important work," Traxler said. The consortium will undertake studies on how best to manage the environmental data to be generated by several U.S. government agency and foreign-based global change research projects, he said.

Traxler expressed concern over handling the explosion of data that results from space-based earth observations of the earth's climate, and how that data is integrated with observations taken from our atmosphere, oceans, farmlands, rivers and lakes. "Over the years we have accumulated trillions of pieces of information, now in storage at various federal agencies," he said.

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Consortium members were selected for the resources and expertise they can bring to the Earth Science Information (ESI) project. ERIM, a not-for-profit organization, is a world leader in the development of advanced remote sensing systems and associated application technology.

SVSU is involved in the design and implementation of innovative approaches to science education and communication technologies. The U. of M. is pursuing a wide variety of research related to global changes, as well as having expertise in earth and social sciences and advanced computer science and networking capabilities.

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President Sets Open Forums for Students

President Eric Gilbertson will be hosting a series of open forums for students. The sessions provide an opportunity for expressing concerns, asking questions or making suggestions about any facet of the University.

The first forum takes place from 4-5 p.m. in Brown Concourse on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Other dates in March and April will be announced later, according to Merry Jo Starrine, acting director of campus activities. She and Dr. Richard Payne, assistant to the president, are coordinating the forums.

Career Exploration Day Scheduled

Over 60 employers will visit campus Wednesday, Feb. 21 for the 10th annual Career Ex-

Answers to Black Inventor Quiz: 1. Lewis H. Latimer - f. light bulb improvements; 2. Granville Woods - c. designs for air brakes and electric-powered subway trains; 3. Benjamin Barucker - h. wrote almanac relating events to the position of the stars; 4. Elijah McCoy - g. machine for lubricating train engines while in motion; 5. Jan Matzeliger - e. "lasting" process for shoe manufacture; 6. Madame C.J. Walker - b. hair grooming formula (She became our country's first self-made woman millionaire.); 7. Garrett Morgan - a. safety hood for protection from poisonous gas; 8. George Washington Carver - d. nearly 300 products made from peanuts.

Information sources: *The Saginaw News* and *Smithsonian Institution*

ploration Day. Director of Placement, Cooperative Education and Counseling Services Gary Apsey is asking for assistance from faculty and staff.

First, all interested faculty and staff are invited to meet the employers at a 10 - 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast in 235 Brown Hall. Second, faculty are asked to encourage students to attend Career Day activities between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in Brown Concourse.

25th Commencement Date Set

SVSU will hold its 25th annual Commencement Saturday, May 5. All members of the campus community are encouraged to participate in this important occasion. As in the past, the University will provide academic regalia for those who do not have their own. Orders should be placed with the Bookstore by Feb. 23. If you did not receive an order form, call ext. 4096.

44 Achieve National Dean's List

Dick Thompson, dean of student affairs, has announced that 44 SVSU students have been named to the 1989-90 *National Dean's List*. Those nominated were full-time students who had earned 4.0 grade point averages both winter and fall 1989 semesters.

Recipients are eligible to compete for \$25,000 in scholarship awards. They also qualify for the *National Dean's List* college loan program, as well as other benefits. The Dean's List students will receive certificates at the Student Recognition Day ceremony on April 12.

Arts Education Group Meets at SVSU

Representatives from SVSU, 10 area intermediate school districts, four regional educational media centers, Delta College and Mid-Michigan Community College met here Friday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. till noon in an organizational and informational session. The newly-formed group is called the Greater Saginaw Valley Regional Arts Education Council (GSVRAEC).

According to its chairman, SVSU Professor of Music Marc Peretz, the council is an outgrowth of the Greater Saginaw Valley Regional Education Cooperative, which is developing a variety of working relationships among educational institutions in a 14-county area of east central Michigan.

The council's goal is to upgrade arts education in all areas, according to Peretz. He noted that the State Board of Education has set recommendations for art education in a publication titled "Essential Goals and Objectives for Fine Arts Education K-12."

"They are part of the state's core curriculum recommendations," he said. "The council will be available to work with schools within the region to help implement those goals."

Degrees were awarded to 262 students who completed their studies during the fall 1989 semester. Of these, 12 earned the M.B.A., 26 M.A.T., one M.A., nine M.Ed., 107 B.A., 30 B.S., 47 B.B.A., 24 B.S.N., 5 B.S.W. and one B.S.M.E.

Saginaw Mayor Henry Nickleberry will discuss minorities in government in lower level Doan Center at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. Admission is free to this Black History Month activity.

Briefly Speaking

-- Charlie Brown's Jazz Group will perform at noon Feb. 14 in lower level Doan Center as part of the **Lunchbreak Concert Series**. Bring a lunch or purchase one for \$1.55.

-- Dr. John Taylor will discuss **"Metastasis -- Cancer Research"** at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 14 in 109 Brown Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the SVSU Science Club.

-- **"Health Yourself -- 1990"** takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Brown Concourse Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 14-15. Call Health Services at ext. 4272 for more information.

-- The Valley Film Society will present **Wild Strawberries** on Friday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre. For ticket information, call ext. 4332.

-- The American Guild of Organists and the SVSU Music Department will present "An Afternoon of Workshops for the Church Musician" on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. in the Arbury Fine Arts Center. For information or to make reservations, call ext. 4159.

-- **"Minorities in the Classroom,"** a videotape and discussion, will be presented at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the Zahnow Library student lounge. The event is part of Black History Month activities.

Around Town

A.S.S.E International is seeking host families for Japanese teenage students. The students have studied at least three years of English and will study six hours a day at Delta. Host families provide food, lodging and transportation to class. Persons interested in hosting a boy or girl from June 20 to Aug. 19 should call program administrator Alan Headbloom at 631-7786.

Students Sought for Governor's Executive Intern Program

In 1989 Governor James J. Blanchard announced an executive intern program, part of his five-point strategy to build Michigan's leaders of tomorrow. The program's goal is to provide qualified college students an opportunity to learn about the challenges and rewards of a career in public service by working with top state executives.

Each year 25 students from Michigan colleges and universities are selected to participate in the program. According to Dick Thompson, dean of student affairs, the pay is excellent. "I urge eligible students to take advantage of this unique opportunity," he said.

The program runs from June 11 through August 17. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 23, 1990. They may be picked up in the dean's office on 3rd floor Wickes Hall.

Eligibility criteria are: current full-time enrollment in a four-year college or university; junior or senior status by fall 1990; minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Governor Presents 1991 Budget Recommendations

Governor James J. Blanchard presented his recommendations for the 1991 budget to the legislature Feb. 8. His plan calls for increases in spending for education at all levels. He is recommending an across-the-board increase of 4.7 percent for all public universities' general operations. In addition, allocations are recommended for facility openings, the Research Excellence Fund and the KCP program. Blanchard's recommendation for SVSU includes \$295,164 for second-phase funding of the Ryder Center operations. Total recommended for SVSU is \$16,419,759, including the targeted funds. Revisions are anticipated to final appropriations figures through legislative action.

Lecture Set on Nicaraguan Elections

On Monday, Feb. 19 at 3:30 p.m. United Methodist minister Doug Leffler will discuss Nicaragua and its upcoming elections. The lecture/video presentation in 226 Wickes Hall is part of the Zahnow Library series. Leffler is a representative of *WITNESS FOR PEACE*, a church-related group that sends peace monitors to Nicaragua.

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In its first year, CIESIN will focus attention on the major policy issues associated with global changes, draw together world experts in fields related to data management requirements, develop an overall plan for global change data access, and determine how this plan will relate to NASA's Earth Observation System (EOS) data plan.

Scientists hope they will be able to model and predict global phenomena to guide the formation of national and international environmental policy. Among their concerns is the threat of global warming and its implications for society.

CIESIN is directed by Jack Lousma, aerospace engineer and formerly an astronaut. Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S.P. Yien will serve as CIESIN board chairman. Other executive board members are Dr. William M. Brown, president of ERIM; Dr. Douglas E. VanHouweling, vice provost for information technology, U. of M.; Dr. Charles M. Vest, provost and vice president for academic affairs, U. of M.; Dr. Jack Walker, executive vice president, ERIM; Jerry A. Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs (CIESIN treasurer).

The initial funding covers the first year of the project. A limited number of copies of a brochure describing CIESIN is available in the Information Services Office.

Professional Profile

— **Dr. Sally Edgerton**, assistant professor of education, gave two presentations at the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, Child Development Conference, held Feb. 1-3. "Creative Books and Young Children" was presented with Ron Gnatkowski, a kindergarten teacher in Saginaw Township Schools. The second presentation, "Let It Snow," was in collaboration with

Jane Hollingsworth, Headstart coordinator in the Beecher Public Schools.

Five Early Childhood MAT graduates and students represented SVSU at the conference. They were: Lynn Verduco, Niki Kirpatrick, Suzanne Murphy, Sandra Parks and Sherri Hocking.

High Five

-- Sophomore Becky Duda was a national **indoor track** qualifier and broke her school record with a 9:56.6 clocking in the 3,000 meters at the GVSU Invitational Saturday. Senior Marcia Killian broke her SVSU record with a 5-7 leap in the high jump. Senior Tom Badour won three events to lead the men's squad.

Junior Rod Creech hit a three-point bank shot at the buzzer to lift the Cardinal **men's basketball** team to a 51-49 win at Wayne State Thursday. SVSU is 14-9 overall and 6-6 in the GLIAC.

The **women's basketball** team snapped a two-game losing streak with a 62-53 victory at WSU Thursday. The Lady Cardinals are 16-7 overall and 7-4 in the GLIAC.

The athletic department has announced the **1990 football schedule** and will change home starting times from 1:30 p.m. to noon.

SVSU will play six games in Cardinal Stadium, which is undergoing \$1 million in renovations. The 11-game schedule features 10 league games in the newly-formed Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference. The one non-MIFC game will be the 16th Annual Axe Bowl with Northwood Institute Oct. 20 in Cardinal Stadium.

Homecoming has been scheduled for Oct. 6 when the Cardinals host Ashland College (OH) for the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

"GET FIT FOR LIFE" SERIES AT RYDER CENTER

Open to all SVSU students, faculty, staff and Ryder Center members

The Century Club - a self-paced personal fitness program; log your own walking, jogging, swimming or cycling mileage. When you meet mileage criteria, you are eligible for a certificate and a Century Club t-shirt or shorts. The Fitness Center - personal fitness programs designed for those interested in using work-out equipment to reach personal fitness goals. Fitness Center orientation sessions can be arranged by contacting Mike Leibinger at ext. 7326. For more information about "Get Fit for Life" contact Eric Tomkins, campus recreation supervisor, at ext. 7321.

BOARD REPORT



A Report of the
Saginaw Valley State University
Board of Control

February 12, 1990

SVSU's newest governing board member, Elva Revilla, was welcomed to her first meeting Monday. Board chairman Florence "Jo" Saltzman noted that Revilla was the fourth new appointment to the board in 15 months. Saltzman also observed that Monday marked the first time in recent years that a meeting was attended by a full complement of eight trustees.

Among the action items on the agenda was approval of an administrative bargaining committee for faculty contract negotiations. Saginaw attorney Morton Weldy, who has counseled SVSU on personnel matters for several years, will be chief spokesperson of the committee. Other team members are Dr. Crystal M. Lange, dean of the college of nursing and allied health sciences; Larry K. Fitzpatrick, director of personnel and contract administrator; and James G. Muladore, controller.

The Faculty Association team was announced by association president Basil Clark. Dr. David Weaver, professor of political science and former association president, will serve as chief negotiator. He will be assisted by Larry Kickham, professor of accounting and association vice president; Dr. Janet Robinson, professor of psychology; Dr. Enayat Mahajerin, associate professor of mechanical engineering; and Clark.

Appointment of the teams had been discussed by faculty and administration. President Eric Gilbertson informed the board, and both groups believe the bargaining committees

will work in a positive, constructive manner so negotiations proceed appropriately.

Board members gave their approval for sabbatical leaves for 16 full-time faculty. To be eligible, faculty must teach six or more years and must present a proposal to be reviewed by a nine-member committee. If approved, the sabbatical may consist of one semester at full pay, a full year at half pay, three full consecutive summers, or a reduced load over more than one semester.

Faculty whose sabbatical proposals were recommended by the committee and approved by the board for leaves beginning with fall 1990 (depending on option selected) are: Dr. Arthur G. Andrewes, chemistry; Dr. Sachiko K. Claus, nursing; Dr. Louis E. Cohen, psychology; Dr. Anna R. Dadlez, modern foreign languages; Dr. Susie B. Emond, teacher education; Dr. Tyler H. Haynes, mathematical sciences; Dr. Barron M. Hirsch, art; and Dr. Gail E. Kantak, biology.

Others are Dr. Morteza K. Marzjani, computer science; Dr. Ricardo Pastor, modern foreign languages; Dr. Charles Pelzer, biology; Dr. Altaf-Ur Rahman, electrical engineering; Dr. Janet E. Rubin, communication/theatre; Dr. Harriet E. Tillock, sociology; Dr. Mason Wang, English; and Dr. Suk Koo Yun, physics.

A resolution formalizing SVSU's participation in the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) with the University of Michigan and the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan (ERIM) also received board

sanction. (See related story, pg. 1.) Board members Charles Curtiss and George Ward cautioned, however, that it should be understood the approval did not imply any commitment of the University's fiscal resources. President Gilbertson assured the board that the project is to be self-funded through the NASA grant.

With a relatively light agenda, much of the board's attention was focused on information and discussion items. President Gilbertson reported on progress toward renovation of the football stadium.

The project, which is funded by a private contribution totalling slightly over \$1.2 principal and interest, will utilize the present football field turf. The open bleachers are being removed and the field will be surrounded by a horseshoe-shaped berm with an open end to the north. Permanent seating with a capacity of 3,000 will be built into the bermed embankments.

The architect's plans also call for an enclosed, two-level press box with an open filming area overhead, as well as indoor restrooms and concession stands. Other features are walkways and ramps accessible by handicapped spectators.

Gilbertson said expectations are the project will be ready to bid by early or mid-March, with construction to begin as early as April. Earth for the berms, excavated from the Bay Road entrance retention pond, already is being moved to the site.

The Planning Task Force announced in his State of the University address

has been appointed, Gilbertson informed the board. Membership includes 23 people, representing faculty, staff, students, alumni and the Board of Fellows.

Task Force members are: John Adamcik, student; David Barker, professor of French; Deborah Bishop, assistant professor, management; Basil Clark, professor, English; Angela Davis, student; Sally Decker, associate professor, nursing; John Fallon, vice president for public affairs; and Matt Heinen, alumnus.

Others are: Drew Hinderer, professor of philosophy; Thomas Kullgren, dean of science, engineering & technology; Brian Law, Board of Fellows; James Muladore, controller and budget director; Hong Park, professor of economics; Valerie Peterson, student; Walter Rathkamp, professor of biology; and Paul Saft, registrar.

Also on the Task Force are: Elaine Stephens, professor, teacher education; James Sullivan, associate professor, English; Connie Sysak, student; Wardene Talley, coordinator of minority services; José Valderas, director of the Bilingual/Bicultural Center; Gloria Wagener, administrative secretary, BIDI; and Robert S.P. Yien, vice president for academic affairs.

Richard Payne, executive assistant to the president and Jan Lyddon, director of institutional research, will serve as staff to the group. Plans call for dividing into approximately eight focus groups to examine such topics as campus life, diversity, international programs and academic programs. The group expects to present interim reports to the Board of Control in June and September, with a final report to be submitted in November.

The winter semester enrollment report, presented by Registrar Paul Saft, showed an increase of 1.5 percent over winter 1989 registrations. Credit hours also were up by 420 for an .8 percent increase. Both the total number of students and the demographic composition were in line with projections, Saft said, and repre-

sented stable enrollment growth.

Gilbertson outlined provisions of the governor's budget recommendations, noting that all institutions would receive a 4.7 percent increase in general operating funds. In addition, all receive percentage increases in research excellence and K-C-P funds, and those with new facilities are to receive start-up money under the governor's plan. Blanchard recommends that SVSU receive \$295,164 for the second phase of start-up for the Ryder Center. This would enable full opening of the facility, Gilbertson said.

While the recommendations fall short of the 8.5 percent increase sought by the Presidents Council, or SVSU's request including PRRs, Gilbertson praised the governor for setting a high priority on education. "It represents a significant commitment to higher education for which we are grateful," he said.

Gilbertson said the governor's capital budget proposal includes funding to undertake the next step in planning and construction of a campus heating/cooling plant. Planning for construction of our proposed "Business Innovation and Professional Development Center" also may be supported in the budget, he said.

He reminded board members that an NCA site team is on campus for a visit focussing on relationships between the faculty association and administration. This is a follow-up to the comprehensive visit three years ago, he said. The team will be meeting with various campus constituencies on Feb. 12 and 13, with open hours scheduled from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Monday and 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday.

In other action, the board:

-- endorsed appointment of Currie & Kendall law firm as general legal counsel for the University.

-- revised its meeting agenda format to list "Remarks by the President" as

item V, following action items and information/discussion items, rather than as item III preceding them.

-- learned that Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 5. The event will mark the 25th anniversary of graduation ceremonies at SVSU.

-- changed the beginning time of board meetings from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., beginning with the March meeting.

-- received a personnel report listing 12 staff and one faculty position filled. All except the assistant director of physical plant are replacements for open positions.

Note: This is an unofficial report of Board activities. Official minutes are on file in the library.