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M³PEP Brings Future Scientists to Campus

Some 21st century engineers will be gathering on campus Sunday, June 17 to begin a weeklong series of workshops, tours and other educational activities. They also will hear success stories from professionals in a variety of technical fields, and they'll take time out for recreation breaks at Ryder Center.

Seventy ninth grade students have been selected by their science teachers to participate in the Mid-Michigan Minority Pre-Engineering Program (M³PEP) Workshop. M³PEP is comprised of representatives from industry and education united to offer supplementary education for junior high and high school students.

The consortium is particularly interested in encouraging minorities, females and disadvantaged youth to pursue educations leading to careers in technical disciplines.

Coinciding with the SVSU program will be a Midland program for eighth grade students, one at Central Michigan University for 10th graders, and a session at Michigan Technological University for 11th grade students. Students are chosen on the basis of academic ability, interest in science or engineering and maturity to adjust to living away from home during the M³PEP program.

SVSU is giving its program an extra dimension by presenting information on career opportunities in space technology and industry. Former NASA astronaut Jack Lousma will address the students Monday evening, sharing his experiences from space travel. Lousma was the pilot on the 1973 Skylab space station mission, which was devoted to scientific experimentation. In 1982 he commanded the third orbital test flight of the space shuttle Columbia. Currently he serves in a variety of technical roles with the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan and as president of the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network.

Other highlights of the week are tours of The Dow Chemical Company laboratories and Saginaw Division worksites, hands on workshops in several areas of science and engineering, and presentations by role model speakers. The list includes Ledell Alexander, president of the Michigan Chapter of the National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers; Smallwood Holoman, president of the Midland Public School Board of Education; and Dr. Raquel Ontiveros, KCP visiting professor at SVSU. Ontiveros is a 1990 recipient of SVSU's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Richard Payne, executive assistant to the president, welcomes the budding scientists to campus Sunday evening. They will tour facilities before subjecting campus pizza to a non-scientific taste test. The evening concludes with a magic show.

Ending the week of concentrated study and exploration is is a 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. picnic on Friday, June 22. Even that will link to the science/engineering/space tech theme with a scheduled launching of toy rockets.

Students receive free tuition, food and lodging in the dormitories during the workshop.

Eldon Graham, associate professor of mechanical engineering and technology, is coordinating the SVSU program. For more information about M³PEP or the summer workshops, contact him at ext. 5653.
Don Hare (center), aide to 8th District Congressman Bob Traxler, presents Jennifer Dukarski (left) and Vicki Irish, who will be serving as Congressional Pages in 1990-91.

Weaver Chairs Page Selection Committee

Dr. David Weaver, professor of political science, once again served as chair of the committee to select Congressional Pages from the 8th District. Congressman Bob Traxler established the selection method to insure objectivity in the annual competition for Page positions.

Winners for the 1990-91 academic year were announced at a press conference hosted by SVSU May 25. They are Jennifer Dukarski of Essexville and Vicki Irish of Burt. Each student will spend a semester in Washington, D.C. performing Page duties and continuing their academic studies at Page School.

Named as alternates were Stephanie Kettler of Millington and Joshua M. Webb of Saginaw.

Scholarship Recipients Named

A total of 40 grants and scholarships for the 1990-1991 academic year have been awarded to returning SVSU students. They include 30 Recognition Scholarships and 10 Achievement Awards.

Recognition Scholarships acknowledge academically successful students and are renewable each academic year by maintaining a 3.4 or better grade point average. The Achievement Award honors students who express leadership qualities in college activities. Recipients must maintain a minimum of 3.25 and may reapply each year for this award.

Both the Recognition Scholarship and the Achievement Award provide partial tuition and fees awarded each semester and are available to full-time students with at least sophomore standing.

Those students eligible for automatic renewal of Recognition Scholarships are: Corinne Abraham, a senior in the nursing program; Jill Bigelow, an elementary education senior; Dawn Deisig, an elementary education senior; Daniel Wegner, a finance junior; Jessica Handley, a senior in political science; Lloydena Hayden, an English senior; Darlene Piske, a psychology senior; Scott Mellendorf, a senior in social work; Tonja Olson, a senior in the nursing program; Joelle Pavlichek, a criminal justice senior; Kristi Rieaman, a senior in pre-elementary education; Thomas Williamson, a junior in physical and health education; and Lisa Rupprecht, a junior in criminal justice.

New recipients for the SVSU Recognition Scholarship include: John Adamcik, an English senior; Beverly Bauer, a junior in music education; Margaret Greskowiak, an accounting senior; Laurie Mangutz, a pre-business junior; Patricia Morris, a senior in music; Todd Woodbury, a history education major; Shirley Healy, a sophomore majoring in pre-elementary education; Donald Tilley, a senior in art education; Connie Chopp, an elementary education senior; Thomas Corcoran, sophomore computer science major; Steve Curtis, a sophomore in industrial management; Carol Miller, pre-elementary education junior; Laurie Stewart, a junior physical and health education major; and Cammie Suppe, a pre-elementary education sophomore.

SVSU Achievement Award recipients include: Miller, Morris, Piske, Stewart, Woodbury, who also are Recognition Scholarship recipients; Cristina Survant, a senior in French education; Judy Ostroske, a sophomore in English; Shelley Badgley, a sophomore in pre-business; Janice Cummins, a senior in communications; and Tamara Harris, a communications sophomore.
Briefly Speaking

- The Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery summer hours in June will be Sundays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. In addition, tours may be arranged by calling ext. 5667.

- The KCP Summer Conference for minority high school students will be held on campus June 15 and 16. Motivational workshops and activities stress the importance of education.

- An evening orientation session for new and prospective students will be conducted in lower level Doan Center on Wednesday, June 20 from 5-10 p.m.

- A four-day Sports Medicine Workshop begins Sunday, June 24 in the Ryder Center.

Professional Profile

- Dr. Sally Edgerton, assistant professor of education, presented a paper titled "Whole Language" to a teacher in-service program for the Carmen Ainsworth School District in Flint on May 18.

- Mr. Will Mulvancy, instructor of management, has had two articles accepted for presentation at the NACRA 1990 Strategic Management Research Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida in November. The articles are titled "Survival in a Hostile Environment" and "The Marketing of Afro-American Art."

- Dr. Marc Peretz, professor of music, has been appointed Research Chair for the Michigan Music Education Association. With this appointment he becomes a voting board member of MMEA.

- Ms. Barbara Quirk, certification officer in the College of Education, has been appointed a regional judge for the 1990 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing. The competition cites high school seniors for excellence in writing.


- Dr. Kerry Segel, associate professor of English/reading, was the featured speaker at the May 22 Bay City Rotary Club meeting. His topic was "Literacy in Bay County."

- Dr. Jean Brown, professor of teacher education, Dr. Dee Storey, associate professor of education, and Ms. Barbara Quirk, certification officer, were among 20 educators from throughout the state invited to attend a reception and dinner at Michigan State University honoring distinguished visiting Canadian Scholar Dr. Wendy Sutton.

- Dr. Jill Wetmore, associate professor of finance, had a paper accepted for publication in the Quarterly Journal of Business and Economics. The paper is titled "LDC Write-Off Effects and Bank Stock Returns: The Bank of Boston Decision." It is co-authored by John R. Brick, professor of finance at MSU.

Journalist David Halberstam was a guest on campus Saturday, June 9. Halberstam addressed a Matrix/Midland audience the previous evening on "America in the Next Century." His appearance there was co-sponsored by Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, the Saginaw News and SVSU. Considered a "legend in American journalism," Halberstam was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his Vietnam reporting. His perceptive and provocative books have made him one of the best-known authors in America.
Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred since April 30. Please make changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory.

New Staff

— Mr. David A. Lewis (ext. 4206), admissions representative, Office of Admissions. B.A., SVSU. (Lewis returns to SVSU from a position at The Dow Chemical Company. He was employed in the SVSU mailroom in 1987-88 and was a Graphics Center student employee prior to that.)

— Ms. Pecolia Mustapha (ext. 4215), grant accountant, Controller's Office. B.S., Chicago State University.


Transfers/Promotions

— Ms. Wardene B. Talley (ext. 5663), reclassified director of Minority Services; formerly coordinator of Minority Services.

Departing Staff

— Mr. Leroy Hampton, director of Affirmative Action, effective June 30.

— Dr. José Valderas, director of the Bilingual/Bicultural Center, effective June 11.

Directory Changes

— Ms. Cynthia Bala, senior accounting clerk, Controller's Office, new extension - 5693.

— Ms. Shelly Blue, senior transcript clerk, Office of the Registrar, change name and home address to: Shelly Reminder, 2808 Sandra Ct., Bay City 48708.

Fulbright Scholar Applications Available

Faculty interested in scholarly research or teaching abroad are invited to contact the Office of International Programs for detailed information on application for Fulbright Fellowships. A variety of awards are available on a competitive basis; some are for research and/or lecturing; some cover travel; and others are in specialized programs. Programs are offered in several areas of the world. Application deadlines vary with the specific grant being sought, with the earliest set at June 15, 1990 and the latest January 1, 1991 for the 1991-92 academic year. Please visit the office or call ext. 4473 for more information.

Stadium Bids Sought

Bids are being sought for the construction of stadium seating and related facilities. According to Director of Engineering Services Robert Hanes, bid proposals will be opened June 26, with construction to begin as soon as possible thereafter.

Earth berthing work on the site has been linked with removal of top soil for the retention pond located near the Bay Road entrance to campus. Hanes said the west side of the berms is complete and work is progressing on the east side and should be complete at the time the stadium construction bid is awarded.

Three Earn All-American Honors in Track

Four Cardinals competed in the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Hampton, Virginia, May 25-26, and three came home with All-American honors.

Senior Marcia Killian finished fourth in the high jump with a 5-7 leap to earn her first-ever All-American honor at SVSU.

Sophomore Becky Duda was seventh in the 5,000 meters with a time of 17:15.8. She also earned cross country All-American honors this season.

Senior Sue Breternitz barely missed All-American recognition with her ninth-place finish in the shot-put with a heave of 42-11½. The Lady Cardinals finished 27th at the meet.

Senior Tom Badour was All-American in the decathlon with 6,187 points, good for eighth place. He won the high jump portion of the competition with a 6-8¼ leap and claimed the long jump with a 22-4½ jump, but did not score in the pole vault. The Cardinal men tied for 45th in the competition.
Passing the Torch

Though he's not shy, you might call Leroy Hampton a retiring person. In 1986 he retired as Research Associate from a career spanning 32 years with the Dow Chemical Company. A year later he began a part-time post as SVSU's Director of Affirmative Action. On June 30 he will be leaving that position to begin a second retirement.

In his three-plus years as affirmative action officer, Hampton feels he has helped the University set the framework to progress toward its goal of cultural diversity.

"What I saw to be primary needs of the University (in 1987) were the employment of minority faculty and staff and a focus on retention of minority students," he says. He believes those two goals are complimentary, as degree minority candidates are needed to create a hiring pool for skilled jobs. A lack of minority candidates with advanced degrees is a national problem, he believes.

"The small pool (of minority applicants) is both a fact and a rationalization for lack of hiring success," he says. "There is a link between hiring minority faculty and staff and retaining minority students. I look upon the success of both of these activities as being important. Minority students need to see minority role models when they attend SVSU or other institutions of higher education."

Increasing minority participation at all levels "is largely a matter of priorities," he says.

"Part of our societal attitude) is based on economics. There has been a lack of realization of the value to society of bringing about such a change.

"It is a good feeling that now we are beginning to appreciate the value of diversity."

Hampton's role at SVSU also includes responsibility for addressing sexual harassment issues, unlike his five-year assignment as E.E.O. officer while at Dow. That, he says, presents some special challenges. As with minority or female hiring issues, the key to solving problems often is mediation, he finds.

"It is challenging -- and rewarding -- to bring the widely divergent attitudes, feelings and thoughts of individuals to a point where a problem can be resolved."

Among his achievements Hampton counts the restructuring of SVSU's affirmative action plan. The new statement is "more manageable and more easily understood," he says. The University has altered its hiring practices by bringing the affirmative action officer into the hiring scene at an earlier point than in the past, he indicates. "When there is a decision to hire, I get a copy of the authorization. Then I can monitor the hiring process to see if the applicant pool contains minorities, females, Vietnam veterans or handicapped. I also review the final candidates to see if that group contains members of these 'protected' groups and whether proper hiring procedures have been followed."

Even though Hampton's hours have been expanded from the original 20 to 24 per week, it often is difficult to accomplish all affirmative action goals he considers important. He is hopeful that the position will be retained and perhaps expanded.

Asked his retirement plans, he quickly replies, "I plan not to plan. I look upon retirement as another adventure."
Making a Difference

José Valderas says his family is an example of the many "settled out" migrant families that established permanent roots in the Saginaw Valley. Attracted by temporary jobs in agriculture, they eventually became full-time residents here.

En route to permanent homes and jobs, they labored in fields that may have been scattered across several states. That not only meant hard work, but fragmented education.

Today, children of migrant families generally do not work in the fields but they still face difficult hurdles in obtaining an education. "They may move around seven or eight months of the year," Valderas says. "They get a sporadic education throughout the year."

First-hand knowledge of the these problems is among the reasons prompting Valderas to leave his SVSU position, effective June 11, and the next day begin an assignment as Director of Bilingual/Migrant Programs for Bay City Public Schools. His first project will be a summer program for migrant children.

"I will be providing for education of children very similar to what I used to be," he notes.

Since 1985 Valderas has served as assistant professor of education and director of SVSU's Bilingual/Bicultural Education Center. The Center receives Federal Title VII funds to provide programs and financial assistance for students preparing to teach Limited English Proficiency (LEP) children in K-12 schools. "To make a real impact on the lives of these children, the answer lies in the training of teachers who can make an impact for a lifetime," he says.

While the program is open to anyone preparing to teach in the bilingual area, some 70 percent of the Center's students are Hispanic, Valderas notes. Valderas places stringent requirements on students in the program. They not only must perform well academically, but must be involved in community activities as well. "We tell students that if they do their part, we will do everything we can to support them in their educational efforts."

The support includes not only such help as tutoring, but the nurturing, friendly atmosphere of the Center. In fact, that atmosphere attracts Hispanic students who may not be enrolled in the teacher training program. "People go to those places where they feel they have someone to relate to and where they feel comfortable," he observes.

Valderas has provided leadership in the community involvement concept he fosters among his students. He and the Center have participated in such community-based programs as Project Pride, which is an after-school program for Hispanic students in Saginaw's intermediate schools. Project Pride is operated by the American G.I. Forum women's chapter, so Valderas points to the collaboration of three entities working toward a common goal. "That is what government agencies are looking for," he says.

He hopes to expand such concepts in Bay City and plans to keep SVSU involved. "You will still see me on campus," he says.

Valderas says word is getting out that Saginaw Valley is working with all facets of the community. "We are in a position to look at where we have gone and see if we have taken everyone with us," he says. "We need to bring everyone with us in one way or another."

Valderas was on the SVSU staff from 1974 to 1979 before leaving to secure his Ed.D., then returning in 1985. He jokes that he is on a "five year plan" and may be back again.
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The SVSU Board of Control devoted a full day to meetings Monday, with a regular business meeting in the morning and a joint session with Delta College trustees in the afternoon.

The morning meeting included actions relative to two of SVSU's three presidents. The first resolution approved by the governing body designates that Wickes Lecture Hall shall be named "Samuel D. Marble Lecture Hall" and that the bas relief of Dr. Marble and related material commemorating the founding of the University be displayed "in or near" this hall.

Further, the Samuel D. Marble Scholarship, designated for a transfer student from Delta College, is being created as a lasting tribute to Dr. Marble's service to the two institutions. Marble was appointed as the first president of the present SVSU on March 23, 1964, after serving a term as Delta's first president. He served at SVSU until 1974.

The committee to establish a Marble memorial was chaired by Board member Charles Curtiss and had considered several suggestions for the tribute.

Concluding the action section of the agenda, Board members approved an extension of President Eric Gilbertson's contract through December 31, 1992. The agreement sets his salary at $97,500, effective September 1, 1990. Board chairperson Florence "Jo" Saltzman reported on the Board's evaluation of President Gilbertson's performance during his first months in office.

"After a review of the 'Desired Characteristics' list and the 'Inauguration Charge,' the Board concluded that the President had shown positive results and progress in each category," she read. "The current President's Planning Task Force is expected to respond to Board concerns regarding institutional goals and objectives. The next Board retreat could also be an opportunity to examine issues," she continued.

The report expressed praise for Gilbertson's effort to keep Board members informed. He also was credited for excellence in meeting people and speaking to groups, both on campus and in the community. Board members cautioned him, however, to set priorities for his time and energy, with his first responsibility being to the campus constituency.

Other positive factors cited were the President's desire to enhance student life on campus and an improvement in the faculty/administration relationship. The improvement was attributed to Gilbertson's regular meetings with the SVSU Faculty Association's executive committee, his informal brown bag lunch meetings, making speeches and sending communications.

"To summarize, the President's seven-month tenure has been a period of learning and accomplishment, showing much promise for the future," the report concluded. "Dr. Gilbertson has the strong support of the eight Board members appraising his performance."

"I am totally aware that it takes a good deal of time to succeed, but it is possible to fail very quickly," Gilbertson noted in thanking the Board for its action.

Board members approved a continuation of the general fund operating budget, which is due to expire June 30. A new 1990-91 budget has not been finalized, Gilbertson said, because not enough is known about key variables. He noted that the state appropriation process is not complete at this time, and faculty contract negotiations still are in progress.
"We hope to know a lot more about these key variables in July so that we can come to you with a budget," Gilbertson said. "We anticipate a special meeting in July for that. We can come to you with a complete budget proposal. In the interim, the continuation budget lets us pay bills and meet salary obligations."

In other action, Board members:

-- reappointed David L. Clabuesch, Walter I. Foss III, John W. Kendall and Ernest Paulick to the Board of Fellows and named Saginaw Mayor Henry Nickleberry to the group. "The University is well served through a strong network of friends, and they are called the Board of Fellows," Gilbertson said.

-- approved a resolution allowing the President or Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock to sign agreements with Consumers Power Company for the transportation and storage of gas purchased at the wellhead. The storage charges will be two cents per thousand cubic feet per month for gas purchased at lower, out-of-season rates. The measure is estimated to save approximately $80,000 annually.

-- received a report on enrollment for the first three summer sessions, showing an increase of nearly 11 percent in number of students and 13.6 percent in credit hours over 1989 summer sessions. A final report, including sessions four and five, will be presented in August.

-- heard a report on progress of the Forward 90 fundraising campaign. To date, some $3,075,970 has been pledged toward a revised goal of $3,100,000. The campaign includes goals of $550,000 for library books and materials, $550,000 for student aid, $800,000 for the engineering program, and $1.2 million for the stadium project. The stadium figure was scaled back from an original goal that included a larger stadium and funds for athletic scholarships.

In presenting the report, Dr. Albert Beutler, executive director of the SVSU Foundation, noted that the campaign reflected a national trend toward targeted giving by donors. He said that while contributions are about $25,000 short of the campaign goal, an organization currently is considering a "capstone" gift that would reach the target.

SVSU/Delta College Joint Board Meeting
Delta College Campus
Monday, June 11, 1990

The two governing boards continued an annual tradition of meeting jointly to discuss items of mutual concern and explore areas of cooperation. Monday's agenda centered on three cooperative ventures between the two schools.

Louis Oates, assistant to the vice president for student services at Delta, and Wardene Talley, director of minority services at SVSU, updated board members on the Educational Partnership Program, funded by a joint grant from the Michigan Office of Minority Equity, to assist minority students who transfer from Delta College to SVSU.

The partnership specifically targets minority students. Program components include orientation and assessment, academic and financial counseling, academic monitoring and mentoring, cultural and social programming, seminars and career counseling, all aimed at making transfers smooth and bachelor's degrees achievable. A total of 21 freshmen and 31 sophomores participated in the program during 1989-90. Of those, 18 freshmen and 28 sophomores completed the program.

Dr. Bradley Smith of Delta and Dr. Thomas Kullgren of SVSU reported on Tobico Marsh and Jennison Nature Center activities. The chief problems, Smith noted, are insufficient staffing levels and shortage of resources to fully implement programs. Smith is executive director of the nature center. Delta trustee Paul Rowley encouraged greater use of volunteers, if necessary, to offer more open hours at the facility.

Dr. Peter Boyse, Delta executive vice president, and Dr. Ralph Coppola, director of sponsored programs at SVSU, presented information on telelearning activities. Coppola also is executive director of the Greater Saginaw Valley Regional Education Cooperative, which is the parent organization of the Greater Saginaw Valley Telecommunications Network. GSVTN initially will link SVSU and Delta with four area Regional Educational Media Centers through a two-way interactive video network. Stage two will expand the network to include K-12 systems throughout a 14-county region in east central Michigan.