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Exchange Agreement Signed with Tenri University

Saginaw Valley State University and Tenri University signed a memorandum of agreement yesterday linking the two institutions in an educational exchange arrangement. Tenri University, located in the city of Tenri, Japan, was founded in 1925 and now enrolls approximately 3,400 students. The city of Tenri is approximately 35 kilometers (21 miles) from Kyoto, Japan's oldest city.

Tenri’s President Akinori Okubo was accompanied by Professor Kitazume of Tenri’s British-American Studies Department on the trip to Saginaw to sign the pact. The agreement aims at establishing inter-institutional cooperation in education, research and other academic exchange. Each university pledged to accept one or more professors and/or one or more researchers from the other institution.

Each also will accept students from the other and there will be exchange of publications, scholarly writings and research findings. Exact details of the exchanges will be determined by negotiation, but the exchange memorandum provides the conceptual framework for such activities, said President Gilbertson.

Tenri University has a world-renowned library and is the home of the Tenri Sanokin collections (Folklore and Archaeological Museum). The institution seeks to cultivate "the international way of thinking" among students, with emphasis on the creation of international minds and development of linguistic skills.

Gilbertson and SVSU Board of Control chairperson Joyce K. Woods had visited the Tenri campus in May.

The agreement is SVSU’s second exchange program with a Japanese university. A similar agreement was signed with Shikoku Women’s University, Tokushima, in 1981. Several SVSU students have studied in Japan under this agreement and a number of Shikoku students travel to SVSU each summer for five-week courses in American Language and Culture. A group of 23 Shikoku students currently are guests on the SVSU campus.

In addition, SVSU has sent four exchange professors to Japan, and a like number of Shikoku faculty have been guest professors at SVSU. SVSU also participates in the Japan Center for Michigan Universities, along with Michigan’s other public universities.

Prior to today’s signing, SVSU had signed agreements with institutions in six countries — the People’s Republic of China, France, Hungary, Japan, Mexico and Poland.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S.P. Yien observes the signing of an exchange agreement between SVSU and Tenri University. Japanese and English versions of the document were signed by SVSU President Eric Gilbertson and Tenri President Akinori Okubo.

"Saginaw Valley State University and Tenri University will establish good solid relationships that will contribute to both universities and to the establishment of world peace," President Okubo said.
Homestays Sought

The Office of International Programs is looking for homestays for students from around the world for Labor Day weekend.

"We will have students from Wales, France, Malta, Japan, Thailand, Iran, Nepal and Japan," said Director of International Programs Robert Braddock.

"The homestays are necessary because no meals are served on campus from Friday night to Wednesday morning over the holiday weekend," he said. "This is a particularly critical time for foreign students. They will have been in the country for only a few days and have just gotten over jet lag only to have the campus close down."

Persons who are able to take one or more of the students, or know of someone who will, are asked to call the Office of International Programs at ext. 4473 or 4268. Your assistance will be appreciated, and you can benefit from the opportunity to learn about another culture.

City of Saginaw Seeks Volunteers

If you've ever considered getting involved with local government, you may want to take advantage of an offer by Saginaw Mayor Henry Nickleberry. He is seeking volunteers to fill openings on 11 of the city's 33 advisory boards and commissions.

While there is no pay for time spent serving on these boards, the positions offer an opportunity to play a role in guiding the direction of City Council, as well as the chance to become acquainted with area decision-makers. Volunteers may receive training and the openings range from spots on the Community Enrichment Commission to various building and construction appeals boards.

Faculty and staff who are interested in learning more about these appointive posts may contact Vice President for Public Affairs John Fallon at ext. 4096 for details. Fallon is serving as a facilitator for such involvement and has descriptions of all municipal government appointment opportunities, as well as the attendant processes.

Stadium Delays Cause Change in "Home" Game Sites

Delays in construction of SVSU's football stadium are causing changes in plans for the 1990 season. Athletic Director Bob Becker has announced alternate sites for all Cardinal home games because the project is not expected to be completed until late this fall.

The Cardinals will open the season Sept. 1 by hosting Hillsdale College at Arthur Hill High School, where they also will play the Homecoming contest vs. Ashland University Oct. 6 and the Nov. 10 Butler University game. Bay City Handy High School will be the site for a Sept. 22 game with St. Joseph's College and an Oct. 27 meeting with Valparaiso University. The Northwood game will move to NI's Midland campus.

Weather delays and a greater than expected settling of the earthwork to build berms on each side of the stadium have slowed progress. While disappointed, football coach George Ihler said, "You have to look farther ahead, and a year from now I believe we'll have one of the finest small college football stadiums in the country."

It's Official--Water Tower Being Repainted

The Cardinal red water tower with white "SVSC" lettering has long been a landmark for the Saginaw Valley campus. In fact, since 1987 the lettering has been almost too prominent; a reminder of the need for signage to catch up with the name change.

That process now is underway, according to Director of Business and Auxiliary Services Dale Irish. P.M. Haralambis Industrial Painting of Woodhaven, Michigan won the bid on the maintenance project and on Monday, Aug. 6 began sandblasting the old finish off. They expect to complete the work in three weeks or less, depending on weather conditions.

Two coats of fresh paint will be applied inside the tower, while the outside will receive two primer coats and a red finish coat. Finally, crisp white "SVSU" letters will be applied.

The tower was last painted in 1980. Lot A will be closed during the repainting.
Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred since July 16. Please make changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory.

New Staff

- Mr. Greg Wright (ext. 4137), research and technical marketing specialist, Applied Technical Research Center, College of Science, Engineering & Technology. B.S., MSU; M.B.A., Oakland University.

- Mr. Richard J. Dalzell (ext. 4115), educational statistician and school improvement specialist, Greater Saginaw Valley Regional Education Cooperative. B.A. and M.A., MSU.

- Mr. John Flores (791-7375), coordinator of SVSU/Delta MICUP Program, Minority Services. A.A., Delta College; B.B.A, SVSU.

- Mr. Steven A.W. Locke (ext. 4247), library technical processor, Zahnow Library. SVSU degree candidate.

- Ms. Juanita Puga (ext. 4494), administrative secretary, Bilingual/Bicultural Teacher Training Program.

New Faculty


- Mrs. Patricia A. Friedli (ext. 5612, 233 Wickes Hall), instructor of nursing. B.S.N. and M.S., U. of Michigan.


- Dr. Melissa Hayden (ext. 4350), assistant professor of teacher education. B.A., Luther College; M.S. and Ph.D., U. of Oregon; M.Ed., St. Martin's College.

- Ms. Natalie Johnson, instructor of communication/theatre. B.A., U. of Wisconsin-Green Bay; M.A., MSU.

- Mr. Ilku Jurn (ext. 4169), assistant professor of finance. B.A., Korea University, Seoul; M.B.A., U. of Utah; Ph.D., U. of Nebraska.

- Mrs. Stephanie J. Liebfritz (ext. 4185, 335 Brown Hall), instructor of nursing. B.S.N., Bowling Green State U.; M.S., Ohio State U.


- Ms. Rose Raynuck (ext. 4298), instructor of management/marketing. A.A.S., Alpena Community College; B.B.A and M.B.A., SVSU.

- Dr. John Romine (ext. 7327), assistant professor of health & physical education. B.A., Arizona State U.; M.S. and Ed.D., Brigham Young U.

- Mr. Leslie J. Thornton II, KCP Visiting Professor in social work. B.A., MSU; M.A., M.S.W. and Ph.D., U. of Michigan.


Departing Staff

- Mr. Michael J. McKenna, admissions representative, Office of Admissions.

- Mr. Kevin Benham, coordinator of photography/visual services, Office of Information Services.

- Ms. Dana Munk, athletic academic advisor/assistant women's basketball coach, Student Affairs.

- Ms. Rose Raynack, coordinator of off-campus credit programs, Continuing Education. (one-year leave of absence)

Departing Faculty

- Mr. Frederick Allen, instructor of communication/theatre.

- Ms. Lynn Graft, instructor of English.

- Ms. Anita Harrand, instructor of nursing.

- Ms. Joyce Parsons Kelly, instructor of marketing.

- Mr. Will Mulvanny, instructor of management.
Transitions, continued

-- Dr. Husnu Ozkan, assistant professor of physics.

-- Ms. Carol Rembor, instructor of nursing.

-- Ms. Catherine Short, instructor of English.

-- Dr. Barbara Yarnold, assistant professor of political science.

Title Changes/Transfers/Promotions

-- Ms. Mary Ebelt, director, Conference Bureau.

Professional Profile

-- Dr. Anna R. Dadlez, professor of Polish, was a guest speaker at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Saginaw on Sunday, July 29. She spoke on "The Role of the Soviet Union in World War II."

-- Ms. Lynda L. Donner, assistant to the director of personnel, was elected president of the board of the Midland County Intermediate School District on July 17.

-- Dr. Eric Gilbertson, president, was a guest on the Art Lewis show, WSGW Radio, at 3 p.m. July 26.

-- Dr. Terry Ishihara, professor of mechanical engineering and technology, is participating in a two-week workshop on computer-aided engineering at the U. of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

-- Dr. Enayat Mahajerin, professor of mechanical engineering, presented two papers recently. "An Effective Undergraduate Finite Element Method" was delivered at the American Society of Engineering Education annual meeting at the University of Toronto June 24-28. "Properties and Applications of Dipoles in Plane Elasticity" was presented at the 5th International Conference on Boundary Element Technology at the University of Delaware July 10-12.

-- Mr. Robert Thaler, assistant professor of sociology, was interviewed by TV-25 regarding background information on Saginaw's homicide rate on July 27.

Across Campus

-- Best wishes to Marsha Coffey, executive secretary to the vice president for administration and business affairs, who is at home recuperating from bruises incurred when her car was struck by another vehicle while she was assisting a friend whose car had stalled.

Nominations Sought

The Personnel Office is accepting nominations for Staff Member of the Month awards. Names can be placed in nomination by submitting a letter outlining the person's qualifications. Nominees will be considered for October or later months. For more information, contact the Personnel Office at ext. 4108.

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1990 Faculty/Staff Orientation
Thursday, August 23, 1990

Annual faculty/staff orientation activities will be conducted Thursday, August 23, beginning with new faculty and staff orientation at 10 a.m. This two-hour event will include a campus tour for newcomers.

A faculty lunch is scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Yien will address the group. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. faculty will meet with their respective deans in concurrent College meetings. Faculty will be receiving a schedule of locations, or information can be obtained from Dr. Yien's office.

At 4 p.m. the campus community is invited to meet in Lower Level Doan Center. New faculty and staff will be introduced and faculty who have earned promotions or been granted tenure will be recognized prior to the annual orientation message presented by President Eric Gilbertson.

From 5 to 8 p.m. the entire campus community is invited to the Leaping Gazelle Fountain Area for an "Opening of School" picnic. In the event of inclement weather, the picnic will be moved to Doan Center.
Jane Anderson credits the teamwork attitude of the controller's office staff for enabling them to successfully meet the demands of a heavy — and critical — workload. "The people in this office get along really well and work as a team. That is very important in achieving what we need to get done," she says.

Anderson started as a staff assistant in May 1983 after completing a B.S. degree in accounting at Northern Michigan University. She was one of three — and the only one still remaining — to start in the controller's office in a three-week period, she recalls.

Because of her personal and professional development, Anderson was promoted to budget assistant in 1986, then to assistant controller in 1988. In her present capacity she is responsible for monthly activities such as payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable and general accounting. "I also take care of the SVSU Foundation books on a monthly basis," she adds.

When it's time for the annual financial audit, Anderson is responsible for special aspects of working with the outside firm conducting the review. "It is very time-consuming, but everyone knows what they need to do, and working as a team we get done," she smiles. The auditors generally spend about three weeks on campus examining various records and reports.

Anderson says she would not enjoy the role of a CPA. "I never enjoyed public accounting," she notes. "CPAs travel around and do the same thing each place they go. Here we all have our specific duties and know that they have to get done, but I also have a lot of special projects that require investigative work."

"That is what makes this job interesting. Every day is different."

"Jane is an individual that members of the University community feel comfortable working with," says Controller and Budget Director James G. Muladore. "Also, like others on our staff, she has always been willing to 'roll up her sleeves' and put forth an effort that goes substantially beyond the minimum required."

"The institution's success is owed in large part to Jane and many others like her who play a significant supporting role with both a positive attitude and a smile," he says.

Since coming to SVSU, Anderson has graduated from the University's MBA program. The daytime work/evening class schedule contrasted with her undergraduate experience at NMU.

A Saginaw native, Anderson enjoyed the quiet atmosphere at Marquette. "One time I came home on spring break. In a matter of two days I went from Marquette to Saginaw to Detroit. Talk about culture shock!," she laughs.

Anderson enjoys cold weather sports such as cross country skiing, and usually schedules vacation during winter when her office is less busy. She also bikes in summer and tries to work out at Ryder Center twice a week. "It is very nice for employees to have this center at their disposal," she says.

In quiet moments, Anderson relaxes with reading or counted cross stitching projects. Mostly she follows a pattern, but looks forward to finding time to put her own creations on graph paper, then transform them to cross-stitched designs.