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Ground-breaking Set for CIESIN Headquarters on SVSU Campus

Eighth District Congressman Bob Traxler heads a list of local, state and national dignitaries invited to take part in ground-breaking ceremonies on the SVSU campus, where work is scheduled to begin on an interim headquarters for the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN).

Traxler's efforts figured prominently in helping CIESIN secure about \$29 million in federal dollars through NASA for development of a research and data center in the Saginaw Valley.

The ground-breaking, set for 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 19, will trigger expansion of what has previously been the University's Administrative Services Building. The ceremonies are scheduled to follow an invitation-only noon luncheon in the Dance Studio of the Ryder Center for Health and Physical Education.

The University Board of Control authorized expenditures, not to exceed \$1 million, to enlarge the structure from 14,000 to 24,800 square feet on the west end of the existing building. Plans include construction of a new front entrance and a 40-vehicle parking lot facing Pierce Road bordering the south side of the campus. The University expects to borrow money to remodel the building and lease the facility to CIESIN.

Tentatively scheduled for completion in May, the interim facility will house a prototype computer system, work areas for technical writers, conference rooms, a photo lab, multimedia facilities and offices. When fully staffed, about 75-80 administrators, technicians and clerical employees are expected to occupy the

building, including two new executives appointed by the CIESIN board of directors earlier this month.

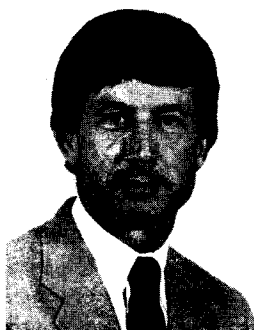
George Hamner, formerly chief executive officer of a high-tech manufacturing company in Kirkland, Washington was appointed Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of CIESIN. He will back up former astronaut Jack Lousma, the non-profit corporation's president and chief executive officer. Also appointed as the Consortium's Vice President and Chief Scientist was Dr. John (Jack) Eddy, former director of the Office for Interdisciplinary Earth Studies of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.

With NASA funding, CIESIN continues work on the design of a more elaborate data and research facility where global change information will be collected from orbiting satellites and earth stations and will be used with other existing data for research. CIESIN will serve as a gateway for resource managers, educators, scientists, public policy makers, business interests and similar users to access global change information, including data collected from NASA's Earth Orbiting System.

Though super computing capabilities are expected to become an integral part of the CIESIN research and data center's high-tech operation, a series of work stations will initially be used to help determine the appropriate level of power necessary to assimilate, correlate and disseminate environmental and other global change information. When fully operational, plans call for CIESIN's center to be linked with NASA's Distributive Active Archives Centers (DAAC) network.



Changes Announced in Student Affairs & Public Affairs Divisions



Gary Apsey

A reorganization intended to streamline the Student Affairs division while augmenting Public Affairs has been announced. The new assignments have been in effect since early November, according to Richard P. Thompson, dean of student affairs, and John A. Fallon, vice president for public affairs.

Diane Brimmer, director of student life, has been given additional supervisory responsibility for placement. She also will serve as the campus contact for SVSU's Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) operation.



Diane Brimmer

Her present responsibilities include coordination of the campus activities operation plus supervision of personal counseling, health services, student employment, cooperative education, evening services, the children's center, volunteer services and substance abuse prevention services. Most of these programs are housed in the Student Life Center, 117 Wickes, where Brimmer's office is located.

As a part of her responsibilities, Brimmer will serve as chairperson of a new Career Planning and Placement Council, which will work to coordinate planning for academic and career planning.



Todd Cramer

Todd Cramer has been given the additional responsibility of placement. His title is Coordinator of Cooperative Education and Student Employment/Acting Coordinator of Placement. Cramer's office remains in the Student Life Center.

Jill Szagesh retains her position coordinating the MESC operation at SVSU. Her office also is a part of the Student Life Center.

Gary Apsey has been named Director of Corporate Relations. He has been quite successful in his work with the SVSU Foundation and now will devote his full attention to corporate relations. His goal is to forge closer ties between SVSU and area businesses. Apsey's office is located in the Foundation area on the third floor of Wickes Hall.

Mary Jane Gingrich to Retire

After 21 years Mary Jane Gingrich is saying goodbye to the Zahnow Library and Saginaw Valley State University. Friday, Dec. 20 will be her last work day.

All faculty, staff and students who would like to wish Gingrich fond farewells and good luck are invited to stop by the library that day. Refreshments will be available in the lounge all day. Between 2 and 3 p.m. co-workers and friends plan to present cards and gifts in recognition of her good work and dedication.

The Gingriches are a real SVSU family. Three of their five children and one daughter-in-law attended classes here. One son recently completed his M.B.A. "Since they have 10 grandchildren, they may have a second generation of SVSU students," notes Jack Wood, head of special collections/archives.

Gingrich and her husband, Orlin, who is retiring from the Sargent Sand Company, have sold their Bay City home and plan to travel.

The Graphics Center will be printing SVSU letterhead in January. Departments and offices are asked to place letterhead orders through Information Services as soon as possible, as letterhead will not be printed again until July. For more information, call ext. 4039.

Ryder Retirement Reception Scheduled

Members of the campus community are invited to stop by the Ryder Center Conference Room (located at the south end of the second floor concourse) to extend best wishes to Jack and Lila Ryder on Thursday, January 9. A reception has been scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for Dr. Ryder, who retired from his College of Education teaching position at the end of fall semester. He served as SVSU's second president from November 1974 to July 1989, when he requested release from his contract to assume other responsibilities for the University.

The reception is open to the entire SVSU family. Refreshments will be served.

SVSU Community Gives Gifts from the Heart

A variety of projects aimed at making the holidays happier for people whose circumstances would otherwise dictate a bleak season are underway across campus.

"At this time of year, as we make our own holiday plans, we are reminded that Christmas may not be so happy for others in our community," said Gene Hamilton. "Several campus groups are participating in projects that share with those who may not be able to enjoy luxuries — or perhaps even the basics — without help."

The list includes "Project Dignity," with the Student Social Work Organization coordinating a collection effort. The group is collecting toiletries and personal items to be distributed through the Good Neighbors Mission. Project Dignity also is being supported by other campus units.

Several other campus members have contributed to the "Caring for Kids" project. Elaine Schnepf, Judy Harper and Vivian Wressell are coordinating collections, and drop boxes are located at six sites around campus. Donations of coats, snowsuits and other warm outerwear are sought for children or adults.

The Charitree, sponsored by Volunteer Services in cooperation with Student Life, also has generated gifts for those in need. The tree is decorated by contributing to a charity; each donation entitles the individual or group to a star listing the name of the recipient.

Several families who placed requests through the *Saginaw News'* annual Christmas Wish List have been "adopted" by various campus offices. Hamilton's office provided coordination for that project, which supplies items ranging from food and clothing to toys and other items that bring a bit of fun to families struggling with the necessities for daily living.

"There no doubt are other projects as well," Hamilton said, "and many individuals give privately to the charity of their choice. We can feel satisfaction that the SVSU community is willing to share with the larger community. Those who have helped these projects in any way are to be commended."

Health Risk Appraisals to be Offered

SVSU employees can participate in a free computerized Health Risk Appraisal during the month of January. A \$50 value, the appraisal is endorsed by the *Something for EveryBODY* Employee Wellness Program.

Dr. Jennifer Bridges, associate professor of physical and health education, and Beth Clark, campus recreation supervisor, are coordinating the appraisal. For further information, call ext. 7324.

Endangered SVSU Pines to Undergo Selective Surgery

SVSU's landmark pine bosks will undergo selective surgery during the year-end holiday break. The cutting, aimed at curbing a fungus that threatens to destroy several 23-year-old stands of Austrian Pines, began yesterday.

Experts have determined the trees must be thinned to curb the spread of Dipodia, a fungus that began infecting the groves about two years ago. Every other row in the bosks, as well as some individually infected trees, are being removed.

Students Named to *Who's Who*

The names of 63 SVSU students are expected to appear in the 1992 national edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. The selections were made by a University nominating committee and the editors of the annual directory. Honorees must be juniors, seniors or graduate students who have maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average throughout their college years and have been involved in community and/or campus service.

Due to the Christmas Holiday Break, the Fourth Friday Club will not meet during December. Meetings will resume in January 1992.

ADULT READING and LITERACY

Course Offering for Winter 1992 Semester

7-10 p.m., Tuesday, W260, Dr. Kerry Segel

An Overview in Adult Literacy (TE 523)

This course provides the basis for understanding fundamental aspects of adult literacy. Historical, philosophical, social and political facets are among those treated, particularly as they relate to adult literacy program development. Selected issues of current significance are presented in light of both theory and past practice.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL DR. KERRY SEGEL AT EXT. 5611

SVSU community members can "Tie One On" this holiday season in the form of a red ribbon on their vehicles to signify prevention of drunk driving in Michigan. Pick up ribbons in Substance Abuse Prevention or Public Safety. For more information, call ext. 4141.

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Two Alcoholic Anonymous support groups meet on campus. One meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m.; the other, Wednesdays at noon. Both groups meet in Pioneer Annex 1102.

Professional Profile

- **Wah K. Cheng**, assistant professor of history, returned from the Third Illinois-Tamkang International Conference Nov. 8-10 at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. The theme of the conference was "China in Transition: Domestic and Foreign Policies."
- **Dr. William Gourd**, professor of communication and theatre, served as moderator of a panel discussion on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Midland Dow H.S. The panel was organized by Dow High political science teacher Mary Street in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution. The two-hour event, held in the school's Little Theatre, was staged in front of an audience of some 130 students from political science, history and other classes at the school. Discussion topics focused on issues of privacy in a contemporary context. The four panelists brought expertise from educational, medical, judicial and corporate spheres of involvement with issues of privacy.
- **Dr. Dee Storey and Dr. Carrie Sorensen**, from the Department of Teacher Education, attended the National Council for the Social Studies annual conference in Washington D.C., Nov. 22-25. The conference theme, "Visions and Voices," focused on the impact made by a variety of individuals throughout human history because of a personal vision. Storey and Sorensen presented a session entitled "Black Authors and Illustrators of Literature for Children and Young Adults: 21 Years of Coretta Scott King Award and Honor Books."
- An essay by **Dr. Rosalie Riegle Troester**, associate professor of English, is included in *Double Stitch: Black Women Write About Mothers and Daughters*, edited by Patricia Bell-Scott, et al, and published this month by Beacon Press. The essay, "Turbulence and Tenderness: Mothers, Daughters and Othermothers in Paule Marshall's *Brown Girl, Brownstones*," joins essays, poetry and fiction by Alice Walker, Maya Angelou, June Jordan and other Black American writers. Troester points out that "marketing triumphed over truth" in the sub-title. The anthology will be available in the University Bookstore.

• **Matthew Zivich**, professor of art, will display a work entitled "Card City" in the 15th All Area Exhibition of the Saginaw Art Museum. Dr. Paul Richelson, chief curator of collections at the Grand Rapids Art Museum, chose the entry for the Dec. 15 through Jan. 26 show. "Card City" is an architectural model that previously has been on display at the Kresge Gallery of Michigan State University. Out of the 99 works submitted for the All Area Exhibition, 65 works representing 54 artists from 27 counties were selected.

Personnel

The following positions are open to all regular employees of the University:

Special Assistant to the President for International Programs (posted 11/6/91) — Full-time (new) position to develop programs and policies, provide orientation, counseling and immigration information and plan activities of the Office of International Programs. Master's degree in social science, communication languages, education or humanities or the equivalent combination of experience and education required.

Bilingual/Bicultural Education Counselor (posted 11/15/91) — Full-time (replacement) position to assist in the academic support of undergraduates in the Bilingual/Bicultural Endorsement Program. Degree in psychology, education or counseling required (M.A. preferred).

For further information on these positions, call the Personnel Office at ext. 4112. SVSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Events/Activities

• **Valley Film Society** — Friday, Dec. 20, 7:45 p.m. in the University Theatre. Featured film is "Intolerance." Admission by pro-rated membership. Call ext. 5624 for information.

Transitions

Please note the following change in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*: **Paul Becker**, lecturer, Mathematical Sciences, now can be reached at ext. 5609.



SVSU HOLDS WINTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY — Some 200 graduates participated in the Friday, Dec. 13 evening Commencement ceremony in O'Neill Arena. Dr. Drew Hinderer, professor of philosophy [top photo], delivered the Commencement Address, entitled "What Is Your Degree Worth?" Audience members with hearing impairments were able to understand everything that was said through a 'signer' [left].



BOARD REPORT

A REPORT OF THE SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF CONTROL

December 13, 1991

Board Approves Faculty Leaves, Sabbaticals, Administrative Salary Increases; Names Jack M. Ryder "President Emeritus"

The SVSU Board of Control met prior to Friday's fall semester Commencement ceremonies, dealing with a variety of resolutions affecting personnel, as well as approving renovations and additions to the Administrative Services Building. (See related story pg. 1.)

Paid leaves were approved for Dr. Merlyn Mondol, professor of psychology, and Dr. Carrie Sorensen, assistant professor of teacher education. They have been invited to serve as visiting professors from January 1 through April 30, 1992. Mondol will be teaching at Shikoku Women's University, Tokushima, Japan, while Sorensen's teaching position is with Shanghai International Studies University in China. The exchange arrangements reinforce sister-university relationships between SVSU and the two overseas institutions.

Board members also approved sabbaticals for 13 faculty who had met all requirements and were recommended. They are:

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| David Barker | Summers 92, 93 & 94 |
| Deborah Bishop | Fall 92 |
| Robert Braddock | Summers 92, 93 & 94 |
| Gamal Elashhab | Summers 92, 93 & 94 |
| Charles Garrison | Fall 92 |
| Berner Gorden | Winter 93 |
| Eldon Graham | Winter 93 |
| Mary Graiver | Fall 92 & Winter 93 |
| Lynn Herkstroeter | Summers 92, 93 & 94 |
| Tirumale Ramesh | Winter 93 |
| Janet Robinson | Fall 92 & Winter 93 |
| G. Alexander Ross | Fall 92 & Winter 93 |
| Ervin Sparapani | Winter 93 |

The sabbaticals are used to maintain and enhance professional knowledge and expertise.

A resolution granting "President Emeritus" status to Jack M. Ryder received Board approval. The resolution commended Ryder for achievements during his tenure, including the successful construction of Maurice E. Brown Hall, Melvin J. Zahnow Library, the Science Building and the Ryder Center for Health and Physical Education. It noted Ryder's leadership in raising private gifts for the construction of Pioneer Hall, the Morley Track and Field, the Arbury Fine Arts Center, the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery and the Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium.

Ryder also was cited for his work to elevate the status of Saginaw Valley State College, Grand Valley State College, Ferris State College and Lake Superior State College to universities in 1987.

Meeting in Executive Session to evaluate personnel matters, the Board approved base salary increases of four percent for the University's top executives as follows:

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| Jerry A. Woodcock | \$91,100 |
| Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs | |
| Robert S.P. Yien | 85,300 |
| Vice President for Academic Affairs | |
| John A. Fallon | 81,100 |
| Vice President for Public Affairs | |
| Eric R. Gilbertson | 105,500 |
| President | |

Earlier this year the Board approved a budget that allows an increase of administrative/professional staff and faculty salaries averaging 5.25 percent. The administrative pay increases take effect January 1, 1992.

SCHEDULED HOLIDAY ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES BY BUILDING

During this holiday season when the campus is closed, the Physical Plant Department, in an effort to avoid unnecessary energy costs, is planning to schedule and provide minimum utilities services to all campus facilities as indicated below.

There are three broad conservation measures in which potential energy cost avoidance is achievable in all campus facilities. They are:

1. Reduced space temperatures to approximately 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Reduced domestic hot water temperatures for restrooms, showers, kitchens, labs, etc., to minimum levels.
3. Reduced lighting levels to minimum levels.

All buildings are scheduled to receive all three conservation measures during the holiday break. Those buildings with no known exceptions are:

**66/68 BUILDINGS
CHILDREN'S CENTER
DOAN CENTER
DORMITORIES A - G
PIONEER HALL**

Those buildings with known scheduled activities and/or other concerns will receive services in the same manner as above with the following exceptions:

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUILDING

Exception: space temperatures and lighting levels will be maintained at normal settings for CIESIN offices.

BROWN HALL

Exception: space temperature will be maintained at normal levels in all live animal rooms.

FINE ARTS BUILDING

Exception: space temperatures will remain unchanged.

MODULAR UNITS (BOOKSTORE AND ANNEX'S)

Exception: Offices and the telecommunications classroom space temperatures will remain unchanged.

RYDER CENTER/CARDINAL GYM

Exception: space temperatures, water temperatures and lighting levels will be maintained at their normal levels for scheduled activities as published by the facility manager. Reductions will occur during times when the facilities are not being used.

SCIENCE BUILDING

Exception: space temperatures will be maintained at normal levels in all live animal and plant material locations.

WICKES HALL

Exception: space temperatures will be maintained at normal levels for the Admissions Office for the period it is scheduled to be open.

ZAHNOW LIBRARY

Exception: Library Consortium space temperatures will remain unchanged.

Direct any concerns and/or questions regarding the latter to the Physical Plant Office at ext. 4080 as soon as possible so concerns can be addressed in a timely fashion. For those of you who may have concerns for office plants insofar as the 60 degree temperature and watering, it generally is felt that most plant materials will be fine during the duration that the campus is closed.

Here are some suggestions for departmental or personal plants:

Take them home for the holidays. Water them thoroughly and either leave them in their present location or take them to the Fine Arts Center, room 105, on the last working day. If you elect to use room 105 in the Fine Arts Center, we suggest you label your plant(s) and you must pick up your plant(s) upon return to campus January 2, 1992 before 4 p.m.

The Physical Plant department will not be held responsible for departmental and/or personal plant(s) materials during campus closures.

OTHER PLANNED MAINTENANCE ACTIONS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

In addition to the energy conservation measures, the following preventive maintenance requirements are scheduled:

1. Electrical distribution systems preventive maintenance for Brown, Science and Zahnow is scheduled on Thursday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 27.

There will be times when electrical power will be turned off for short durations.

2. Fire alarms testing for all campus facilities on Sunday, Dec. 29.

Direct any concerns and/or questions regarding the above information to the Physical Plant Office at ext. 4080.