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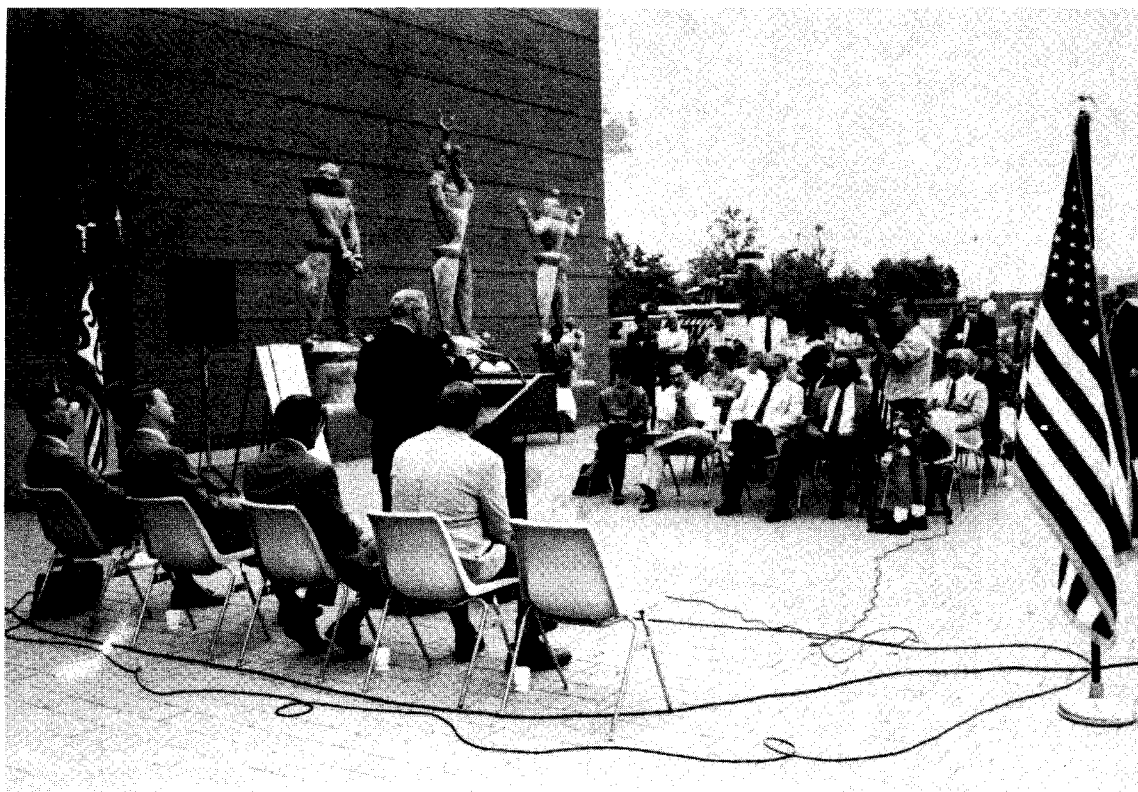
## **News Conference Highlights Legislature's Approval of Funds for New \$33 Million SVSU Business and Professional Development Center**

Plans for construction of a new Business and Professional Development building on the SVSU campus are going forward following approval of funding by the Michigan Legislature. House of Representatives approval on June 30 followed earlier passage by the Senate and enabled the state to provide about \$33 million in building authority to the University over the next three years.

At a July 1 news conference, University President Eric Gilbertson credited State Senator Jon Cisky (R-Saginaw) with leading

the legislative effort in the Senate and praised House Speaker Lewis Dodak (D-Montrose) and Representatives James O'Neill (D-Saginaw) and Rollie Niederstadt (D-Saginaw) for their active support in Lansing. Gilbertson also expressed appreciation to Governor Engler, saying, "The project exemplifies the Governor's commitment to support education in the state at all levels."

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News media and University faculty and staff listen to Rep. James O'Neill (at podium) give details of legislative approval for funding of the Business and Professional Development Center. Those gathered at the July 1 news conference were told that the building will be completed sometime in 1994.

## **News Conference**

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"We aren't doing anything that's much different here than what's already been done for other universities around the state," O'Neill told reporters and University faculty and staff members who gathered outside the Arbury Center to hear the good news. Cisky, a former Criminal Justice department faculty member, said construction of the new building "will provide good, high-paying jobs for the University and will benefit the entire Tri-City area."



SVSU Vice President for Public Affairs John Fallon said he anticipated the next seven months will be devoted to development and approval of final construction plans for the three-story structure, which will be larger than the Ryder Center and taller than the water tower. He said he expects the building will be completed sometime in 1994.

The 202,900 square foot building will serve as the main entryway to the University's core campus and will be located in an area now devoted to Lot C. It will link Doan Center with the Arbury Fine Arts Center at the east end of the central quadrangle.

When complete, the structure will house a 600-seat performing arts auditorium complex, a 300-seat recital hall, multi-purpose classrooms and computer laboratory space, a three-story, glass-enclosed, reception/student lounge area, multimedia technical facilities, office space for faculty and staff of the College of Business and Management and similar office space for student leadership activities, volunteer services and the University Conference Center.

Preliminary plans, developed jointly by the Southfield-based architectural firm of Yee Associates, Inc. and University faculty and staff members, were revealed last fall. At that time, the University's Board of Control gave preliminary approval to schematic drawings illustrating floor plans and exterior views of the proposed structure. With the Governor's approval, work can proceed on detailed construction drawings.

On hand to answer questions at the news conference were Rep. James O'Neill (standing at podium), and (seated behind O'Neill from left) Sen. Jon Cisky, Rep. Rollie Niederstadt, President Eric Gilbertson and Vice President for Public Affairs John Fallon.

## **Second Taiwanese Class Begins MBA Study at SVSU**

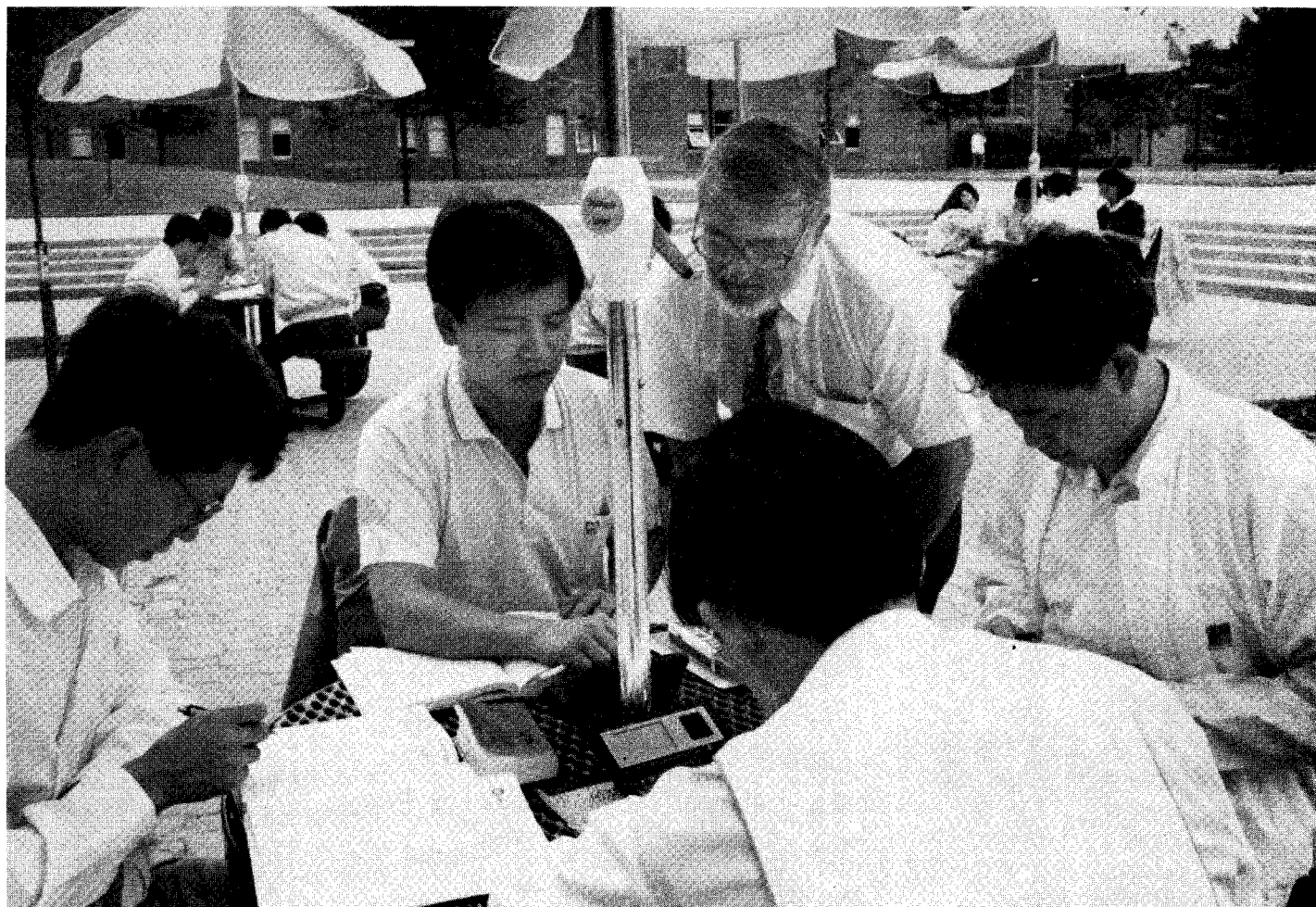
Since the end of June, Pine Grove Apartments has served as home for 23 Taiwanese graduate students working toward a Master of Business Administration. On Monday, June 29, the second class of Taiwanese mid-level managers began formal classes at SVSU.

The new group will pursue essentially the same curriculum path followed by 29 other Taiwanese MBA candidates who began the SVSU portion of their studies last summer. Like the earlier group, the new students have accumulated between six and eight years of practical experience working at jobs on their home island in science, technology and investment banking. Both groups of candidates underwent preparatory training at Taiwan's

Tamking University before coming to the United States.

Studies undertaken by the new group of students include Accounting for Management Decisions (ACCT 612), Organizational Behavior (MGT 621) and a class dealing with research tools, techniques and a year-long research project (MGT 698).

The first group is expected to return to the SVSU campus July 26 to complete their year-long research project and to spend about 40 additional hours in the classroom studying the Social Environment of Business (MGT 690) and Financial Planning and Control (FIN 604). They will participate in Commencement exercises on December 6 in Taiwan.



**Dr. Robert Cheek, associate professor of management, offers advice to one of the 23 Taiwanese**

**students studying for their M.B.A. at SVSU. The group was meeting for class outdoors on the patio near Zahnow Library when this photo was taken.**

## **SVSU Program Receives Grant**

The Bilingual-Bicultural Teacher Training Program has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and Minority Language Affairs (OBEMLA). This award will cover some of the educational expenses of bilingual students during the 1992-93 academic year.

## **Professional Profile**

• **Dr. Jonathan Leonard**, assistant professor of electrical engineering, presented a paper at the 1992 International Microwave Symposium of the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers on June 4 in Albuquerque (NM). Sally Shepardson, instructor of biology, was co-author of the paper. The presentation was titled "Comparison of Microwave and Convective Heating in Rapid Specimen Preparation Techniques for Electron Microscopy."

• **Dr. Michael W. Panhorst**, director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, had a paper published in *Dialogue/89* — The Conservation of Bronze Sculpture in the Outdoor Element: A Dialogue Among Conservators, Curators, Environmental Scientists and Corrosion Engineers (Houston, Texas: National Association of Corrosion Engineers). The paper was titled "Sculpture Surveys: A Summary of Projects Completed, in Progress and Planned." He also presented this paper at the conference in Baltimore in the summer of 1989.

## **Events/Activities**

• **Wardene Talley Farewell Reception** — Wednesday, July 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 1st floor Wickes. Sponsored by Minority Services. Refreshments will be served.

• **Shikoku University Students Reception** — Thursday, July 16, 2 p.m., Zahnow Student Lounge. Sponsored by International Programs, ext. 4473.

• **Buffet Picnic** — Wednesday, July 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Zahnow Patio Area. Cost is \$3 per person. Rain date is Thursday, July 23. Sponsored by Campus Dining and Student Life.

## **Did You Know? ...**

• The Office of International Programs is seeking hosts for seven students from Shikoku University. Please call ext. 4473 or 4268 if you are able to help.

• Anyone interested in making a presentation at the 1992-93 Zahnow Library Lecture Series is invited to contact Jack Wood (ext. 5638) or Bob Braddock (ext. 4360, 5601). Topics should be of general interest, be suitable for nonspecialists, and should last no longer than 30 minutes with an extra 10-15 minutes for questions.

## **SVSU Alumnus Earns Doctorate**

Jeffrey M. Florczak, a 1985 physics graduate of SVSU, received his Ph.D. in experimental solid state physics from the University of Minnesota in May 1992. According to Dr. S.K. "Tom" Yun, professor of physics, Florczak was one of the best students in physics in recent years at SVSU.

Florczak's Ph.D. dissertation was on "Transport and Structural Studies of Metallic Multilayer Films." He found a permanent position at 3M Corporation in Minnesota.

Two other SVSU graduates with Ph.D.s in physics are Timothy A. Johnson (B.S., '70) and Robert Marande (B.S., '74), a professor of physics and chairman at Pennsylvania State University at Erie.

## **AROUND**

**TOWN**— The Saginaw Symphony Orchestra, with soloist Kathy Wagner, will present "A Mid-Summer's Night Concert" of moonlight and music on Ojibway Island in Saginaw on Tuesday, July 14 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. The program will be repeated in Bay City at the World Friendship Shell at Wenona Park on Wednesday, July 15 at 7 p.m. A \$5 admission charge will be taken at the gate to benefit the Bay Arts Council; children 12 and under admitted free.

The Office of Marketing Research and Information Services is scheduling appointments for portraits to go in the 1992-93 *Faculty/Staff Directory*. Anyone interested in having their portrait taken should call ext. 5641 to make arrangements.