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CIESIN President to Speak at Honors Convocation

Dr. Roberta Balstad Miller, president and chief executive officer of the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), will be the Honors Convocation speaker at 4 p.m., Thursday, April 22, in the University Theatre.

Miller, who earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of Minnesota, will speak on "Public Policy and the Universities."

The author of *City and Hinterland: A Case Study of Urban Growth and Regional Development*, Miller has published numerous other articles on science policy and environmental change. She has conducted historical research in South Africa and has served as chairperson of the Human Interactions Working Group of the U.S. Global Change Research Plan. She has taught at the Catholic University of America, the University of Minnesota, Oberlin College and Hiram College.

Miller was appointed president of CIESIN in February of this year. She succeeds former astronaut Jack Lousma. Since 1984, Miller has served as director of the Division of Social and Economic Science for the National Science Foundation (NSF). She also currently is vice president of the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and vice chair of the ISSC's Committee on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Programme.

The assembly will recognize the accomplishments of 11 graduating seniors who completed and presented honors theses. These students maintained a grade point average of 3.4 or better throughout their college careers.

Others to be recognized include students graduating with honors, student members of Alpha Chi, members of departmental honors societies and those receiving special academic awards.

A musical prelude will be performed by the Collegium Musicum, and President Eric Gilbertson will open the program with a greeting to students. Following Dr. Miller's address, Dr. Jonathan Leonard, assistant professor of electrical engineering, will read the names of those being honored who are in attendance at the Convocation.

SVSU faculty and staff are invited to join in an honor guard near the entrance to the steps of the Theatre. Academic regalia, although not required for this ceremony, is available at the Bookstore for those who placed an order for commencement. In case of inclement weather, the entire processional will assemble inside the Theatre lobby.

Guests can greet Dr. Miller and congratulate students during a reception in the Theatre lobby following the ceremony.



Roberta Balstad Miller

FACULTY ASSOCIATION

SPRING AWARDS DINNER

Monday, May 3 ♦ 6:30 p.m.

Lower Level Doan Center

This eighth annual event will celebrate the announcement of the student recipients of the Faculty Association Endowed Scholarship and the faculty recipients of the Faculty Association Awards for Scholarship and University Service.

Tickets are \$12 per person, available from faculty secretaries on third floor Brown Hall or first floor Science Building. Deadline for purchasing advance tickets is Monday, April 26.

"Concert in St. Petersburg" to Get SVSU Homecoming Welcome

After a sparkling reception in Russia's former capital city, St. Petersburg, SVSU's Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and the Bay Chorale will present a Homecoming Concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 24, in the University Theatre.

"Concert in St. Petersburg" is expected to recreate the music and excitement that prompted four encores from an enthusiastic Russian audience when the combined choirs performed recently in the renowned Cappella Concert Hall.

"It was a beautiful hall with excellent acoustics," music professor Eric Nisula said when the choirs returned from the spring break concert appearance. "The choir was extremely well received by the Russian audience, particularly when it performed American jazz, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and a medley of beloved Russian melodies."

The Homecoming Concert will consist of three types of music. The first is traditional classical featuring *Motet No. 6, "Praise Ye the Lord,"* by Johann Sebastian Bach. The second consists of four Byzantine chant compositions by anonymous composers that are traditional to the Russian Orthodox Church. Other selections include a work from Rachmoninoff's *All Night Vigil* and compositions by Tchaikowsky and Tschensnikoff.

During the intermission, refreshments, photographs and souvenirs of the St. Petersburg appearance will be available in the Theatre lobby.

The concert resumes with an all-American flavor, beginning with four vocal jazz selections, *Just in Time*, *Here's That Rainy Day* and *Embraceable You* by George Gershwin, topped off by Duke Ellington's *It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing*. Two old American anthems follow, *I am the Rose of Sharon* by Colonial New England composer William Billings and an arrangement of the southern folk hymn, *What Wondrous Love is This*. An old-time hymn sing follows with *In the Garden* and *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*.

The concert continues with spirituals, *Go Tell it on the Mountain*, *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*, *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* and *Amazing Grace*. The combined choirs perform an arrangement of *Battle Hymn of the Republic* by Peter Wilhousky and round out the concert with a medley of Russian cabaret songs including *Those Were the Days My Friend* and *Moscow Nights*, accompanied by a mandolin, producing a "reasonable facsimile of a Russian balalaika."

Encore selections include professional entertainers from the choir singing music made famous by Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis, with the choirs joining in.

Complimentary tickets are available upon request to SVSU faculty and staff. For reservations or additional information, please contact the SVSU Department of Music at ext. 4159.

Alpha Mu Gamma Initiates New Members

The Theta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, national honorary for foreign language students, will initiate 19 new members on Sunday, April 25, at 2 p.m. in Lower Level Doan Center.

This event will honor the 18th group of initiates since the charter of the local chapter was granted in 1976.

Newly elected chapter officers are Marla Billingsley, president; Deanna Nickless, vice president; Melissa Stahl, secretary; and Jim Tahash, historian.

David E. Barker, professor of French and chairperson of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, is faculty sponsor of the group.

Senior Art Students Exhibit Work

The work of ten graduating art students is on display in the University Art Gallery through April 22. The exhibit includes a variety of media and marks the completion of the undergraduate program for these art majors. Students whose work is displayed are:

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| • Joseph Ashcraft , sculpture and ceramics | • Marsha Porath , etching and blockprint |
| • Jennifer Bailey , etchings and silkscreen | • Thomas Stockwell , photography |
| • Elaine Fentress , photography, silkscreen and watercolor | • Christopher Sutorik , sculpture and photography |
| • Carol Johnson , painting, drawing and silkscreen | • Kathleen Theiler , photography |
| • Susanne Loeschner , etching and silkscreen | • Bryan Ward , photography |

Sculpture Gallery Forms "Friends"

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery marked two milestones in March, according to gallery director Michael Panhorst. An attendance record was set, with some 2549 people visiting the gallery. "That is more than 500 above our previous record set last March," Panhorst said. The attendance list included 31 tour groups, plus 1,363 guests during the VALLEY FESTIVAL OF THE FINE ARTS.®

March also heralded the establishment of the "Friends of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery." This membership organization supports Gallery programs and includes categories for various levels of giving from \$10 for students and seniors through "Benefactors" who contribute \$1,000 or more. "Members receive a 10 percent discount on items purchased from the Gallery, as well as invitations to special events," Panhorst said.

The first such event, planned for May 1 and 2, is a Fifth Anniversary celebration. On Saturday evening the Gallery will host a black tie benefit dinner. Sunday's activities feature a free public Open House from 1-5 p.m.

For more information about the Friends or the Fifth Anniversary events, contact the Gallery at ext. 5667.

Campus Happenings

Photographs by Judith Kerman

Through May 14, Latent Image Gallery

Photos by Dean Kerman of the Concert Choir trip to Russia in March will be displayed. Latent Image Gallery is located in the hallway of the Art Department in Arbury.

Student Voice Recital

Sunday, April 25, 3 p.m., Theatre

Wendy Wheeler, who has been selected to perform with the Rome Festival Opera this summer, will give a voice recital. Call ext. 4159 for further information.

Passport to Profit Conference

Tuesday, May 4, 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

A conference on expanding business to foreign markets, hosted by BIDI. Call ext. 4048 for registration information.

Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop

Wednesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Wickes 364

An informal monthly working session of area poets. For further information, call ext. 4062.

Did You Know? ...

- Faculty and staff may bestow the **Alumni Scroll** to graduating members of their immediate family during Commencement on May 8. Call Mary Jane Craves at ext. 4052 to make arrangements.
- Children of University employees will be given a \$15 discount on **Summer Sports Camps**. More information and registration forms are available by calling ext. 7300.
- The next **4th Friday Club** meeting will be Friday, April 23, from 4:30-6 p.m. in the President's Reception area on third floor Wickes Hall.
- All buildings on campus will have power shut off on Sunday, May 9, to perform needed electrical system repairs.
- An inordinate amount of trash continues to be mixed in with the paper that is sent out for **recycling**. SVSU is in danger of losing the recycling program if this continues. For a list of items that can and cannot be recycled, call ext. 4045.
- **Portraits** for the 1993-94 *Faculty/Staff Directory* will be taken through the end of April. To schedule an appointment, call ext. 5641.
- On display in the **Wickes Display Case** on the third floor are baskets by Nancy Whalen; lamps by Louise Kant; paintings from the collection of Judith Kerman; a rug by Anne Reittenbach; and woodworking by Richard Payne and Eric Petersen.

Valley Wind Quintet Concert

**Rescheduled for
Thursday, April 29
8 p.m.
Theatre**

**Complimentary
tickets are available
upon request to
SVSU faculty and
staff by calling
ext. 4159.**



Carlos Cuadriello, consul of Mexico, was the guest speaker for the SVSU Economics Society Forum on April 6. Cuadriello's topic was "North American Free Trade Agreement: The New Realities in Mexico."

Across Campus

- The campus community extends wishes for a full recovery to **Louise Forbes**, retired SVSU administrator and current Sculpture Gallery docent. Louise became ill on a recent trip and is in the intensive care unit of Mercy Hospital, Fairfield (OH).
- Best wishes for a complete recovery also are extended to **John Kendall**. John served for more than 16 years on SVSU's Board of Control and is a current member of the Board of Fellows.
- Congratulations go out to **Bob Lane**, assistant professor of political science, and his wife, **Sheryl**, on the birth of their second child. Sara Beth was born Friday, April 2 at 7:15 p.m. (9 lbs., 4 oz., 21 in.).
- **Shelly Reminder**, transcript clerk in the Registrar's Office, and her husband, **Ed**, have a new baby girl. Rachel Michelle was born March 26 (9 lbs., 2 oz., 21 in.).
- The household of **Dan Strasz**, assistant director of Admissions, increased by one on April 11. Dan's wife, **Tracy**, gave birth at 1:20 p.m. to **William James** (8 lbs., 12 oz., 21 in.).

Professional Profile

• **Sally Edgerton**, associate professor of teacher education, with **Melrita Westerlund**, SVSU adjunct professor, conducted a workshop titled "Science, Young Children and Books" at a March 25 meeting in Grand Rapids of the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children. This presentation also was given at the Michigan Reading Association on March 14 and the Mid-Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children on January 23. Examples of exemplary science books suitable for integrating themes were presented. Ideas for extensions, connections and child-centered creations were explored within the context of an integrated language arts program.

• **Douglas Hansen**, professor of teacher education, and **Michael Murphy**, assistant superintendent at Frankenmuth Public Schools, published an article titled "MC₃ Saginaw County Educators Find Path to Progress" in the March/April 1993 *Journal of Michigan Association of School Boards*. The article provided educators with the innovative curriculum development approach designed by the authors for the 13 school districts in Saginaw County.

• **Melissa Hayden**, assistant professor of teacher education, recently presented "The Effects of Well-designed Curriculum on Preservice Teachers' Decision Making Skills" at the 10th Annual International Conference Technology in Education, Cambridge (MA).

• **Judith Kerman**, dean of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, will read from her works as featured poet at the Cornelia Street Cafe in New York City on April 29. The reading is sponsored by *The New Press*, a literary magazine that also has accepted two of Kerman's poems for publication.

• **Hong Y. Park**, **Joseph Ofori-Dankwa** and **Deborah Ramirez Bishop** co-authored a paper titled "Organizational and Environmental Determinants of Functional and Dysfunctional Turnover: Practical and Research Implications." This paper was accepted for publication in *Human Relations*, which is one of the five most influential journals in the world on macro organizational behavior. An earlier version of the paper was presented at the 1991 Academy of Management Meeting in Miami Beach (FL).

• **Hong Y. Park**, professor of economics, will give an invited talk on Iosco County employment trends to the Iosco County Chamber of Commerce on April 27. Park also was a luncheon speaker for the Saginaw Township Business Association on November 14. He was a member of the Planning Committee for the Saginaw Economic Outlook Conference on December 2. Finally, Park presented a paper titled "Work Incentives in the U.S. and Japan" at the annual meeting of the Association for University Business and Economic Research (AUBER) on October 19.

• **Janet E. Rubin**, professor of communication and theatre, had a paper titled "Directorial Roles and Communication in Work with Student Actors" published in *Communication and Theatre Association Journal* (Summer 1993), a nationally juried publication. Rubin also conducted a workshop titled "Speaking and Listening: Outcomes, Objectives and Activities" at the Integrated Language Arts Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education on March 30. June Cottrell of Western Michigan University was a co-presenter.

• **Jill Wetmore**, associate professor of finance, presented a paper titled "Loan-Loss Provisions of Commercial Banks and Adequate Disclosure: An Empirical Study" at the Eastern Finance Conference in Richmond (VA) on April 16. The paper was co-authored with **John R. Brick**, professor of finance at Michigan State University. Wetmore also served on the program committee of the conference and as a discussant for a paper titled "The Effects of Announcements of Bank Lending Agreements on the Market Values of U.S. Banks," by **Amjad Waheed** and **Ike Mathur**.

• **James G. Muladore**, assistant vice president for Administration and Business Affairs and controller, completed his third and final three-year term on the Board and as treasurer of the Valley State Employees Credit Union. He did not seek re-election.

• **Robert J. Thaler**, assistant professor of sociology, announced that his son, **Bradford**, was elected head of student government at Michigan State University. Bradford, a 20-year-old sophomore, is a student in James Madison residential college and the Honors College at MSU. He also is a resident assistant in West Wilson Hall.