Area Education Leaders Participate in SVSU "School Finance" Panel

The defeat of Proposal A earlier this month has caused many school districts around the state to scramble for money to operate classes next year. So when a panel composed of school superintendents, a representative of the State Department of Education and a seasoned state legislator convened to discuss "School Finance Issues" June 24 in SVSU’s Doan Center, their views drew considerable attention from area education leaders.

State Representative James O’Neill, (D) Saginaw, headed the list of panelists. Also included were Paul Novak, superintendent of the Carrollton Public Schools; Wayne Vasher, superintendent of Saginaw Township Community Schools; Michael Addonizio, of the Michigan Department of Education; and Joseph Snider of SVSU’s College of Education.

The panel discussion highlighted one of several topics covered during a week-long professional educator’s conference at the University. Other topics covered by Educational Leadership Academy II included "Women in Administration: Gender-Culture Bias," "Social Issues: Understanding the Students of the ’90s," "Gangs and Violence in Schools," "State of Michigan New Accreditation Model/State Endorsed Diplomas," "MEAPing to Learn and Learning to MEAP" and "Would Proposal A Have Given Long-Term Satisfaction?"

Conference participants heard keynote presentations and took part in panel discussions, workshops and small, interactive sessions with leading practitioners in the field. The conference enabled participants to acquire three graduate credits that may be applied to Michigan certification or re-certification for school administrators.
SVSU Hosts 40 High Schoolers from Michigan and Ontario

A series of daily workshops, tours of the Dow Chemical Company and a pizza party made up the list of activities for 39 students from Michigan and one from Windsor, Ontario who participated in the University’s M3-PEP program.

Raymond Foster, who directs the NASA-sponsored program, on June 20 welcomed the students to campus as part of an on-going effort to interest more minority and female students in advanced studies and careers in engineering and science. All of the students, who were just finishing their freshman year in high school, spent the week on campus studying computer technology and space science.

“...The students started out Monday morning by exploring computer graphics and computer problem-solving,” Foster said. “They were given hands-on experience in glider design and rocket building.” Also included was an environmental workshop.

After class, the students were given access to Ryder Center’s swimming pool, as well as the racquetball, volleyball and basketball courts.

Panel of Experts to Discuss Global Water Shortage at July 16 Forum

Pollution, rapid population growth and industrialization are among the factors responsible for water quality and quantity problems throughout the world.

To focus attention on this issue, a public forum will take place Friday, July 16, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in Marble Lecture Hall. The forum will be an opportunity to hear a team of multidisciplinary, multinational experts share their views on the current state of research and plans for an international strategic water resource management program.

The campus community and general public are invited to attend the event. The moderator will be Jose Ireneu Dos Remedios Furado, an environmental specialist for the Economic Development Institute of The World Bank. A reception will follow in Arbry Fine Arts Center.

For further information, contact Laina Savory in the Institute for Environmental Policy and Education at ext. 4195.

Not Your Ordinary Bulbs Offered by Physical Plant

Physical Plant is giving away used light bulbs to any interested SVSU employees. The used bulbs are available after campus street and walkway lighting systems were upgraded with energy saving bulbs.

The types of lamps being offered are not your typical residential style bulbs. The types are 175-watt Mercury Vapor ( mogul base) and 175-watt Metal Halide ( mogul base).

Each employee may request up to five lamps of each type. No guarantee of lamp life is made. This offer is “first-come, first-serve” and is good while supplies last.

Contact Dave Mrzinski, assistant director of Physical Plant, at ext. 4080.
Professional Profile

- Hsuan (Frank) Chen, professor of physics, was appointed as a member of the Doctoral Committee for candidate Ms. Ye Chen for the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan. Chen is a visiting professor at the U of M for the same department this summer.


- Margaret M. Flatt, professor of nursing, in March presented a paper titled “Family Care: Recognizing the Limits of Family Capacity” at the 39th Annual Meeting of the American Society on Aging. In May, Flatt was elected President of the East Central District Nurses Association, a district of the Michigan Nurses Association that covers a ten county region (Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Iosco, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw and Tuscola).

- Two chapters of Transforming RN Education: Dialogue and Debate, a 1993 book published by the National League for Nursing, were written by SVSU faculty members.

Based on presentations given at an international nursing conference in 1992, Sally Deck er worked with an M.S.N. student to coauthor a chapter on “Creation of Visual Metaphors in RN Education,” while Janalou Blecke and Margaret Flatt wrote about their analysis of why “RN Students Need to Tell Their Stories.”

- Judith Kerman, dean of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, has had her paper titled “Uses of the Fantastic in the Literature of the Holocaust” published in Volume 5, Number 2 of Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts, the special issue on the Holocaust.

- Thomas Renna, professor of history, presented a paper titled “Medieval Civilization: A Paradigm” at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations held at the University of Scranton (PA) on June 5, 1993.

- Roosevelt Ruffin, director of Multicultural Programs/Affirmative Action, was elected 1994-95 vice-chair of the Michigan Humanities Council at the organization’s June meeting in Traverse City. Ruffin will serve with Robert Ferguson, who is the MHC chair from Ferris State University.


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Summer Interior Schedule:

July 20
August 10
August 31

Submit articles to be included in the newsletter by the Thursday before the publication date. Call ext. 5641 for further information.

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Employees from Delta College and SVSU gathered on the concourse in Ryder Center for a June 18 social event. From left to right, Jack Jonker of Delta, Elaine Schneipf and Vivian Wressell of SVSU share in a good time.
Did You Know? ...

- Central Stores will be closed for inventory June 29 and 30. Any orders received by Friday, June 25, will be delivered and charged to 1992-93 budgets. All orders received starting Monday, June 28, will be charged to 1993-94 budgets and will be delivered July 1.
- Items that were presented to President Eric Gilbertson and the Office of International Programs by foreign universities and dignitaries are being featured in the Wickes Showcase. The display runs through July 9.
- Students receiving Employee Tuition Waivers (employees or employee family members) must bring their tuition bills to the Financial Aid office to assure crediting of their accounts. Each time hours are added and a new bill is generated, the student should return to the Financial Aid office to assure the additional credit is added to his/her award.
- A trip to Tiger Stadium on Monday, July 19 is being organized for campus employees and their friends and families. Cost is $23.50, which includes transportation and ticket to the game. A coach will depart from J-lot at 4 p.m. Game time is 7:05 p.m. The Tigers will take on the Twins from Minnesota. To sign up, call ext. 5697.
- Many members of the campus community may be aware of the signs posted by campus ponds prohibiting “water related activities.” However, people may not realize that fishing is considered a water related activity and also is banned. University risk management officials extended the fishing prohibition to the campus ponds two years ago, and University police have been charged with enforcing this policy.
- The Graphics Center will be printing SVSU letterhead in July. Place orders through the Office of Marketing Research and Information Services as early as possible, ext. 5641.
- The 1994 Honors Convocation will be held April 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre. The event is scheduled several months in advance to avoid conflicting with other campus activities and meetings. Please keep this important date in mind when planning event schedules next spring.
- SVSU will receive a $3 donation from the Sheraton Inn Fashion Square for each room night we refer to them. Advanced reservations are best.

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**CAMPUS CLOSED**

Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day holiday.
An Artist of Occasions

Since joining the SVSU Communication and Theatre faculty in summer 1991, Steve Erickson has taught most of the "tech" related classes offered by the department.

"You have to know a little bit of everything (to work in the technical aspects of stage productions)," Erickson says. "You have to be a jack of all trades—whether you are truly a master of any is open to question."

Erickson teaches such things as technical stage design and construction, lighting design and execution, stage property design and building or acquisition of properties, costume design and sound design and execution.

"(Renowned) technical director Robert Edmund Jones said the stage technician is an 'artist of occasions,'" Erickson notes.

"I find it intriguing because every show is something different. Even though you have done these things over and over, you always run into something that is challenging. There is such a definite pleasure when everything comes together, and it always does. We are one of the few businesses that, no matter what, you have to open on time," he smiles.

Erickson's carpentry skills, honed through many set constructing sessions, were put to use as a volunteer in last summer's "Christmas in July" project. The community event brings together an army of volunteers to paint and repair homes for Saginaw residents whose incomes and physical limitations make it impossible for them to perform the tasks themselves.

"I felt really good about the experience, and I got to know Major Leckie and other SVSU people better by working with them that day," he notes. "It was an all-around good experience. The only thing I didn't like about it was that many volunteers were not completely employed. There needed to be more organization."

In an effort to improve the utilization of people and time, Erickson has agreed to co-chair the SVSU portion of the project with Leckie this year. "Sometimes the skill level may not be conducive to accomplishing a particular task. I deal with that in the theater all the time. You have to use people to the best advantage—get the task done, don't waste time, and allow people to learn."

He notes that the house assigned to SVSU, Means Stamping and the Saginaw News' volunteers this year will require carpentry as well as painting. "We may try to do skills assessment, and we might try some different approaches to scheduling," he says.

Erickson also has applied his technical skills behind the scenes at SVSU. He has been working with building director Doug Wagener to make needed improvements to the theatre. "It will be even more aesthetically and practically appealing when Doug and I get through with some of the things we are doing."

Among the projects is a major overhaul of the backstage green room and prep room. "It will be wonderful to have those two areas finished so that when we get performers for the 'Center Stage' series and other programs that bring outside talent, we can bring people into a space that will be comfortable and professional looking."

Although Erickson looks forward to the completion of new theatres in the Business and Professional Development Center, he hopes to see the present theatre maintained. "It would be useful for student-directed productions and as a community resource."
Being in the pool has been beneficial for Marie Rabideau—no matter how you define "pool."

A water sports enthusiast, Rabideau enjoys frequent sessions in the Ryder Center pool. She also started her SVSU career in the secretarial pool and performed so well she soon was hired to fill a permanent position.

"As a pool secretary, I worked for Dr. Kulgren (SET), Dr. Lange (N&AH$) and in the Scholarships and Student Financial Aid Office for six months," Rabideau says. "Then in January of 1987 I started a 30-hour per week assignment in Information Services."

That position soon grew to 40 hours per week, and Rabideau provided support services to as many as seven administrative/professional staff members.

In an often hectic office environment that faced numerous deadlines and frequent interruptions, Rabideau was known for keeping her composure and performing all duties with courtesy. She assumed more responsibility each year, and took on such tasks as updating information in the Faculty/Staff Directory and the University course description catalog. She also maintained a computerized indexing system for the office files.

In February of this year, Rabideau's outstanding record and cheerful personality led to her selection as administrative secretary in Placement, Cooperative Education and Student Employment. "I work with lots of students here," she smiles. "I love dealing with students and other people, and here I am dealing with people all the time."

She explains the various student employment options to those seeking either Co-op or Work/Study positions, and helps seniors seeking permanent positions to set up credential files. "All student credential files are set up on D-base now," she notes. Rabideau handles data entry, and assists with reactivating credentials for alumni who are seeking career changes.

"Right now we are seeing teachers who have been pink slipped coming in to update their files," she says. "Ours is a very busy office, but my work/study students are very good. I depend on them a lot."

Rabideau and her supervisors were very pleased when two SVSU students took top honors in a recent essay competition for Co-op students. "They took first and second; we are really proud of them," she says.

Off duty, Rabideau and her husband, Rick, spend summer weekends speedboating and water skiing on the Saginaw River and Bay. She enjoys driving one of the two boats they own while Rick barefoot skis.

Rabideau belongs to the SVSU racquetball club and tries to work in two or three games each week. She also is assisting Jo Peterson with planning for the Corporate Challenge, which SVSU will host this fall. Rabideau will be participating in several events. "We have two teams this year, and people are starting to know more about Corporate Challenge," she says. "It is a good program."

Since joining SVSU, Rabideau has completed work on a bachelor's degree through the Honors Program. She currently is enrolled in the M.B.A. program.
Christmas In July

"Christmas" comes but twice a year...the one we are anticipating is July 31, 1993.

Give your heart & soul to eight hours of satisfying, result-oriented volunteer effort.

Let’s show that SVSU volunteers are there when needed. Sign up by calling ext. 4066 before July 15... and bring a friend.