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Weather Doesn't Dampen Spirits at West Complex Groundbreaking

About 200 well-wishers braved a steady morning drizzle August 4 to witness groundbreaking ceremonies for the West Complex, a \$33.5 million multipurpose structure to be built on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University.

Though the formal portion of ceremonies was held in the Arbury Fine Arts Center lobby, traditional shovels of earth were turned in the downpour by Governor John Engler, SVSU Board of Control Chairman Thomas E. Rush, President Eric R. Gilbertson and David

Lawrence, senior architect representing the firm of Harley, Ellington, Pierce and Yee Associates, designers of the building.

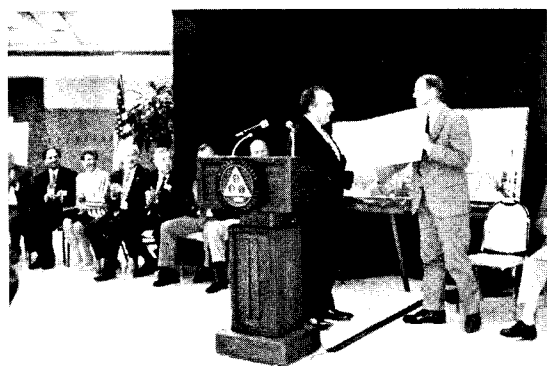
Introducing the Governor, President Gilbertson characterized him as "having especially strong faith in higher education," to which the Governor responded by saying: "This groundbreaking is something we can celebrate because it underscores how important higher education is to the Tri-County Region. My commitment to higher education is something I'm very proud of."

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"When the economy was slow we began to get the Capital Development program underway—this groundbreaking is the first sign of that program moving forward," Governor Engler said. "This is an exciting time to be in higher education."

The Governor delivered a bonus to the University, handing President Gilbertson a check for \$320,102 to pay for deferred maintenance and building modifications required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Clockwise starting at top, shovels of earth were turned in the downpour by President Eric R. Gilbertson, SVSU Board of Control Chairman Thomas E. Rush, Governor John Engler, and senior architect David Lawrence from the firm of Harley, Ellington, Pierce and Yee Associates, designers of the building. William A. Groening, retired vice president and general counsel of the Dow Chemical Company, recalled the drive to raise \$4 million in 1965 that enabled Saginaw Valley College to become a state institution. The Governor handed President Gilbertson a check for \$320,102 to pay for deferred maintenance and building modifications required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Another participant in the ceremonies was William A. Groening, retired vice president and general counsel of the Dow Chemical Company. Groening was a member of the group that worked to create both SVSU and Delta College. He later served as first chairman of SVSU's Board of Control when it was chartered as a private college in 1963. A three-story glass-enclosed atrium in the heart of the West Complex will be named "Groening Commons" as an acknowledgement of his contributions to the growth and development of the University.

Groening recalled the drive to raise \$4 million in 1965 that enabled Saginaw Valley College to become a state institution. "It's significant that the West Complex will provide a mix of business and technology with music and the performing arts to enrich the entire area," he said.

President Eric Gilbertson expressed appreciation to state legislators who were present. He credited Senator Jon Cisky (R-Saginaw), a past SVSU faculty member, and retiring 95th District State Representative James E. O'Neill, Jr. (D-Saginaw) with leading the legislative support for the building in the Michigan Legislature. Appreciation also was expressed for the active support of other area legislators including State Representatives Dick Allen (R-Caro), James McNutt (R-Midland), Roland Jersevic (R-Saginaw Township), Michael Goschka (R-Bridgeport), Howard Wetters (D-Kawkawlin) and State Senator Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City).

As the largest building on campus, the West Complex will house a 556-seat performing arts auditorium and support facilities, a 294-seat recital hall, a 1,000-seat conferencing center equipped with two-way audio-visual media technology, multi-purpose classrooms and computer laboratory space, a three-story, glass-enclosed, reception/student lounge area, multimedia technical communication 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.

At the conclusion of the formal portion of the ceremony, President Gilbertson again thanked those who had made the event possible and invited the gathering back in two years "when the rain will be gone and the West Complex is complete."

Challenge Gift Establishes Educational Trust for Sculpture Gallery

In response to a pledge of \$250,000, SVSU has undertaken a fundraising initiative to endow programming that will utilize the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery's collection to educate the public about the sculpture and its social and cultural context.

The University has received a \$125,000 challenge gift from anonymous donors to establish the endowment, as well as a pledge of an additional \$125,000 if those contributions are matched. Rapid progress toward the \$500,000 goal is anticipated.

This endowment has been named the Rosalind C. Fredericks Educational Trust in honor of Marshall Fredericks' wife who has supported and encouraged his achievements throughout their life together.



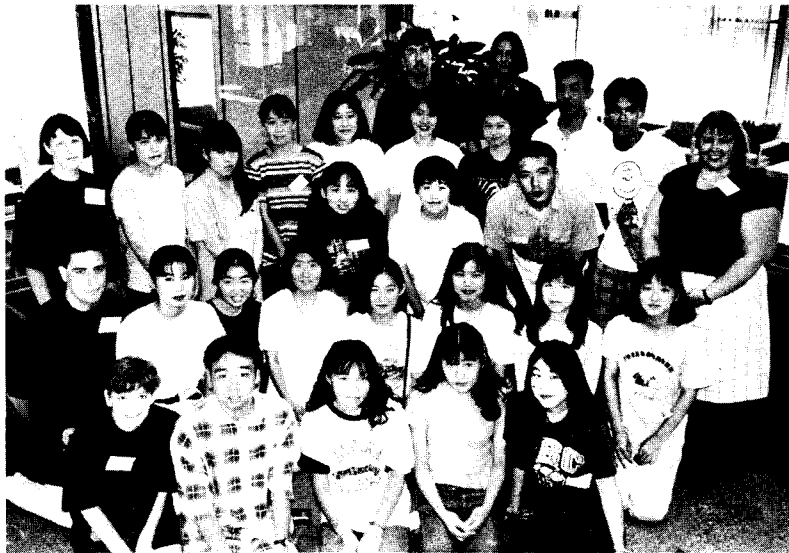
Rosalind Cooke Fredericks attended Smith College. She married Marshall in 1943 after meeting him while both served in the U.S. Armed Forces. They settled near the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills, where

Marshall taught before the war and raised a family of five.

Ever supportive, Roz has been the silent partner in her husband's demanding and enormously successful career. Her own love of art and her commitment to education is evident to all who know her. In addition to her service through numerous volunteer organizations, she also sits on the Board of the Gallery, providing guidance and support to the organization. She continues to nurture her husband and his art, and she contributes to the appreciation of the life and work of Marshall Fredericks through the Educational Trust named in her honor.

The goal of the Trust is to expand the Gallery's audience and improve its service to students and adults. In particular, it will enable the Gallery to build on the very successful school tour programs implemented since 1989. Since then more than 500 school groups, most of them upper-elementary classes, have toured the Gallery. Total attendance since 1988 exceeds 50,000. The Trust will fund new programs to expose more adults to the Gallery and its collection of monumental sculpture.

To celebrate the establishment of the Trust the Gallery will host a luncheon on Sunday,



Summer 1994 Exchange Program students from Shikoku University pose for a group photo during a reception in Alumni Lounge. The students, who were greeted by members of the SVSU community and were matched with host families for a weekend stay in American households, will be visiting SVSU through August 24. Three of the students will be staying for the 1994-95 academic year.

September 25, in the lobby of the Arbury Fine Arts Center. For information on the luncheon, or to contribute to the Trust, call ext. 5667.

Corporate Challenge Helps Workers Shape Up

National statistics reveal that nearly 80 percent of American workers do not get enough exercise and another 30 percent are overweight. The annual Corporate Challenge offers a way to combat those trends.

Corporate Challenge pits teams from various companies in a variety of activities that emphasize team spirit over athletic ability. The goal of the program is to promote health, wellness and teamwork in the workplace.

This year's Corporate Challenge again will take place at SVSU, along with the YMCA, Garden Lanes and Bay Valley Resort Hotel. Events run Friday, Sept. 9 through Saturday, Sept. 17.

As in the past, SVSU will enter two teams, consisting of a blue and a white squad. SVSU will compete in Division II, which includes companies with between 151 and 1,000 employees.

For further information on the Challenge, call ext. 5696 or 4144.



Bill Morris, left, a Flushing police officer and SVSU student, and Police Constable Ashley Ponter, right, a London "Bobby," pause during a campus tour for a photo in Brown Concourse. Morris was one of the students who visited London in May 1992 and developed a friendship with Ponter, who showed the SVSU group the "Met" (Metropolitan Police) from the inside—everything from rides in "panda cars" to police pubs. During a winter semester visit to London by SVSU students, Ponter gave a briefing on safety and also gave them a close-up view of the Prime Minister's office and residence at 10 Downing Street. Ponter, whose unit provides security for diplomats in London and currently works for the Prime Minister, has been in the U.S. during the last two weeks gaining a perspective of police activities in this country.

Did You Know?...

- **Reserve Parking Permits** for 1994-95 will be available at the Department of Public Safety Parking Bureau beginning Monday, Aug. 15. Current permits expire Thursday, Sept. 15. New permits can be purchased for \$20, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Permits also are available by mail.

Both "D" and "K" Lots will be reserved parking (permit required) this year, while "C" Lot will close permanently in September to accommodate construction of West Complex.

Other changes in the parking program will be announced in a memorandum that will be sent to all campus personnel by August 12. For further information, or a copy of the memo, contact the Parking Bureau at ext. 4140.

- The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs will resume publication of the ***Student Happenings*** newsletter. Information on events and activities during the fall 1994 or winter 1995 semesters that would be of interest to students should be submitted two weeks in advance. Call ext. 4294 for more details.

- The Office of Marketing Research and Information Services is making portrait appointments for the **1994-95 Faculty/Staff Directory**. If you are interested in having your picture taken or retaken, call ext. 4086 for an appointment.

Accent on Alumni

- **Lance Klein** (B.S. in biology, '89), of Saginaw and a licensed emergency medical technician, is the medical surveillance officer for the Hazardous Materials Response Team (HAZMAT) at Peerless Environmental Services, Inc. He recently received Storm Water Operator certification through the state Department of Natural Resources, which allows him to participate in construction site soil erosion control measures.

Across Campus

- The campus community extends sincerest condolences to the family of **Mary Mero**, who passed away Tuesday, July 26. Mero retired as a circulation assistant in the Melvin J. Zahnnow Library in May 1992. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions in her name to the SVSU Foundation.

1994 Faculty/Staff Orientation

Thursday, Aug. 25 • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Followed by the Welcome Back Picnic
5-8 p.m. • Leaping Gazelle Fountain Area**

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Call ext. 4041**



BOARD REPORT

A REPORT OF THE SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF CONTROL

August 1, 1994

Board Approves \$1.25 Million for New Campus Phone System

By year's end, SVSU is expected to have a state-of-the-art digital telephone switching system in place. In its August 1 meeting, the Board of Control approved expenditure of up to \$1.25 million to replace the present analogue phone system that was acquired in 1978.

The Board took action anticipating implementation of the "North American Numbering Plan" (NANP), which goes into effect January, 1995. NANP addresses the numbering used for area and access codes in long distance calling.

The University could spend up to \$70,000 upgrading the old system, according to Jerry Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs. "But the equipment is getting old and parts for that system are no longer being manufactured. If we kept it we'd have to buy used parts and it's likely they'll be more difficult to procure in the future."

In addition to being outmoded, Woodcock said the present analogue system prevents SVSU from joining a consortium of colleges and universities around the state that use their digital switch to use long distance rates with savings as much as 50 percent of current long distance costs.

Woodcock said keeping the present system would also require other large expenditures to add new lines when the West Complex is completed two years from now. He said the digital system being considered would not only accommodate 600 instruments like those presently in use, but would easily handle 200 more in the West Complex and those to be added from Pine Grove Apartments as well. The new system will have the capacity to up to 3,000 lines.

Dale Irish, director of Business and Auxiliary Services, said the new system will eliminate the need for separate lines for each of the various telefax machines and modems in use around campus. Fax machines are not compatible with the analogue system that can have momentary switching delays. Because of digital technology, such delays do not occur with the digital switch.

Woodcock says University staff has been working with an independent consultant since the first of this year to determine SVSU's present and future needs. Bids on the new equipment were due August 9. A contract is expected to be awarded early in September with installation throughout the campus community taking place in October and November. All equipment should be in place in late December and fully operational by the first of the year.

Woodcock said internal funds and savings expected from reduced costs under the new system will offset its cost. He said no money will be borrowed for the new hook-up.

In other action, the Board approved the sale of real estate formerly operated by the Triskelions at 136 Townsend in Midland. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Triskelions Scholarship Fund.

The Board adopted revisions to the Student Code of Conduct, which President Eric Gilbertson characterized as "simplified and well-written." Revisions of the policy, which defines the rights and responsibilities of students, cover a variety of topics from forgery and prohibition of

keeping pets on campus to disorderly conduct and University housing regulations.

The Board unanimously endorsed resolutions of appreciation to Curtis E. White, who chaired the Board of Fellows for two

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report of Board
activities. Official
minutes are on file in
Zahnow Library.**

successive terms, and Professor George A. Corser, who served three consecutive terms as president of the Saginaw Valley State University Faculty Association.

President Gilbertson and Board Chairman Dr. Thomas Rush were effusive in their praise of Professor Corser, saying his leadership generally improved the climate of the faculty/University relationship and enabled the University and the Faculty Association to negotiate a three-year "win-win" contract benefiting both sides.

Interim Report of the Special Committee on Charter Schools

The Board's Special Committee on Charter Schools, appointed during the May meeting, delivered an interim report on its deliberations and findings.

The Committee, composed of Ruth Braun, Charles Curtiss, George Ward and Dr. Thomas Rush, reported it met seven times with various groups and individuals. Meetings were held with representatives of the Governor's Office on Charter Schools, representatives of the SVSU Faculty Association, faculty members from the College of Education and a group of superintendents from public schools in the region.

The interim report details instances where the committee has struggled to correctly interpret the meaning and sense of 1993 Public Act 362, the enabling legislation for creation of Public School Academies (PSA). As an example, the statute says "an authorizing body is not required to issue a contract to any person or entity." The committee interpreted this to mean the Board of Control's decision on a charter application would be final and non-appealable.

But the report goes on to say the Board's discretionary power must be exercised in good faith and not in a way to frustrate the public policy of the State as established by the Legislature.

Among the committee's tentative conclusions are that public school academies will be created and if done well and for good purposes, such PSAs can help improve public education. If done poorly or for the wrong purposes, the academies can do damage to public education in Michigan and to the children served.

The committee continues deliberating the role of the Board of Control in the selection and oversight of PSAs with an objective of circulating a draft policy for public comment and discussion in October and issuance of a final policy recommendation to the full Board by November, 1994.