September 26, 1995

Task Force to Study Racial Policy Issues

A task force representing various academic and administrative units will be examining current University policies on affirmative action, multiculturalism and related issues, with an eye toward recommending how these issues should be dealt with in the future.

Noting that the issues are important and will have an important impact on SVSU and its work, President Gilbertson named nine faculty and six administrators to a Special Task Force on Racial Issues. They will meet throughout the 1995-96 academic year.

“I believe it is imperative that we, as a university, step back from these questions and approach in a deliberate and thoughtful manner the development of our own policies and programs with intellectual support for them,” Gilbertson said. “This will require the re-examination of what we are presently doing and why. It will also require us to think creatively about how to approach issues of race and ethnicity in the years ahead, consistent with our University’s mission.”

Homecoming ’95

- Kert Lehman Run
  9 a.m., O’Neill Arena.
- Victory Brunch
  9-11:30 a.m., Doan Cafe. Deadline for advance reservations is Monday, Oct. 2. Tickets are $4.95 for adults, $2.50 for children 10 & under. To purchase tickets, send check (payable to SVSU) to the Office of Academic & Student Support, 120 Wickes Hall.
- “SVSU 2000”
  10:30 a.m., Lower Level Doan Center. Eric Gilbertson will discuss new directions for SVSU.
- “Building for the 21st Century”
  11 a.m., Lower Level Doan Center. Steve Hocquard will present a slide show featuring campus building projects.
- Social Work Alumni Reception
  11 a.m., Doan Center. Ann Rae, Social Work Dept. chair, will present an academic update. Other events are planned for Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. Call ext. 4196 for more information.
- SVSU vs. St. Joseph’s College
  12 noon, Wickes Stadium.
- Coronation Ceremony
  Halftime, Wickes Stadium.
- Alumni Afterglow
  After the game, Ryder Center Concourse. Refreshments served.

Other Homecoming Week Festivities
- Faculty Cork & Cheese Party
  Friday, Oct. 6, 4:30-6 p.m., third floor Brown Hall.
- 20-Year Football Reunion
  Coaches and players from SVSU’s first varsity football team will be introduced before the game.

For more information on Homecoming activities, call the Office of Campus & Residential Life, ext. 4170.

These Homecoming events are sponsored by Athletics, Campus Life, Dining Services, Election Commission, SVSU Faculty Association, Student Affairs, Student Government and Student Support Services.
Mexican Folklore/Culture Topic of Next KCP Lecture

The founder and director of the Mexican Cultural Institute of Chicago will present the next lecture in the King-Chavez-Parks series.

Jesus “Chuy” Negrete uses Chicano/Latino folk songs, poetry and other folk traditions as examples of how Latinos preserve history through song and legends.

His appearance is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, October 5 in Zahnow Student Lounge.

Negrete has a master’s degree from Chicago State University and a bachelor’s degree in bilingual education from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was a Tinker Scholar at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where he completed course work toward a Ph.D. in educational psychology. He also was awarded an honorary degree in musicology and popular culture from the University of California at Berkeley.

Returning on October 11 for the second of four appearances at SVSU will be Robert Williams, professor of psychology and black studies and director of graduate training in urban minority mental health at Washington University in St. Louis. He will participate in informal discussions with community leaders, students, faculty and staff.

Light refreshments will be served at each lecture. Admission is free of charge. For further information, call ext. 4397.

SVSU Energy Conservation Efforts Aided by Loan and Grants

Energy cost savings over a four-year time span is expected to offset a $1.2 million loan that was authorized by the Board of Control in June for “acquisitions and renovations designed to reduce energy consumption.”

According to Stephen Hocquard, director of engineering services, several projects are in progress to achieve that goal.

Preliminary plans have been developed for interior work to be undertaken in Wickes and Pioneer Halls. A competitive grant for $79,850, awarded to SVSU by the Department of Energy, is expected to pay half the cost of new lighting controls and variable speed supply and return fans in Wickes Hall. In Pioneer, new controls for heating and cooling equipment also are in preliminary planning stages.

Cost for new interior lighting throughout campus is being partially underwritten by a $75,000 grant from Consumers Power Company. “About 30 to 40 percent of the present cost for lighting will be saved by the changes,” Hocquard said. “Quality of lighting will be markedly improved as well.”

Hocquard said some major changes will be made in fume hoods in the Science Building laboratories to allow better control and more efficient operation.

“We expect to have all work completed by next summer,” Hocquard said.

SVSU Program Receives Grant

The U.S. Department of Education and Minority Language Affairs has renewed a grant for the Bilingual-Bicultural Teacher Training Program at SVSU. The award will cover some of the educational expenses of bilingual students during the 1995-96 academic year.

Nine Join Annual Fund Committee

Norma Zivich, director of annual giving & development communications, announced that nine community volunteers will join 57 current members of the Annual Fund Committee. The fund-raising goal for 1995 is $310,000. The new members are: Shelly Glocksin, assistant vice president, First of America Bank in Essexville; Maxine Kauffold, vice president commercial services sales manager, First of America Bank in Saginaw Township; D. Brian Law, chairman of the board, Magline, Inc. in Pinconning; and David B. Mikolajczak, C.P.A., Laine Appold & Co. in Bay City.

Other new members include: Edward W. Rogers, stockbroker, A.G. Edwards & Sons in Midland; Joseph Sasiela, vice president commercial loans, First of America Bank in Bay City; Linda L. Sims, communications director, Consumers Power Company in Saginaw; James VanTiflin, president & CEO, Second National Bank of Saginaw; and Beverly M. Zimostrad, branch manager, First of America Bank in Bay City on Tuscola Road.
“Flûtée Fancy” Set for Oct. 4

Flûtée, SVSU’s professional flute ensemble in residence, will present “Flûtée Fancy” at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 in the University Theatre.

Judith Kerman, dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, and Tamara Grefé, a locally prominent pianist, will join Flûtée in the presentation of Land of the Farther Suns, a composition by David Alpher for four flutes. Kerman will serve as narrator for the piece.

The repertoire will include J. Pachelbel’s Canon, G. Puccini’s Chrisanthemum and F.J. Haydn’s Divertimento, Gilbert and Sullivan’s Four Songs from their Opera and G. McKay’s Suite Matinale.

SVSU faculty and staff may request complimentary tickets for the performance by calling ext. 4159.

University Art Gallery Exhibits Works by Two Artists

Prints and etchings by David Johnson and sculptures by Craig Hinshaw will go on display in the University Art Gallery October 4 through 25.

“David Johnson’s work deals with people, rugged outdoor types that reflect his growing up years in the northern Midwest,” said Barron Hirsch, gallery director.

A professional artist working in woodblock prints and etching, Johnson is a member of the faculty at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. In 1994 he received purchase awards both at the National Print Exhibition in Fort Wayne and the University of Texas Ninth Annual Works on Paper. He is represented by the Alexa Lee Gallery in Ann Arbor.

“Craig Hinshaw explores the relationships between man and animals,” Hirsch said. “His sculptures are serious but a strong element of humor pervades the work.”

Given a merit award at Michigan Ceramics ’91 in Detroit, Hinshaw received an Arts Midwest N.E.A. Fellowship in 1993. Recent exhibits include the Flint Institute of Arts and the General Motors Institute. He is represented by the Yaw Gallery in Birmingham.

Gallery hours are Monday and Wednesday, 2:30-5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. The gallery is open at other times by appointment. Call ext. 4391 or 5684 for more information.

Professional Profile

• John Curry, director of Campus Dining Services, was appointed to the City of Bay City Local Development Finance Authority at the Sept. 11 meeting. Curry joins William Healy, director of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, who serves Bay City on the compensation committee.

• Kathy Pelkki, laboratory supervisor in biology, and Sally Shepardson, lecturer of biology, have co-authored a new laboratory manual titled Laboratory Manual for Principles of Biology. The manual is in current use at SVSU in the honors section of Science of Life (NS 120) and the General Biology (BIOL 220) courses. The laboratories stress the application of the scientific method, statistical analysis, use of technology, critical thinking, and development of communication and teamwork skills.

• Marian Shih, assistant professor of physics, recently completed requirements for her Ph.D. in physics from the University of Michigan. She holds an S.B. in physics from MIT and an M.S.E. in electrical engineering and computer science from the University of Michigan.

• Robert S.P. Yien, vice president for academic affairs, has been selected to serve as a consultant-evaluator (C-E) for the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Yien participated in a professional development program for C-Es in March.

Volunteers needed for Family Festival

Individuals interested in assisting with Family Festival Day on October 20-21 are asked to contact Dave Lewis, director of minority services, in 173 Wickes Hall or by calling ext. 5663.
Campus Happenings
- Humanities Lecture Series—7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26, Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center. Guest lecturer Jack B. Jonker will present “Saginaw Choral Society: 60th Anniversary.”
- Hispanic Heritage Forum—12:30-2:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28, Zahnnow Student Lounge. Discussion on the formation of the Benito Juarez charter school at Tri-City SER.
- General Motors New Car Show—Sept. 29-30, O’Neill Arena.
- Humanities Lecture Series—7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3, Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center. Guest lecturer Mike Slasinski will discuss “The Native Americans of the Saginaw Valley.”
- Hispanic Heritage Brown Bag Lecture—12 noon, Wednesday, Oct. 4, Zahnnow Student Lounge. Fr. Dan Anholtz will present “Novena de la Virgen de la Guadalupe.”
- Club Night—8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, Doan Cafe. Tonic Solfa, a cappella group, will perform.
- Valley Film Society—8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, SVSU Theatre. Featured film is Dersu Uzala (Japan, 1975). Admission by season pass or at the door.
- Program Board Lecture—7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9, SVSU Theatre. James Lovell will discuss “Apollo 13: A Successful Failure.” General admission is $3, SVSU students free.
- Hispanic Heritage Month—12 noon, Monday, Oct. 9, Lower Level Doan Center. Mayme Ontiveros will present “Celebrating the Hispanic Female.”
- Voices in the Valley—7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9, Lower Level Doan Center. A poetry reading by Robert Dana is scheduled.

Have You Heard?
- Flu Shots will be offered in Health Services starting Monday, Oct. 2 during regular office hours. The cost is $6.
- E-Lot will be closed from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28. E-lot is located adjacent to Ryder Center.
- A Job-Search Planning Workshop will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 and Thursday, Oct. 5 in 212 Brown Hall. An evening session will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 in the registration area in Wickes Hall. Call ext. 4072 or 4286 for details.
- Graduate Day, sponsored by the Office of Academic and Career Services, will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 in Alumni Lounge. Faculty are requested to announce this event to their classes. Call ext. 4286 for more information.

Transitions
Please note the following personnel changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory Addendum:

SVSU WELCOMES
- Keri Becker, interim campus recreation supervisor, ext. 7321.
- Irmgard Redman, lecturer, mathematics, ext. 5649.
- Peggy Rupple, custodian, Physical Plant, ext. 4279.
- David Slaven, instructor, mathematics, ext. 4138.

SAME FACE, NEW PLACE
- Joe Burns, custodian/maintenance II, Physical Plant.
- Dan Colpean, assistant working foreman-custodial, Physical Plant.
- Marquette Hamilton, circulation assistant, Zahnnow Library.
- Gilbert Velasquez, custodian, Ryder Center.
- Judith Virgin, circulation assistant, Zahnnow Library.

THEY'RE MOVING ON
- Beth Clark, campus recreation supervisor.
- Susie Kieffer, residence hall director.
- Brenda Lee, coordinator, Children's Center.
- Lynette Verch, lecturer, mathematics.

High Five
- Men’s Cross Country—captured the Ferris State Invitational. The Cardinals were led by Bob Miller's third-place finish in 27.04.
- Volleyball—went 2-2 over the weekend. Canons College and Quincy College defeated the Cardinals on Saturday; Mercyhurst College and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville were downed by the Cards on Friday.
- Football—defeated Northwood University, 24-21, in the 21st annual Axe Bowl on Saturday. This Saturday the Cardinals take on Michigan Tech University in Wickes Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is at 12 noon. General Motors is hosting a new car show in O'Neill Arena during the weekend.
Jean Houghton is a fourth-generation Californian ("They’re hard to find," she quips) who began moving east during her college years. Her first stop was Colorado for graduate work in library science at the University of Denver.

Following graduation from the U. of D., Houghton took a job at Michigan State University and, while there, earned a second master’s degree. But her MSU connection evolved into an experience that took her in entirely unexpected directions.

"I got involved in a summer tutorial program," she explains. This was in the mid-60s, and Houghton was among a group of 60 or so who went to Mississippi to assist historically black Rust College.

"This was during the height of the civil rights movement. I spent seven months in Mississippi, and it was a life-changing experience," she says. "I even managed to get arrested."

Houghton's role at Rust was to help bring their library up to code. The college was celebrating its 100th anniversary, and was going for accreditation for the first time. "Things went smoothly during the summer while the whole group was there," she says. But

the atmosphere changed dramatically when most volunteers left. Houghton arranged to stay on to complete her work at the library.

Her arrest came when she appeared in court to assist a black couple who had been brought in on trumped-up charges. Houghton, on lawyer’s advice, refused to give her name to the town mayor, who had her arrested for obstructing justice.

There was a positive side to her Mississippi service: Houghton met her husband-to-be, who also was part of the program. After their marriage, the couple moved to New York, "where Rick attended seminary," she says.

The next stop was a two-year stint in Namibia (then South West Africa), shortened from three years when Houghton contracted malaria. They returned to New York, but eventually came to Michigan. Houghton was handling systems and technical services for the University of Detroit library before coming to SVSU in 1991.

While she no longer is directly involved with systems management, her background has helped her lead the Zahnow Library through technological change. She is proud of the work her staff has done.

"We are not able to afford every piece of technology that comes down the pike," she says, "so it is important to choose where our money goes. We need to pick what will last and what will benefit us the most as we move into the 21st century."

Houghton credits her supervisor, Vice President Bob Yen, for providing strong support for the library’s efforts. "I am really pleased that I landed at SVSU," she says.

While libraries of the future will offer many more technological links to information, they also will retain much that is traditional, she believes. "You drag along a lot of the past when you work in a library. We add things, but we don’t eliminate many," she says.
Breaking the mold

According to a report in the September 1, 1995 almanac issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education, 4,393 doctoral degrees were conferred in the physical sciences in 1992-93. Of these, 961 (21.8%) went to women.

When Marian Shih successfully passed her doctoral dissertation defense to complete a Ph.D. in physics September 8, she became part of that growing but still small percentage of women holding such degrees. She also becomes the first full-time female faculty in SVSU’s physics department.

Shih is somewhat puzzled by the lack of women completing advanced degrees in the physical sciences. “At the undergraduate level, classes are pretty evenly divided between men and women,” she says. “As you go higher, the proportion of women slides off quite rapidly at the master’s and Ph.D. levels.”

She notes that this phenomenon is a topic of often hot debate on the Internet. Opinions about the cause vary widely. “It is very difficult to separate the emotional aspects of the issue from other things,” Shih says.

Several national studies indicate that gender differences in science and math performance develop early, leading some researchers to conclude that females often are diverted away from math and science fields. A recent National Science Foundation report notes that boys and girls have similar average scores on standardized science and math tests in the primary grades. However, women’s scores fall below those of their male counterparts by high school. Differences begin to show as early as age 9.

Shih attributes her continuing interest in physics to the good experience she had in her first college physics class. “When I was in high school, I took two physics classes. It was alright, but I enjoyed my other classes, too, and I was interested in writing.

“The teacher in my first college physics class was very good. He showed us that physics is a beautiful topic. I decided to major in physics because it was fun,” she says.

Shih says that studying physics can show the links between disparate events. “Cars drive on the street; balls bounce. These events seem unrelated, but when the distracting details are stripped out, we can see what is really going on. We can see patterns and organization.”

Joining the physics faculty this fall, Shih is new both to SVSU and the teaching profession. “I am shifting my focus from the research point of view to education and developing my teaching technique. I feel that I have to be able to think on my feet to answer students’ questions,” she says.

“The whole point is for the students to understand the material. You have to check along the way and sometimes make adjustments. I provide lots of demonstrations and hands-on experiences. Students understand things that they can see.”

Shih’s field is fiber optics, and within that, holography. She holds an S.B. in physics from MIT, as well as master’s degrees in electrical engineering and physics and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Michigan. “There are interdisciplinary relationships between physics and electrical engineering,” she notes. “Other schools don’t want to develop that; they don’t have the facilities that we do.”
The campus community is invited to a
Farewell Reception
for
Dr. Ralph K. Coppola
4 - 5:30 p.m.
Monday, October 9
President's Reception Area
Third Floor Wickes Hall

Dr. Coppola will be leaving Saginaw Valley State University to accept other responsibilities, effective Tuesday, October 10. He joined SVSU as Director of Sponsored Programs on July 1, 1984 and has continued to serve in that capacity. During his tenure here, Dr. Coppola was instrumental in securing grants for entities such as the Greater Saginaw Valley Regional Education Cooperative and EarthVision.

Dr. Coppola came to SVSU from the Institute of Humanist Studies in East Orange, New Jersey, where he served as associate executive director. He holds a B.A. from Windham College, Putnam, Vermont; and Ed.M. and Ed.D. degrees from Rutgers University.

Please join the campus community in wishing Ralph well in his new endeavors.
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