July 27, 1999

Residence halls opening, IF3 groundbreaking set for August

By now, bulldozers and assorted other construction equipment are a familiar sight to students and personnel. A number of projects are in various stages of development, from the scheduled August groundbreaking for Instructional Facility No. 3 to the August opening of the new residence hall.

In all, construction projects nearing $37 million are under way.

The new residence hall for sophomore students and older is nearing completion, with the first students scheduled to move in the weekend of Aug. 28. Total cost of the 323-bed unit is $10.7 million.

**Ground breaking for IF-3 is slated for 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 16. A reception will follow in the Zahnow Lounge.**

IF-3 will provide for the renovation and expansion of science laboratories and additional classrooms and faculty offices. SVSU is responsible for 25 percent of the funding; the state of Michigan will provide the remaining funds. IF-3 is scheduled to be completed in 2001. Total cost of the project is estimated at $25 million.

Development of Parking Lot R is scheduled to be completed by July 31. The lot, southeast of the Science Building, south of Ryder Center and east of Collings Drive, will add 325 parking spaces. Total cost is $320,000.

Intramural fields west of Curtiss Hall should be ready for Fall 1999. Primary funding for the fields was provided by Champagne and Marx Excavating. Total cost of the new fields is $140,000.

The resurfacing of Parking Lot B is slated to be complete by Aug. 1. In addition, barrier-free parking on the north side of Curtiss Hall (north of the Walter T. James Memorial Garden) is under development.
Area students receive SVSU Music Scholarships

Twenty-nine SVSU students from 18 communities received Rhea Miller Scholarships in Music for the 1999-2000 year. The scholarships provide for 50 to 100 percent of the students’ tuition at SVSU.

SVSU awards the Rhea Miller Scholarships in Music to students who are music or music education majors. The scholarships are renewable for three additional years, subject to the fulfillment of eligibility criteria. The scholarships are named in honor of Rhea E. Miller, whose interest in promoting music education lead to her generous establishment of the Rhea E. Miller Music Education Scholarship Fund.

The Rhea Miller Scholarships in Music are competitive scholarships awarded for outstanding musical performance ability. High ability performers are selected following auditions.

Golf outing to help fund women’s athletic programs

The Third Annual SVSU Bob Becker Open will take place Monday, Aug. 9 at Saginaw’s Sawmill Golf Club. The four-person scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

The $95 per person entry fee includes golf, dinner and a tax-deductible contribution to the Bob Becker Endowed Scholarship fund for Lady Cardinal athletes. Hole contests, team prizes and gift giveaways also are included in the day’s activities. Individuals who do not wish to participate in the golf scramble may attend the dinner for $25 per person.

Teams may submit their entry forms and checks by Monday, Aug. 2 to Deanna Schultz, SVSU Alumni Relations. Checks should be made payable to the SVSU Foundation.

For more information on the golf scramble, call ext. 4071.

Relay for Life team members needed

Walkers, runners and roller-bladers are needed for the SVSU Relay for Life team. Faculty and staff are welcome to devote any amount of time to raising funds for the American Cancer Society Friday and Saturday, Aug. 20 and 21.

Activities include a candlelight ceremony honoring survivors and in memory of those lost to cancer.

To join the team, or for more information on this 24-hour family-oriented event, call Sue Browning at ext. 4669 or Richard Payne at ext. 4042.

Have You Heard?

• The RSVP deadline for the annual Welcome Back to School Picnic is Thursday, Aug. 19. The picnic will take place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 in the Leaping Gazelle Fountain area. In case of rain, festivities will be held in Curtiss Hall. Call ext. 4041 to make reservations.

• President Eric Gilbertson will deliver his orientation address at 4 p.m. in Marble Lecture Hall, followed by the Welcome Back Picnic.

• Reserve parking permits for 1999-2000 will be available at the Department of Public Safety Parking Bureau beginning Monday, Aug. 16. Current permits expire Wednesday, Sept. 15. Permits can be purchased for $20 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Permits also are available by mail. A letter and permit application have been mailed to all full-time faculty, and full- and part-time staff. F Lot, J-3 and half of L Lot will be reserved parking (permit required). For more information, or if you have not received your letter by Friday, Aug. 6, contact the Parking Bureau at ext. 4140.

• The GM supplier discount purchase program offered to all regular SVSU employees has been extended through Sept. 30. The program allows the purchase or lease of a vehicle at the GM employee discount plus 3 percent. Regular University employees who wish to take advantage of this program should contact the Human Resource Office at ext. 4108 for additional information.

• A Directory Information Form is included with this Interior. Please return completed forms by Monday, Aug. 2 to Tammy Elliott in Information Services.

• The deadline for portraits in the 1999-2000 Faculty/Staff Directory is Thursday, Aug. 12. To make a portrait appointment, call ext. 4039.

• SVSU employees will partner with Great Lakes National Bank for “Christmas in July,” Saturday, July 31. Volunteers will assist a senior citizen in repair and clean up of her home from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For details, call ext. 4190.

• Activities and special events to be included in the Fall 1999 Calendar of Events should be submitted to the Office of Information Services. Include the name/type of event; time, date and location; a brief description of the event or a brief bio of the artist/lecturer; admission information, including ticket prices; and a phone number for more information. To submit information, call Tammy Elliott at ext. 4039 or E-mail infoservices@svsu.edu.
Professional Profile

• **Norb Elbert**, H.R. Wickes professor of international business, recently returned from Bucharest, Romania, where he taught a postgraduate international business seminar for two weeks (May 20 through June 2). His Romanian students were affiliated with the Romanian Institute of Management. Elbert also met with administrators at the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, University Politehnica, and the Center for Business Excellence.

This invitation was extended to Elbert as a result of a keynote paper titled “HRM in the Knowledge Era: On-Board or Left at the Station,” which he presented at Janus Pannonius University in Pecs, Hungary, last March. Also presenting papers at that same conference were **Gary Clark**, professor of marketing, and **Richard Leininger**, professor of management and marketing. The former presented a paper titled “The Increasing Importance of Student Peer Evaluations in North American Business Education,” while Leininger conducted a workshop titled “Distance Learning On the Cheap — Economical Uses of the Internet for Distance Learning, A Demonstration.”

• **Enayat Mahajerin**, professor of mechanical engineering, attended the Sixth International Conference on Composites Engineering, where he presented a paper titled “Stress Concentrations in a Bolted Composite Plate — A Boundary Integral Approach.” The conference took place from June 27 to July 3 in Orlando, Fla., and was sponsored by the International Community for Composites Engineering and the College of Engineering, University of New Orleans, La.

• **Helen Raica-Klotz**, English lecturer, presented “15 Minutes of Fame: Short but Effective Student Writing Conferences” at the Michigan Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, May 22.

• **Gary Thompson**, professor of English, attended a conference May 6 and 7 at Mt. Royal College in Calgary, Alberta, on Critical Visions: Politics/Pedagogy/Technology. His paper was titled “Metaphor as Trojan Horse: Persuasion About Technology.” It can be read at the following site: www.mtrooyal.ab.ca/programs/arts/english/dhytenrauch/tempconf/G_Thompson.htm as well as on Thompson’s web page: www.svsu.edu/~glt.

Also, Thompson took part in the Computers in Writing-Intensive Classrooms conference, June 14 through 25 at Michigan Tech University. And, Thompson attended the Penn State Conference on Rhetoric in Composition, July 4 through 7. The conference theme was “Rhetorical Education in America.” His paper was titled “The Virtual Public: Rhetoric as Constructed in Computer-Linked Classrooms” (posted at http://www.svsu.edu/~glt).

• **Kimberly Wate**, ESL specialist, and **Susan Dyste**, English Language Program instructor, conducted a training seminar titled “Integrating the Internet into English as a Second Language Instruction” to Saginaw and Detroit Langua Tutor employees at SVSU on June 4.

• **Matthew Zivich**, professor of art, had an art work, *Bangers*, accepted for showing at the 20th Michigan Artists Competition, July 9 through Aug. 29 at the Art Center of Battle Creek. This work is a painted relief sculpture that depicts an updated version of the *Punch & Judy* tragedy. It has appeared locally at the Saginaw Art Museum, where it won the Gary Laatsch Sculpture Award, and also at the Midland Center for the Arts and the Andersen Enrichment Center in Saginaw. This year's juror at the Battle Creek show was Tara Robinson of Detroit. Robinson currently is curator/coordinator of exhibitions at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The competition was open to all Michigan artists age 18 and older.

Across Campus

• Congratulations go out to **Ken Adrian**, microcomputer analyst/technical support, on his marriage to Kendra Nelson, July 24.

• The campus community extends condolences:
  - **Carol Fisher**, senior secretary in Continuing Education, whose mother, Eileen Nowaczyk, died June 30.
  - **Paul Gill**, assistant director, Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, whose mother-in-law, Rebecca Johnson, recently died.
  - **Lori Lipinski**, administrative secretary, Public Safety, whose father-in-law, Ambrose Lipinski, died July 4.

Transitions

Please note the following Human Resource changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory:

**SVSU Welcomes**

• **Nancy Dummeldinger**, senior secretary, Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum, 790-5623, E-mail: nadummel@svsu.edu

**Moving On**

• **Irmgard Redman**
As the youngest child in a series of 10, Mary Aumann is no stranger to activity. As a matter of fact, she thrives on activity. Good thing.

Aumann, lead operations specialist in Computer Services, is the “keeper” of the administration system and stores backup tapes of essential computer data. She is the one many on campus contact for label requests and other information from the Colleague system. She oversees administration of the Unix system and develops the production schedule for many of its activities. Aumann works with Computer Services staff and a variety of other campus offices: Controller’s Office, the Registrar’s Office . . .

“It doesn’t get boring,” Aumann said. An understatement. Her office is immediately adjacent to the area that prints out lengthy lists, labels and payroll checks so the doors are whooshing open and closed so frequently if it weren’t for security measures, they would be revolving!

“There’s always something different to do,” Aumann continued. “Some things are repetitive, but there’s always something to learn.”

She started in 1988 as a student in the same area. In 1990, Aumann received a full-time position on the second shift (2 p.m. to midnight) and cut her studies to part time. In 1995, she received her bachelor’s degree from SVSU and in 1996 she took her current position.

As the holder of essential computer data, Aumann’s office is equipped with Halon gas to protect the materials in the event of fire. Fortunately, the only time the alarm sounded (no Halon was released) was a false alarm that was quickly remedied.

More than Halon, Aumann’s office decor leans more toward the fuzzy . . . bears, that is! “Mar-Bear,” as her high school classmates once called her, has stuffed bears, resin magnetic bears, bear pictures . . . but not a bear screen saver.

“There’s no time to download one,” she said.

Aumann’s residence in Sebewaing (where she also grew up) is home to more than 150 of the Cherished Teddy collectible bears, most of them purchased by her husband, Marty. Her collection began with a nativity set that grew from there. At home, Aumann also has a number of stuffed Teddy bears, including one now claimed by her son, Brendan, who will be 2 in October.

It’s a good thing Aumann likes to be kept busy. At home, the 2-year-old Brendan keeps her pretty busy and a woman’s bowling league one night a week keeps her going from August to April. Marty’s softball carries them through the summer with activity, as well.

But in moments of quiet, Aumann can look out on the serene landscape of her two acres of wooded land.

“We have had every animal imaginable in our back yard,” she said. And one Halloween, an eight-point buck kept watch as “ghosts and goblins” rang her door bell, she said.

Aumann’s home in Sebewaing is just a few blocks from the childhood home in which she lived until her marriage. Several members of her family remain in the area and while her mother now has an apartment nearby, a brother owns the old homestead. Aumann and her husband, who is employed in Saginaw, are able to share the commute to work four days a week and enjoy the 50-minute drive that allows them to prepare for the day, and later unwind from it – as busy as it may be!
David Karpovich has enjoyed fishing for years. Now, the assistant professor of chemistry gets to employ the “art” of fishing with the science of river study.

Karpovich and colleagues in chemistry and biology have embarked on a 10-year research project with SVSU students – studying the effects of DDT on the Pine River. Richard Trdan, professor of biology; Gary Lange, assistant professor of biology; and David Swenson, H.H. Dow Professor of Chemistry, join Karpovich and six students in the venture. They aptly titled the project “Understanding the Fate of Contaminants in the Pine River: Connecting Educational Laboratories with the Real World.”

Recently, the project received a boost. The Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network and the Sustainable Communities Initiative Fund of the Bay Area Communities Foundation approved a grant for $22,859.

Karpovich said he and his co-investigators chose the Pine River because it has the highest levels of DDT contamination in the world, from a chemical plant in St. Louis. Petroleum from Total Inc., upstream in Alma, may compound the situation and is part of the study, he said.

Karpovich hopes the research team can expand to include the Saginaw River in 2000. During the 10 years with the Pine River, Karpovich said the group will study the remediation of the river over time. The team will study the impact of dredging and other removal programs on the contaminants.

“This will provide the community with good information and give our students a chance to learn environmental science outside the classroom,” Karpovich said. “The students know I don’t know everything – I’ve told them that – and we learn together. I teach them problem solving.

“This is a unique situation,” he added. “The students are trying to solve problems in a real-world situation, as opposed to instructions given in a lecture.”

Karpovich hopes to offer similar research opportunities in the future. Fall 1998 was his first year with SVSU – as a faculty member. He received his bachelor’s degree from SVSU and his Ph.D. from Michigan State. He spent two years at Pacific Northwest National Labs in Washington before returning to teach. Karpovich credits retired faculty member Pete Moehs with encouraging him to pursue the graduate degree and consider a career in chemistry. The two remain in touch.

Swenson, Karpovich said, will use the Pine River research as a case study in his environmental research classes.

The Pine River research team has a fully-equipped environmental research boat, which includes environmental sampling equipment, a depth finder, temperature probe, Ph. meters – and fishing poles.

Karpovich – a fisherman for many years near his hometown of Caro and now in Gagetown – said the project includes studying the effects on the fish in the river as well. This gives him a chance to wet a line – all for science, of course!

Karpovich and his wife, Tonya, in June welcomed a future fisherman to their family. Charles David was born June 3.
Campus Directory/Catalog Information

Each year, the Office of Information Services (W276) updates the SVSU Faculty/Staff Directory. The SVSU Catalog is updated biennially. Please complete the following information, which will be used to prepare the campus phone directory and the Catalog. If you have questions, please call ext. 4039 or 4055 or E-mail info@svsu.edu.

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