August 17, 1999

SUSU holds groundbreaking for new facility

Several members of the campus community, area legislators and Board of Control members gathered for the ground-breaking ceremony for "Instructional Facility No. 3," Monday, Aug. 16. Also present was Robert B. Powell, president of Jickling Lyman Powell Associates Inc. of Troy, architects for the building. General contractor is Spence Bros. of Saginaw. Burnett S. Kelly, chairman of the

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Board of Control, joined President Eric R. Gilbertson and Powell for the ceremonial turning of the dirt.

"This represents not only the health of the university, but our commitment to growth and - even more important - our commitment to excellence," Kelly said.

Gilbertson added, "Buildings do not make a university. They create an opportunity for universities to happen."

"This means all the hard work everyone's done has come to fruition," said Powell.

IF-3 will include an expansion of the Science Building and augmentation of the Zahnow Library. The building will cost $25 million - 75 percent provided by the state of Michigan and 25 percent by the University. It will include 105,000 square feet of new construction and 38,530 of renovated area. The two-story facility will fill-in between the Science Building and Zahnow Library, with the new construction to the east. It will include classrooms, computer laboratories, computer science teaching laboratories, chemistry laboratories, the physics and biology departments, as well as laboratory support spaces and faculty offices.

Actual construction is slated to begin by Sept. 1.

OUT ABOUT

• Jim Hamrick, assistant director of International Programs, is a member of the Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, and TESOL, for which he also is a member of the Accreditation Advisory Committee.
• Larry Kickham, professor of accounting, is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants, MACP-Western Chapter, and is the vice president of finance for the Saginaw Choral Society.

From the Community & Professional Organization Affiliation Survey, retained in the office of Gene Hamilton, special assistant to the president, government & community relations. For more information, call ext. 4068.

Gene Hamilton, special assistant to the president for government and community relations, was master of ceremonies at the Aug. 16 groundbreaking ceremony.

Have You Heard?

• Three incoming freshmen were awarded Charles J. Strosacker scholarships for the 1999-00 academic year. Robb Gatica of Otisville, Elizabeth Kalmanir of Dryden and Akia Whitehead of Royal Oak each received $1,000 for tuition and fees. The Charles J. Strosacker Scholarship Fund was established to provide assistance for students pursuing a degree in engineering, science, science education or mathematics at SVSU. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement and evidence of personal character qualities. Also, the potential for leadership and evidence of financial need are considered.

• The Dean of Student Affairs office is resuming publication of the Student Happenings newsletter. The deadline for submissions is two weeks in advance of the publication date. The newsletter promotes campus events for students.

• 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, call ext. 4140.
"Big Bird" nests at SVSU — A 20-foot-tall inflatable cardinal will be visible, to say the least, at SVSU thanks to a number of campus departments that chipped in ... er, chipped in, to purchase the mascot. According to Merry Jo Brandimore, assistant dean of campus and residential life, the air-filled (but not air-borne) Cardinal will make appearances at various athletic events, picnics, concerts and Welcome Weekend activities to generate a sense of pride and spirit. Among the departments and organizations that shared in the cost were Student Association, Program Board, Campus Life, Student Affairs and Athletics.

On hand to inflate the Cardinal for the first time last week were, in front, Tiffany Kirkland, Heather Matula and Karla Zinnecker; and standing, Shelly Reminder, Melissa Robinson, Shawn Wilson, Theresa George, Jeremy Garn, Merry Jo Brandimore, Brian Gano and Eric Buschien.

Fall semester marks changes in Ryder Center access

Beginning this fall, changes for access to Ryder Center will go into effect. The new procedures are designed to provide greater control over who enters the building.

Those who wish to gain entrance to Ryder Center will be required to use the ground-level doors under the red canopy at the northwest corner. "THE CARD" will be required to pass through turnstiles located at this entrance. To obtain "THE CARD," contact the Cashier's Office, 166 Wickes Hall, at ext. 7711.

Entry at the top of the second-level north ramp will be restricted to athletic competitions and other public events held in Ryder Center.

In addition, alarm systems have been added to all Ryder Center exterior doors, as well as to interior doors between the Cardinal Gym and Ryder West classrooms. Some areas of Ryder Center will be monitored with 24-hour video surveillance cameras. Locker room doors will be equipped with push button locks that require specific codes or a key. The men's faculty/staff locker room will include this type of device, and the code or key will be provided to faculty and staff members. Security measures previously in place for the women's faculty/staff locker room will remain the same.

Students entering Ryder West for classes will not be affected by these new measures.
Professional Profile

- Robert Drew, assistant professor of communication, and Chi-Feng Tsai, graduate student in the Communication and Multimedia program, presented a paper titled “Looking a Gift Horse in the Mouth: Corporate Sponsorship of Multimedia Hardware and Software Within Universities,” at the National Communication Association Summer Conference on Communication and Technology in Arlington, Va., July 23.
- Norb Elbert, the H.R. Wickes Professor of International Business, recently co-authored in the Hungarian language a book titled Szemelyzetembeni eroforas menedzesment kezikonyv (translation: Personnel/Human Resource Management Handbook). Published by KJK Press in Budapest, the book’s co-authors are Susan Karoliny, Frank Farkas, and Jozsef Poor, all faculty members at Janus Pannonius University in Pecs, Hungary. Poor is a former visiting professor at SVSU. The book, which will be used by students in Hungarian universities and will be accompanied by an instructor’s support package, is 579 pages and can be purchased by Hungarian students for approximately $15.
- Gary M. Lange, assistant professor of biology, presented research titled “The Parental Care Behaviors of Cichlids: A Biological Assay for Mercury Contamination in the Great Lakes Region” at the 42nd Conference of the International Association for Great Lakes Research, hosted at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, May 24 through 28.
- David Pape, associate professor of mechanical engineering and technology, attended the 101st annual meeting of the American Ceramic Society April 26, where he presented a paper titled “Modeling a Non-Uniform Poling Field in Multilayer Co-fired Piezoelectric Devices.”

Also, Pape’s review of the Virtual Laboratory Web Site www.jhu.edu/~virtlab/virtlab.html was published in the July/August 1999 issue of CHOICE (Current Reviews for Academic Libraries).
- Janet E. Rubin, professor of theatre, presented a paper, “What Role Does Jewish Theatre Play in American Education and Theatre For Youth?” at the national meeting of the American Alliance for Theatre and Education in Chicago. Her juried work addressed teaching about the Holocaust through drama.

Rubin recently accepted an invitation to join the advisory board of New Plays, a nationally recognized publishing house specializing in plays and drama/theatre texts for young audiences.

Across Campus

- Susan R. Leonard, administrative assistant in the Office of Academic Affairs, sank a hole-in-one on No. 11 at the Sawmill Golf Club during the Bob Becker Open. Leonard was joined by Marianne Barnett, professor of English and acting assistant dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences; Mary Jane Craves, a former member of the SVSU Foundation staff, and her sister, Kay Seral. A long-time golfer, this was Leonard’s first hole-in-one.
- The campus community extends condolences:
  - Susan Vorce, assistant professor of nursing, whose husband, Kenneth Vorce, died Aug. 10.
  - Jerry Woodcock, vice president for business affairs, whose father-in-law, Robert Fedder, died Aug. 8.

Transitions

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

SVSU Welcomes
- Christina Chapski, assistant athletic trainer, 791-7328
- Michael Liss, maintenance, 790-4274
- Sedrick Robinson, assistant football coach, 790-4479

Same Face, New Place
- Robert Cheek, professor of educational leadership, E142A, 790-4016, rec@svsu.edu

Retired
- Gerald Engelhardt
- Paul Gill

Moving On
- Ted Adams

Office Relocates
- Microcomputer Lab Coordinator, 209 Wickes Hall, 791-7768, microlabs@svsu.edu
- Microcomputer Lab Information, 790-5674, www.svsu.edu/microlabs
- David Quesada, 249-1935
- Nancy Samelewski, 790-5636

Farewell Reception

PAUL SAFT
Director, Institutional Research
3 to 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 27
President’s Reception Area
Light Refreshments Served
Board approves construction of additional 208-bed housing facility

The Board of Control Monday, Aug. 16, approved the issuance of General Revenue Bonds for the construction of a 208-bed student housing facility. The $7.9 million construction project is scheduled to begin this fall, for occupancy in Fall 2000. The construction is part of the University’s plan to provide additional on-campus housing opportunities for its students. The site identified for the new housing facility is at the southwest corner of Collings and Fox drives. The facility will include townhouses with four bedrooms, and efficiency apartments. The area could accommodate housing for 500 students; but for the first two years, the University will hold to the 208 beds. Construction is expected to begin in September.

President Eric Gilbertson said the newest residence hall initially was expected to take two years to fill. For Fall 1999, the facility is at capacity and there are 20 students on a waiting list. The living center for students in their second year and beyond recently was completed and Board members toured the facility following the Aug. 16 meeting.

The Board approved the adoption of a revised SVSU Student Code of Conduct. Revisions include additional sanctions against those who violate the Code of Student Conduct and further identification of specific activities deemed in violation of the Code.

In addition, the policy concerning the use of alcohol and other drugs on campus was updated to include the October 1998 Congressional amendment to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under this amendment, the University may disclose to parents or legal guardians of a minor student, information involving a violation of the use or possession of alcohol. The amendment is in response to recent alcohol-related tragedies in Michigan and across the country.

Richard P. Thompson, dean of student affairs, said SVSU is only the second university in the state to adopt a policy of this nature.

The Board approved the renaming of the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Health Sciences. A dedication ceremony took place in June where Lange was recognized for her 23 years of service to the University. The majority of those years were spent as dean of the College of Nursing & Health Sciences. Since 1996, Lange has been associate vice president for academic affairs.

The Board reviewed the list of new faculty members hired for the 1999-00 academic year. In addition to the new faculty members, five new administrative/professional staff were hired between June and August, including two new residence hall directors. (A list of new faculty members and their degrees is included in this issue of The Interior.)

In other Board action:
- The Board approved a resolution granting baccalaureate and master’s degrees for students completing degree requirements for August Commencement. Graduates of the International MBA and Master of Arts in Communication and Multimedia were recognized at the Aug. 12 Commencement ceremony.
- Steve Hocquard, director of engineering services, gave an update of the various construction projects on campus. Recreation fields being constructed west of Curtiss Hall are expected to be completed Sept. 1. R Lot (near Ryder Center) will be done before the start of classes on Aug. 30. Renovation of Great Lakes Halls has been completed. Discussion took
place concerning the possibility of developing a College of Education Building at another site on campus – either near Curtiss Hall or in the northwest quadrant of University property.

• Robert Maurovich, vice president of student services and enrollment management, reviewed fall enrollment figures. Enrollment is more than 3 percent ahead of 1998 and this year’s freshman class includes 55 valedictorians and salutatorians (up from 1998’s 26). In addition, 23 students were given Awards for Excellence for their ACT scores.

• Ava Lewis, associate professor of nursing, reported on the National Youth Sports Program Summer Project. An average of 141 youth per day from Saginaw Public Schools attended the 25-day camp during June and July to participate in sports and computer activities. Faculty and staff from a variety of disciplines were involved in the project.

• Jerry Woodcock, vice president of administration and business affairs, and members of the staff of Computer Services updated Board members on the University’s progress toward Y2K compliance.
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