

Samuel Smith has served as President of WSU since July of 1985, and he will be retiring at the end of the month.

Under Dr. Smith's leadership, the University has prospered. During his tenure, he strengthened the undergraduate and graduate curricula and worked to increase opportunities for women and minorities.

As a result of President Smith's work, many programs at WSU have received national and worldwide recognition.

President Smith deserves special honor for expanding the number of people who benefit from the University's educational system and for bringing education at WSU into the Information Age.

Dr. Smith established branch campuses of WSU in Vancouver, the Tri-Cities, and in Spokane, opening the doors of higher education to an even greater number of Washingtonians.

These branch campuses serve transition communities, helping people build the skills and training they need to succeed in today's workplace. Their lives are improving thanks to Dr. Smith's vision.

Dr. Smith was also instrumental in expanding educational opportunities to remote areas through WSU's innovative distance-learning programs.

One of the clearest examples of the way WSU has grown during Dr. Smith's tenure is the fact that more than one-third of all WSU graduates in the University's history were granted degrees by President Smith.

Dr. Smith has also been a member of and a leader in many national educational organizations. He is the Chair of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Board of Directors for 2000. He is also a member of the Kellogg Commission on the Future of State and Land-Grant Universities.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Governors University. He has also served as Chair of the Executive Committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. For his exemplary service, Dr. Smith has received many honors and awards for his work in these organizations.

President Smith is a native of Salinas, California, and holds bachelor's and doctoral degrees in plant pathology from the University of California at Berkeley and honorary doctoral degrees from Nihon University in Tokyo, Japan, and Far Eastern State University in Vladivostok, Russia.

Mr. President, I also want my colleagues to know that Pat Smith has been an instrumental figure in the growth of Washington State University.

From her position on the Washington State Arts Commission, she worked to expand the art collection and increase awareness of the WSU Museum of Art. She also serves on the boards of the Girl Scouts of the Inland Northwest and the United Way of Pullman, Washington.

Mrs. Smith is also from Salinas, California, and is a graduate of Salinas Union High School. She studied at Hartnell College in Salinas, California.

Mr. President, as a citizen of Washington state and as an alumna of Washington State University, I could not be more proud of the great job that President Smith and Pat Smith have done in expanding educational opportunities for the people of my state and nation and making my alma mater an even brighter beacon of learning and opportunity.

Mr. President, in closing I would like to say—on behalf of the people of my state and the many graduates, faculty members and current students of Washington State University—thank you President and Mrs. Smith.

Thank you for putting your compassion, energy and leadership to such good use at the helm of Washington State University.

Your presence will be missed, but the many gifts you gave us serve as a constant reminder of your many years of generous service.●

THE HONORABLE Nanci J. Grant RECEIVES ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HUMANITIES AWARD

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, each year, the Attorney Division of State of Israel Bonds honors two individuals with the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award. Recipients of this award are recognized for their contributions to the legal profession as well as their outstanding service to humanity in the spirit and ideals of Mrs. Roosevelt. I rise today to recognize the Honorable Barry M. Grant and the Honorable Nanci J. Grant, who will both receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award on May 16, 2000, in Southfield, Michigan.

The Honorable Nanci J. Grant is the Presiding Judge of General Jurisdiction for the Oakland County Circuit Court. She was elected to this position in November of 1996 and took office on January 1, 1997. Judge Grant is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School. Prior to joining the bench, she was a trial attorney with the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, VanDusen & Freeman, and served as a researcher, Friend of the Court intern, arbitrator and mediator for the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Judge Grant is a member of the Executive Committee of the Michigan Judges Association, and co-chairs the Rules Committee. By gubernatorial appointment, Judge Grant represents all Michigan circuit court judges on the State Community Corrections Board. She is an advisory board member of the Michigan Judicial Institute, the teaching arm of the Michigan Supreme Court. Judge Grant is also a member of the National Association of Women Judges, the American Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association, Amer-

ican Judges Association, and the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

In addition, Judge Grant has dedicated much of her time to the improvement of the Oakland County Community. She is a member of the Michigan Cancer Foundation, and has served as a member of Common Ground Advisory Board, the Rotary Club of Birmingham, and Bloomfield Youth Assistance. She is a board member of the Women's Survival Center, and a Director of the Women's Officials Network. She also has served on the Partners Executive Committee, and was a member of the Citizens Alliance of the Probate Court, where she served as chairperson of the Information and Advocacy Committee.

Judge Grant has often been awarded for her many endeavors, both charitable and professional. The monthly magazine, *Hour Detroit*, named her as one of the new leaders in the Detroit metropolitan area. She was selected by *Crain's Detroit Business* magazine as one of the "40 under 40," a select group of forty of Metro Detroit's best and brightest residents under the age of forty. In addition, Judge Grant has been elected as an "Outstanding Young Woman of America."

Mr. President, I applaud the Honorable Nanci M. Grant on her many achievements, both within the realm of the law and outside of that realm. I am sure that the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award will hold a special place among her many recognitions. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Judge Grant on receiving this award, and wish her continued success in the future.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Science Foundation, an institution that has served as a driving force behind the Nation's scientific and technological development.

The National Science Foundation's roots can be found at the close of World War II, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt requested a report from the government's wartime Office of Scientific Research and Development outlining how the United States should support scientific research in the post-war era. The resulting report, *Science—The Endless Frontier*, authored by Vannevar Bush, made the case for the establishment of a National Research Foundation and legislation based upon his findings was introduced by Senator Warren Magnuson of Washington. After five years of deliberation in the Congress, President Harry S. Truman signed legislation creating the National Science Foundation on May 10, 1950. Since that day, NSF has played a vital role in maintaining America's leadership position in scientific discovery and the development of new technologies, securing the

nation's defense and promoting the nation's health and prosperity.

Over the past 50 years, NSF-funded research has led to numerous scientific breakthroughs that have impacted the lives of every one of us. This research has resulted in projects and initiatives that include the development of the Internet, Doppler Radar, the American Sign Language Dictionary, DNA fingerprinting, MRI technology, barcodes, the identification of the Hanta Virus, and the discovery of the weather pattern known as El Nino/La Nina. This research has been responsible for creating new industries relating to communications, biotechnology, agriculture, and other important sectors of our economy. In turn, these industries have resulted in greater employment opportunities, economic prosperity and an improved quality of life for Americans and citizens around the world.

NSF funds support the work and research of almost 200,000 people, including teachers, students, researchers, post-doctorates, and trainees. In fact, researchers and educators from each of the 50 states and all U.S. territories have been allotted NSF funding in the form of competitively awarded, grants, contracts and cooperative agreements. Almost 40% of the funding for research grants is awarded to our nation's students and researchers, providing support for more than 61,000 post-doctorates, trainees and graduates and undergraduate students. These are the individuals who will carry on the critical mission of NSF into the 21st century.

The work undertaken by NSF researchers has not gone unnoticed. NSF-supported researchers have been the recipients of numerous awards and honors. More than 100 of these researchers have been awarded Nobel Prizes in fields that include physics, chemistry, physiology and economics. NSF researchers have also been awarded the National Medal of Science, National Medal of Technology, the Waterman, the Draper, the Presidential Early Career Awards in Science and Engineering and the Career awards, to name a few.

I want to commend the men and women who have worked for NSF and received support from NSF who have contributed incalculably to the efforts that have established the United States as the leader in scientific and technological innovation and I want to recognize the outstanding leadership of the current Director of the National Science Foundation, Dr. Rita Colwell, in this regard. I urge my colleagues to join with me in commending NSF on this important occasion and wishing them continued success in the years ahead.●

RECOGNITION OF THE INDEX SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THEIR INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

● Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I would like to acknowledge a very unique

school district in a forested area of Washington State. The Index School District may be small in size but if measured by the creativity and dedication of its teachers, staff, and parents, it would be one of the largest districts in Washington state.

Index School District is one of the smallest in the state, with only 35 students from preschool to 7th grade. Because of the district's size and location in a rural area, the district has constantly struggled to find funding that could boost student achievement. Index's Superintendent and Principal, Martin Boyle, took the funding challenges head on and has worked tirelessly to find money for Index's students through federal grants and a \$298,208 bond levy that was passed in 1998. After four years of hard work, the Index School District has become a model for other schools.

Improving student reading levels was one of the first goals Boyle and his colleagues accomplished. The district hired a reading specialist and with the help of parents and local volunteers, reading levels have soared. Recently, Boyle started a new mentor reading program called, "Help One Student to Succeed." He hopes it will get parents involved in teaching their children to read, as well as a new way to promote and innovate reading skills, advancing student reading levels by an even greater margin.

Index School District's includes 20 staff members and 5 board members who work tirelessly for their students and are constantly brainstorming new activities and new programs that will help their students learn. They have even started an after-school program for children who in the past, were sitting outside waiting for their parents' workday to end. Students now use this extra time to participate in fun activities that reinforce classroom curriculum.

In addition, last summer, the district implemented the Index Elementary Summer School Program where students take part in hands on art and cultural activities. Students also visit art museums and theaters, as well as travel to other parts of the state for hiking and camping activities, giving children opportunities to learn and challenge their knowledge outside the classroom.

Many students at Index also depend on their school as a home away from home, relying on the school for three meals a day. While a majority of students qualify for free and reduced lunches, the staff of Index understands the importance of meals for their students and have made it a priority to create and fund a food program which was recognized with a "Children's Alliance Award."

The innovation and commitment of the Index School District's staff is truly inspiring. Clearly, the children are succeeding in the classroom and will be ready to take on any challenge. I think it is uplifting to hear that the

power of a few can empower many, as the educator's of Index have done. Every local school district is unique. I hope that highlighting Index with my "Innovation in Education" Award will show others that wonderful things happen when you put children first.●

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALVATION ARMY IN BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of the Salvation Army in Benton Harbor, Michigan, which on May 20-21, 2000, will celebrate its 75th Anniversary. This event will conclude a very special week for the organization, as May 15-21, 2000, is also National Salvation Army Week, during which Americans have the opportunity to salute an organization that does so many things for so many people around the world.

Mr. President, the mission of the movement remains the same as it was in 1865, when William and Catherine Booth formed an evangelical group, and preached to people living in poverty on the east side of London: to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The organization, officially titled the Salvation Army in 1878, and its many adherents, soldiers, officers, and volunteers, remain dedicated to caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, loving the unlovable, and befriending those who have no friends.

In its 135 years, the Salvation Army has expanded from this small coalition of individuals in London into a multifaceted, global organization. Its outreach currently extends to over 100 countries, and the Gospel is preached by its officers and soldiers in 160 languages. Each year, the organization assists over 27 million individuals. In the United States alone, there are 1.7 million volunteers, 470,000 Salvationists, 5,339 officers, and 43,000 employees serving the Salvation Army.

Amid such statistics I fear it is easy to overlook the essential fact that the foundation of the Salvation Army lies at the community level. It is an organization based in communities, whose volunteers, officers and employees are primarily concerned with helping members of their own community in the name of Jesus Christ. Whether it be through summer camps, day care centers, services for senior citizens, shelters for battered wives and children, drug rehabilitation, or family and career counseling, where there is a Salvation Army, there are people working hard to improve their community.

With this in mind, Mr. President, I applaud the officers, Salvationists, volunteers and employees of the Salvation Army in Benton Harbor, whose efforts over the years have had made this anniversary possible. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I wish the Salvation Army in Benton Harbor a happy 75th birthday, and continued success in the future.●