His research was prodigious and monumental. He published around 170 professional papers. Under "Research Interests," his vita listed fifteen distinct fields that engaged his attention. He was involved in everything from blood flow in the human body (leading to dialysis) to the liquefaction and transport of natural gas. He was directly responsible for radical changes in several industries. In 1963, he was the youngest person to be named an OU George Lynn Cross Research Professor. One dean under whom he worked wrote. "He is the most effective, the most versatile, and the most productive engineer that I have ever known." Another dean called him, "one of the most distinguished faculty members ever to be associated with the University of Oklahoma."

At OU, Sliepcevich directed 52 Ph.D.s. He consulted with a multitude of private, state, and federal projects, and earned around \$4 million in grants. He took over (besides his many other duties) the General Engineering program and was its chair.

There is no space here to describe (or even list) the University, state and national awards that were showered upon him. His 2009 obituary lists no fewer than fourteen prestigious recognitions of his work. His dean remarked, "you collect honors like flypaper collects flies."

Over the years, many individuals have contributed to the current high reputation of the College of Engineering. But it would be hard to name anyone who had contributed more than Cedomir Sliepcevich.

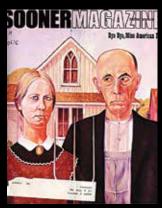
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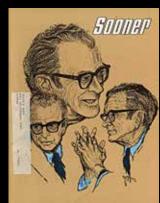
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Sooner Style

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