

August 27, 2002

Welcome Weekend kicks off 2002-03 academic year



SVSU welcomed students back to campus with a host of weekend activities. Resident and commuter students were treated to a free concert in the courtyard by Canadian rockers "Simple Plan."



Jessica Steby, a senior mechanical engineering major, gets a helping hand from her father as she moves into the Living Center. The University will break ground soon on another residence hall that will be similar to the Living Center.

Campus community mourns loss of history professor

The campus community mourns the loss of John R. Willertz, professor of history, who died this weekend.

Willertz joined the SVSU faculty as an instructor in 1968. He was active in Bay City politics, having served as mayor from 1973 to 1979, in addition to being a city commissioner in the early 1970s.

Willertz earned his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Michigan, and (Please see Willertz, Page 2)



John R. Willertz
1939-2002

Professional Profile

- **Alfred G. Bracciano**, professor of occupational therapy, and **Donald Earley**, assistant professor of occupational therapy, presented "Physical Agents for the Occupational Therapist: An Integrated Toolbox," a four-day workshop in April. The course was co-sponsored by the Rehabilitation Division of Smith & Nephew Inc. The two-weekend course provided foundational

information and training to prepare occupational therapists to effectively and safely use physical agent modalities. Bracciano and Earley also presented the workshop at the American Occupational Therapy Association's 82nd Annual Conference and Expo May 1.

Bracciano presented a short course, "Occupational Therapy in China: A Cross-Cultural Journey," which described an international exchange undertaken by five senior-level students from SVSU to assess the feasibility and development of an occupational therapy program at Jinan University, in

Guangzhou, China. Bracciano also presented the short course at the 13th World Federation of Occupational Therapy, World Congress of Occupational Therapists, June 23, in Stockholm Sweden. More than 200 international therapists attended the workshop.

Bracciano was appointed to the EMPI's Medical Advisory Board. EMPI is the leading manufacturer of rehabilitation equipment used by physical and occupational therapists. Bracciano is the first occupational therapist appointed to the Advisory Board.

Bracciano also was conferred a Visiting Professorship from Jinan University, Guangzhou, China in a ceremony on May 23. Bracciano has been collaborating with Jinan University and the First Affiliated Hospital in developing an occupational therapy rehabilitation center, academic program and student/faculty exchange.

Bracciano also presented "Occupational Therapy in Orthopedics: An Integrated Approach," as part of the Hong Kong Society for Surgery of the Hand Conference May 28 at Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

- **Drew Hinderer**, professor of philosophy, recently presented two continuing education workshops. He addressed the newly-reconstituted hospital ethics committee at

Central Michigan Community Hospital on "Ethics and Ethics Committees," Aug. 14. He presented "Teaching Ethics Across the Curriculum" for the faculty of Kirtland Community College, and conducted a workshop on responsible ethical decision making for students, Aug. 19.

- **Gail Kantak**, professor of biology, had a record-setting performance in the Michigan Senior Olympics, Aug. 18 and 19 in Midland. Kantak broke records while winning the 100-, 200-, 400- and 1,500-meter runs for the 50-54 age group, and won a gold in the 800. She qualified for all five events for next year's National Senior Olympics in Virginia.

- **Enayat Mahajerin**, professor of mechanical engineering, presented a paper titled "Heat Propagation Due to Material Damping in a Rotating Composite Shaft" at the Ninth Annual International Conference on Composite Engineering, Aug. 1 through 6 in San Diego, Calif. The paper was co-authored with Gary Burgess, a professor at Michigan State University. Mahajerin also served as chair of the Mathematical Modeling Session at the conference.

- **Dorothy Squatrito Millar**, assistant professor of teacher education (elementary/early childhood/special education), co-authored an article titled, "Factors Affecting Guardianship Practices for Young Adults with Disabilities" in the current issue of *Council for Exceptional Children*. This research is the first to examine guardianship as it affects young adults with disabilities.

- **Ann Rae**, ACSW, professor emerita of social work, and Wanda Nicholas-Wolosuk, ACSW, an adjunct faculty member of the Social Work Department at the University of Michigan-Flint, are publishing a new social welfare policy textbook, *Changing Agency Policy: An Incremental Approach* (Allyn and Bacon), for social work students in graduate schools of social work and undergraduate social work programs.

- **Matthew Zivich**, professor of art, was awarded the Best of Show prize in the annual Studio 23, 2002 All-Area Show in Bay City, which ran July 11 through Aug. 25. At the presentation, Zivich was awarded a combined cash prize and one-man show award. His winning art work, *A Prairie Home Companion*, was one of two drawings accepted for the show. The exhibited drawings are part of his Americana Series. The juror was Ed Wong Ligda, professor of illustration at Grand Valley State University.

SVSU Football

vs.

Northwood University

7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7

Midland Stadium

Admission \$5 per person

Tickets available at Campus Life Office and Athletics Department

Proceeds benefit Circle of Health Partnership

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Warm appreciation goes out to those who donated to the American Cancer Society in the Saginaw Relay for Life, Aug. 17 and 18. Below are participants (a special thanks to those who walked from midnight until dawn).

Jane Anderson
Phyllis Anderson
Kaitlyn Anthony
Samantha Anthony
Sherry Anthony
Jaime Ayala
Irene Beelman family
Marcus Bennett
Chrissy Bezemek
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Barbara Sageman
Maryann Srrine
Nancy Whalen
Gina Wilson
Shawn Wilson
Janice Wolff
Terry Wolff

Trade Unions contribute toward Campaign

SVSU and regional professional trade unions enjoy a relationship that goes beyond the bricks and mortar that enhance the physical appearance of an institution. Six trade unions and their members have found that they can make a difference in the lives of the more than 9,000 students who attend SVSU and the faculty and staff who make things happen for the students within the walls. These trade unions have graciously given \$80,500 toward SVSU's most recent efforts to enhance the educational experience of its students: the *Creating the Future Campaign*.

Trade unions contributing to the *Creating the Future Campaign* are the Boilermakers Local 169, Heat & Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers Local 47, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 557, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 692, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 85, and Sheet Metal Workers Local 7.

In addition to providing financial support for the projects, several members of the local trade unions are working on the new construction.

Campus Happenings

- The **Music Doctors** will perform a Lunchbreak Concert from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 28 in Doan Café.
- **American Society of Employers** will present a history of the organization and the "2002 Mid-Michigan Region Salary and Wage Survey Briefing" at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 29 in Curtiss Hall. For more information, contact Dan Matthews at ext. 7486.
- **SVSU Cross-Country Invitational** will take place Friday, Aug. 30 at 4 p.m.

- An **English Club Colloquium** will take place at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 4 in SE213. Paul Munn, professor of English, will speak.
- The **University Art Gallery** will exhibit "Figurative Sculpture" by Kirk Roda, Sept. 4 through 25. Roda creates sculpture inspired by the mythological and biblical themes of Western civilization. His figurative work exploits the expressive properties of clay and once fully developed are cast in bronze.
- The **Valley Film Society** season will kick off Friday, Sept. 6 with *Local Hero* in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. A full season's membership is \$25, prorated after the first film, and offers 17 admissions to be used in any combination with the 15 screenings. A trial membership, two admissions, is also available for \$6. For more information, call Tyler Haynes at ext. 4015 or haynes@svsu.edu.
- The **deadline for proposals** for the Michigan College English Association's annual conference is Sept. 21. The conference is Friday, Nov. 1 at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Proposals for papers, panels, and round tables should be sent to Mark Gellis, Kettering University, 1700 West Third Ave., Flint MI 48504 or e-mailed to him at mgellis@kettering.edu.

- **All Sports Passes** for faculty and staff are available through the Athletics Department. For the first time, employees can request two passes. Call ext. 7300 for more details.

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finished a bachelor's degree at the University of Detroit.

"I remember John as someone who was absolutely dedicated to teaching," said Thomas Renna, a colleague of Willertz' in the History Department. "He actually gave a quiz in every class, and with no grading assistants here, he did all the work himself.

"He spent an enormous amount of time counseling students, preparing exams and experimenting," Renna continued. "John was unique, and he clearly was an outstanding teacher at SVSU."

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 29 at Holy Trinity Parish, Wenona Street, Bay City. Visitation will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 27; and from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 28 at Trahan Funeral Chapel, 256 N. Madison, Bay City. A vigil service will take place from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the SVSU Foundation.

SVSU's Smoke-free Policy updated

The SVSU Operations Manual has an updated "Smoke-free Environment Policy" (Section 3.3-2).

The Manual is available online at www.svsu.edu/operationsmanual.

The updated policy states that "smoking is prohibited in all buildings and is prohibited within 25 feet of any building entrance."

Those who wish to report violations of the policy should fill out the appropriate form, including the person's name, date, location of alleged violation and any other pertinent information, in the Health Services Office (W267). Health Services will refer the matter to the proper regulating body. Students will be referred to the Coordinator of Student Conduct. Employees will be referred to the Director of Staff Relations. Visitors will be referred to Public Safety.

Transitions

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

New Faculty

- **John Lesko**, Assistant Professor, English, SW351, ext. 2067

New Staff

- **Mary Kowaleski**, Accountant, Student Financial Services, Office of the Controller, W373, ext. 4214
- **Mamie Thorns**, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs, W314, ext. 4397

Left/Leaving

- **Jimmie Baber, Mark Deschaine, Stephanie Harm, Cindy Munger, Natasha Rivet, David Slaven**

Across Campus

- **Jeff Erickson**, police officer, and his wife, Sandy, welcomed a new baby boy, Brendon Geoffrey, Aug. 8.
- **Lisa Gross**, assistant director, Academic Advisement Center, and her husband, Aaron, welcomed a son, Ian Timothy (7 lbs., 11 oz., 20 in.), Aug. 6.

Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

- **Norah Comerio**, administrative secretary, L'Anse Creuse, on the death of her father, Norman Kirnberger.
- **Debwin Roberts**, financial aid advisor, on

the death of her mother, Themoria Williams, who died Aug. 4.

- **Ruth Sawyer**, English lecturer, on the death of her father, Frank Grzesiak, who died July 24.
- **Valarie Taylor**, faculty secretary, on the death of her father, John R. Bryan, who died July 30.

Have You Heard?

- **Fire alarms** will be tested in Science East and Science West at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23.
- The **Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum** will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 1 for the Labor Day holiday. The museum will resume normal hours Tuesday, Sept. 3. Normal hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.svsu.edu/mfsm, or call ext. 7125.
- **Lot B** will become a reserve parking lot beginning fall semester. Only vehicles displaying a resident parking permit for the First-Year Suites or the Living Center will be allowed to park in Lot B. The reserve faculty/staff parking area in the southeast section of Lot B will be unaffected by this change. To view a parking map of SVSU, visit www.svsu.edu/publicsafety/ParkingLots.htm.
- More than 200 students participated in the University's Aug. 16 **Commencement**

ceremony. The 209 participants were part of a graduating class of 462 that included 212 who received bachelor's degrees and 248 who were accorded master's degrees. Two graduates received educational specialist degrees. David H. Swenson, Herbert H. Dow Chair of Chemistry, presented the keynote address.

- **Reserved parking permits** will be available beginning Thursday, Aug. 15. Purchase permits by mail by completing the application found on line at www.svsu.edu/publicsafety/forms/reserveapp.pdf; send the form and a check (made payable to SVSU) for \$20 to the Cashier's Office, 166 Wickes Hall. Permits also can be purchased in person; however, expect longer lines due to significant student traffic that normally occurs at this time. Permits from the 2001-02 academic year expire Sept. 15.
- **4th Friday Club** will be held in the President's Reception Area from 4:30 to 6 p.m. during the 2002-03 academic year: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 20, Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 28 and April 25.

- Charter Communications is offering a fall special for **cable modem service** for those who sign up in August or September. For more information, visit www.svsu.edu/cardlink/special.htm.

A big "Thank You!" goes out to the following for volunteering their time at the Bay City Pig Gig on behalf of Bay County

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Al Bracciano, professor of occupational therapy, discusses medical treatments during a tour of St. Mary's Ambulatory Center in Saginaw with a delegation of visiting faculty from Jinan University in China. The group spent several days observing and discussing health care procedures and facilities at SVSU and area hospitals.