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Welcome Weekend kicks off 2002–03 academic year

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)
Trade Unions contribute toward Campaign

SVSU and regional professional trade unions enjoy a relationship that goes beyond the bricks and mortar to 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 Airline Pilots Association, Local 169 and 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 Lucern Aires 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” from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 29 in Curtiss Hall. For more information, contact Dan Mathews 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 Mom, 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 on Friday, Sept. 6 with Local Hero in the Sauble 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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• The campus community extends condolences to:
  • Norah Comerio, administrative secretary, L’Anse, on the death of her father, Norman Kimbergner.
  • Debbin Roberts, financial aid advisor, on the death of her mother, Thermonia Williams, who died Aug. 4.
  • Ruth Sower, English lecturer, on the death of her father, Frank Grzesiak, who died July 24.
  • Valerie 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 Sunday, 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 Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.svsu.edu/msfm, 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 Convocation ceremony. The 209 participants were part of a graduating class of 462 that included 212 who received bachelor’s degrees and 248 who were awarded master’s degrees. Two graduates received educational specialist degrees. David H. Swenson, Herbert H. Dow Chair of Chemistry, presented the keynote address.

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• 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 full special for cable modem service to those who sign up in August or September. For more information, visit www.svsu.edu/cardlink/special.htm.

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

Joe Vogl

Sue Vogl

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

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Janice Wolff

Terry Wolf

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 Beeman family

Marcus Bennett

Chinny Bezemek

Merry Jo Brandimore

Jessica Bulg

Sara Clason

Bekky Clifford

Kenesha Cross

Elizabath Elliot

Kip Engle

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Holly Furlo

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