SVSU celebrated the grand opening of the Melvin J. Zahnow Library addition during a brief outdoor ceremony Sept. 18. Later that afternoon, award-winning poet Diane Wakoski read from her works in the Roberta R. Allen Reading Room, which is located below the arch on the library’s fourth floor. (Photos by Tim Inman)

Farynk said students will find a growing collection of print and electronic information resources and a friendly library staff to help them. “The Roberta Allen Reading Room is the real jewel in our crown,” Farynk added. “In addition to being an elegant reading room for students and faculty to enjoy every day, the Allen Reading Room is the ideal place for art displays, author readings, book discussions, and other special programs that will appeal to students and faculty.”

The state of Michigan provided 75 percent of the funding for the $12 million project. SVSU supplied the remaining 25 percent with the help of many donors to its “Creating the Future” campaign, which raised $9.5 million for campus improvements, including the addition and renovations to Zahnow Library.
A preview of 40th Anniversary events at SVSU

Please join your faculty and staff colleagues for the following series of events commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Saginaw Valley State University!

Oct. 5-11  Homecoming: “Reflecting on 40 Years . . . Now and Then”

Oct. 5-31  40th Anniversary Alumni Art Exhibition, University Art Gallery
          Opening Reception, Oct. 11, 3:30 to 7 p.m.

Oct. 10  Dedication of Hoffman-Willertz Plaque, Gazelle Fountain, 4:30 p.m., followed by reception, Roberta Allen Reading Room, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Oct. 10-19  “The Odd Couple,” Performing Arts Center (Reprise of SVSU’s first theatre production)

Nov. 3-15  Watercolor paintings of Lia Mao-shan, University Art Gallery

Nov. 14  “Honoring the Faculty,” a reception given by Vice President Yien, Banquet Rooms A, B, and C, 4 to 6 p.m., including the introduction of the History of the Academic Programs, 1963-2003, by Eldon Graham, author and associate professor of mechanical engineering.

Nov. 15  40th Anniversary Banquet: “Forty Years of Leadership,” Banquet Rooms A, B, and C, 6 p.m.

For further information on the 40th Anniversary observance, contact Robert Braddock, professor of history, at ext. 4360.

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Personal Profile

• Francis C. Dane, Finkbeiner Endowed Chair in Ethics, published a paper titled “Success Changes the Problem: Why Ventricular Fibrillation is Declining, Why Pulseless Electrical Activity is Emerging, and What to Do About It,” in Resuscitation (58, 2003, p. 31-35). The paper was co-authored with David C. Parish and K.M. Dinesh Chandra.

• Enayat Mahajerin, professor of mechanical engineering, presented “Thermal Degradation and High Temperature Behavior of Metal Matrix Composites (MMC)” at the 14th International Conference on Composite Materials, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, July 12 through 18 in San Diego, Calif.

• Andrew A. Swihart, associate professor of psychology, and his student, Kristen Harris (currently a senior psychology major), presented results of research on the detection of malingering by individuals falsely claiming brain injury and cognitive impairment at the American Psychological Association’s Annual Meeting in Toronto on August 9. The formal title is “The Wechsler Memory Scale-III Rarely Missed Index: Cross-validation Results.”

• Paul Teed, associate professor of history, has an article titled “Race Against Memory: Katherine Mayo, Jabez Sunderland and India’s Independence” published in the fall issue of American Studies. The article analyzes the American debate over Indian nationalism during the 1920s.

Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

• Kristine Beach, administrative secretary in campus facilities, on the loss of her grandmother, Meta Emma Daenzer, who passed away Sept. 5.

• The family of Emilio Castaneda, professor emeritus, Modern Foreign Languages, who passed away Sept. 6.

• Darlene Kusterer, administrative secretary in the SVSU Foundation, on the death of her sister, LeeAnn Borrego, who passed away Friday, Aug. 29.

Transitions

Note the following changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory:

New Staff
• Coraltilia Lavender, resident director, Student Services

Left/Leaving
• Gloria Lawler

Directory Revisions
• Richard Beck’s office is in EN126
• Dawn Gillespie, office fax number is 964-4636
• Diana Lawson, Wickes Chair in International Business, ext. 4340
• Janet Rentsch, director, Sponsored and Academic Programs Support, ext. 7120

Office relocations in Zahnow Library:
• Laura Kinner, Z417; Susan Cheney, Z414; Thomas Latuszek, Z413; Louise Dukarski, Z412; Jessie Federspiel, Z411; Jeanette Garpiel, Z411, ext. 4330

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• **Red Pride Packs** are on sale for $10, which includes a Red Pride T-shirt, refillable mug, window decal and 4 tickets to a home SVSU sporting event. Contact Trish Gohm in the Student Life Center at ext. 4170 to place an order.

• The SVSU Political Action Committee, “Friends of SVSU,” hosted a legislative breakfast on Sept. 8. There was a lively discussion with state senators Jim Barcia and Mike Goschka, who shared information on the 2004 higher education budget and the M-84 road project. For information about the PAC and how to become involved, contact Gene Hamilton at ext. 4069.

• **A Study Abroad Fair** will run until 3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23 in the Student Center Multipurpose Room. For more information, contact the Office of International Programs at ext. 4473 or visit [www.svsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.svsu.edu/studyabroad).

• E. William Gourd, professor of communication; Rosalie Riegel, professor of English; Kenneth Wahl, retired dean of the College of Education; and Jean N. Houghton, retired director of the Melvin J. Zahnow Library, will be honored at a “Fourth Friday” reception on 4:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26 in the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Reception Hall. The four have been granted emeritus status by the SVSU Board of Control. A framed copy of each Board resolution will be presented at that time. The reception is open to the campus community. For further information, call ext. 4042.

• **SVSU Humanities Series Lectures** will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center, W. Geneseel and Niagara in Saginaw. Doug Spencer, manager of the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, will speak Tuesday, Sept. 23, on “Shiawassee Flats: a Place of Wonder.” Other speakers include Herbert McCullagh, historian of the Saginaw Railroad Museum, who will speak Sept. 30 on “The Influence of Trains and Railroads on the American Psyche” and Paul Teed, chair of the History Department at SVSU, who will talk Oct. 7 on “How Have Americans Remembered Their Civil War?”

• Sandra Seaton will deliver an address titled “Creating the Diary of Sally Hemings” at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24 in Founders Hall.

• Stop by RJ’s Grill and Brew, Bay Road near Shuartick in Saginaw, for the SVSU Coaches Corner Radio Show, beginning at 6 p.m. every Thursday through the end of the football season.

• SVSU students will share in a fun event for a good cause as they try their hand at using **antique corn shellers**. The event is set for noon, Friday, Sept. 26 at the Saginaw Farmer’s Market. There will also be displays of corn-burning stoves and other demonstrations of renewable energy. Popcorn and other refreshments will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Good Neighbors Mission in Saginaw, which will be heated by a corn stove through a partnership with SVSU. For more information, contact Chris Schilling at ext. 2601.

• The **Valley Film Society** will screen Enigma at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Admission is by regular or trial membership, available at the door. For further information, call ext. 4015, or go online at [www.svsu.edu/vfs/program.htm](http://www.svsu.edu/vfs/program.htm).

• **Red Pride Family Day** takes place Saturday, Sept. 27. Registration for the “SVSU Cardinal Classic Auto Show” is from 8 to 10 a.m. Early registration is $10 per vehicle, while registration the day of the show is $15 per vehicle. Registration forms are available in the Student Life Center, ext. 4170. Also, the SVSU Dance Team and Student Life Center will be collecting perishable and non-perishable goods for Hidden Harvest, an agency that distributes food to the needy in the tri-county area. Our goal is 1,963 cans in honor of the 40th anniversary. Drop off all donations by the entrance to the football stadium.

• **Fire alarm and sprinkler systems** will be tested from 7 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 28 in Brown Hall, Science West, Science East, Wickes Hall, and Zahnow Library. During this testing period, building occupants will experience random activation of the fire systems.

• **A President’s Open Forum** with Eric Gilbertson will be held at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 29 in Alumni Lounge.

• **William S. Penn** will deliver an address titled “The House of Glass: Comedy and Survival” at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 29 in Founders Hall.

• **The College of Business and Management** will celebrate its accreditation by AACSB International from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7 in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms. Please RSVP to ext. 4064 or 7085.

• **A Graduate and Professional School Fair** will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8 in Groening Commons. For a list of schools, visit [www.svsu.edu/careers](http://www.svsu.edu/careers) or call ext. 4954.

• Janalou Blecke, interim dean of the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Health Sciences, will deliver the 2003 **Rush Distinguished Lecture** at 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9 in Founders Hall. Her lecture is titled “Whose Health is It: a Journey of Discovery.” A reception will follow. Please RSVP to ext. 4042 by Oct. 2.

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