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HONORARY DOCTORATES SET FOR DOW, G.M. OFFICIALS

The developer of Saran Wrap and the Director of Purchasing for Saginaw Steering Gear Division will be awarded honorary doctorate degrees during commencement exercises at Cardinal Gymnasium on Saturday at 1:30 P.M.

Ralph McConnell Wiley, the "Father of Saran", will be awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science degree in recognition of his brilliant research career with Dow Chemical Company which spanned 44 years.

Paul H. Wendler, former Saginaw mayor and councilman who has played a major role in college athletic fund raising, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Wiley holds more than half of the early patents as author or co-author on both the product and process development of Saran. His research career did much to pave the way for Dow in the successful development of business based upon the science of high polymers. His monumental research contributions have left an indelible impression on the history of polymer science.

So impressive was his work in his earlier years that he was named one of Dow's first research scientists in 1955, and his success continued throughout his career because he never lost his zeal and enthusiasm for research.

Among his significant scientific accomplishments is the "Wiley Feeder," a device for accurate, continuous addition of color concentrate into a stream of plastic resin. He also developed the Wiley small scale impact test used to determine the toughness of plastic materials, as well as other test methods and concepts which resulted in 37 U. S. patents and countless publications in polymer chemistry journals.

Wendler has been an avid supporter and friend of SVSC since its inception in 1963. He served as chairman of two athletic fund drives and has also been an influential member of several college committees over the years.

Wendler's civic involvement has extended far beyond the College, with more than 14 years of service on the Saginaw City Council. He was mayor of the City of Saginaw for four years, during which time he spearheaded the planning and construction of the Saginaw Civic Center, and Wendler Arena was named in his honor.

Wendler is currently Director of Purchasing for Saginaw Steering Gear Division, General Motors Corporation, where he earlier was manager of plants one, five and six. Throughout his involvement in numerous clubs and organizations including conservation, he has demonstrated an unsurpassed ability to get along with people, regardless of their level, said SVSC President Jack M. Ryder.

This year's commencement exercises will take place in Cardinal Gymnasium. Some 465 students, including 162 master's degree candidates, will receive their diplomas at the 1978 ceremony.

Following the ceremony, guided tours of Pioneer Hall of Engineering and Technology will be available from approximately 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. Members of the E & T faculty will be on hand to discuss and demonstrate the classroom and laboratory equipment which has been installed. Much has arrived in recent weeks, and there are many new things to see, said Division Director Eldon L. Graham.

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PROJECT "H.E.L.P." COMING TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

A Higher Education Learning Program -dubbed "Project H.E.L.P." -- is coming
to Bay City Central High School this
Thursday, April 27, to tell students
about college financial aid scholarships,
academic advisement, admissions, placement and career education.

Any juniors or seniors from Bay City Central, Handy or Western High Schools are welcomed to attend the 2:15 to 4:00 P.M. session in the Central High School auditorium. Parents are also encouraged to attend, so that their concerns about higher education can be discussed, said event co-chairpersons Helen Wyneken, Dean for Students at Bay City Central, and Richard P. Thompson, Director of Admissions at SVSC.

"I guess you could entitle the program
'Everything You Ever Wanted To Know
About College But Haven't Had A Chance
To Ask,'" said Thompson. "We intend to
have college officials on hand to answer
questions not only about SVSC but also
any other Michigan college." Representatives will be on hand from the Office of
Financial Aid and Scholarships, Placement
and Continuing Education, Academic Advisement and Testing, and the Registrar's
Office. No advance reservations are
necessary to attend the workshop.

FACULTY ASSOCIATION ELECTS

SVSC Faculty Association officers for 1978-79 include Dr. Janet Robinson, Asst. Professor of Psychology, as president; Donald Novey, Associate Prof. of Economics, as vice president; Larry Kickham, Asst. Professor of Accounting, as treasurer; and Dr. Charles Pelzer, Associate Professor of Biology, secretary. Serving a one-year term on the Executive Board will be Dr. Joe Snider, Associate Professor of Education, while Assistant Professor of English Dr. Basil Clark was elected to a three-year Executive Board stint. Curriculum Committee members will be Dr. Robert Braddock, Associate Professor of History, and Dr. Stan

Mazur-Hart, Assistant Professor of Psychology. Institutional Development Committee members will be Robert Thaler, Instructor of Sociology, and Dr. Leslie Whittaker, Professor of English and Education.

GROSS TO RETIRE FEBRUARY 2

Stuart D. Gross will be retiring as Asst. to the President next February 2, capping twelve years here during which enrollment grew from 250 to more than 3500 students and the physical plant expanded from just one building to a full-scale campus.

"We often get impatient with progress, but when I look back and see everything that's happened here in the past decade, it's amazing what we did with so precious little state support for building," he says. "We spent more than a million dollars a year to develop the campus, a lot of which went for the electrical wiring, water lines and underground sewage facilities you can't see. Today the physical value is some \$18.5 million, nearly half of which has come from private sources," he recalled.

Gross came to SVSC -- then Saginaw Valley College -- March 1, 1967 as director of community affairs. A native of Vincennes, Indiana, he graduated from Hope College in June 1936 and took a job as a reporter and photographer for the Saginaw News.

During his 31 years there, he moved up to the post of education reporter, wrote numerous Associated Press articles and received the Michigan School Bell award plus recognition by the National Education Writers Association. Along the way he won prizes in photography contests and was promoted to the post of city editor.

As a reporter in education, he covered the development of Delta and Saginaw Valley Colleges. That experience and the knowledge about both schools he picked up along the way helped him in writing the history of higher education in the Saginaw Valley, entitled "Where There's A Will."

"I'm very proud of the groups I've worked with, such as the Board of Fellows and the Triskelions women's group," Gross says. The Board of Fellows advises SVSC president Jack M. Ryder on issues related to the community. Gross was organizer of the Triskelions, a 175-member group of women from the tri-cities who operate a gift shop on campus and a consignment shop in downtown Midland. They have already contributed more than \$110,000 to the scholarship program for SVSC students and will be making another gift next month.

In the early years, Gross was also involved in fund raising and campus planning and served as liaison with the legislature for the College. He was also given the task of establishing an orderly process for administration of all federal programs. Despite all this activity, he also taught journalism classes for five years. Students under his tutelage have since moved on to reporting and editorial positions at numerous papers such as the Washington Post, Oakland Press, and Saginaw News.

Gross and his wife, Vernice, reside at Kennely Road, Saginaw, are the parents of two daughters and have four grandchildren.

INTERCOLLEGIATE GOLF TOURNEY HERE FRIDAY

A strong field of collegiate golfers will tee off this Friday in the 36-hole annual Bay Valley Intercollegiate tournament hosted by SVSC. Competitors include defending champion Tri-State University, Angola, Indiana. Representing the finest among Michigan's small colleges will be teams from Aquinas College, Grand Valley State College, Ferris State College, and SVSC.

SVSC has two meets at Bay Valley leading into the invitational. The Cardinals play Northwood Institute in a dual meet Wednesday and Ferris and Wayne State in a triangular meet this Thursday. According to golf coach Bob Becker, the heart of his team's golf season will be jammed into

the next ten days, with five meets between Monday, May 1, and Saturday, May 7. The season ends May 12-13 with the Great Lakes Conference championship at Midland. Becker feels his team has a good chance to win the district title and go on to the nationals June 6-9, but he'll have a more accurate reading on those chances following the Bay Valley invitational.

SECRETARIAL RECEPTION IS APRIL 28

In observance of National Secretaries Week, a reception honoring all SVSC secretarial, clerical and technical staff members is planned for this Friday, April 28, from 3:00-4:00 P.M. in the Mall Area of Doan Center. The entire SVSC community is invited to attend.

SVSCers AT INDIANA WORKSHOPS

Six SVSC faculty members have been selected to participate in summer workshops at Earlham College's Midwest Center for Multidisciplinary Education in Richmond, Indiana. Only 20 faculty members from 10-15 midwestern colleges were selected for each of the three fiveday workshops. Room and board plus a \$100 stipend per person will be provided by Earlham College through a project grant funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

SVSC's Dr. Eric Petersen, Associate Professor of History, will be liaison at the first session on June 12-16. Attending with him will be Dr. Larry Collins, Dean of Arts and Sciences.

Named as liaison for the second workshop on July 3-7 is Dr. David Rayfield, Associate Professor of Philosophy. Dr. W. Thomas Hearron, Assistant Professor of English, will also attend.

Selected as liaison for the third August 28-September 1 workshop is Ms. Kay Harley, Assistant Professor of English. Dr. Lynn Herkstroeter, Assistant Professor of French and German, will also participate.

Seminar co-director Dr. Richard Davis of

Earlham College will visit the SVSC campus prior to the workshops for a discussion of the curricular topics undertaken here during the past several years.

SVSC NAMES TEN TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ten Valley residents have been named to an Advisory Committee for the Division of Public Services by SVSC President Dr. Jack M. Ryder. Committee members will advise the director and provide counsel and guidance on the objectives of the Division, its curriculum, and its service and research functions.

Appointed to three-year terms are Saginaw News staff writer Jan Botz, Saginaw County Sheriff James L. Kelly, and Wallace Nielson, supervisor of the Bay County Department of Social Services.

Accepting two-year appointments to the committee are Saginaw County Probate Court Juvenile Division Judge Robert S. Gilbert, retired Saginaw businessman Max Heavenrich, Juvenile Rehabilitation Supervisor Norwaine Reed of Saginaw, and Ernest J. Smith, director of the Saginaw County Department of Social Services.

Serving one-year terms will be Ruben Daniels, director of Saginaw's First Ward Community Center, Dr. Wayne North, director of the Midland County Foundation, and Gerald Van Alst, Bay City police chief.

The Advisory Committee for Public Services will work closely with Acting Director Dr. Robert S. P. Yien, to provide input and guidance for the College's social work, criminal justice and youth services programs. Similar advisory committees are being established for SVSC's five other schools and divisions.

THREE WIN ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIPS

Three SVSC accounting scholarships for the 1978-79 school year have been awarded to students from Bay Port. All three are graduates of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (Lakers) High School. David C. Dutcher, 335 Second Street, Bay Port, has been awarded the \$500 Yeo & Yeo Accounting Honorary Scholarship. The award was recently presented by Lloyd Yeo, managing partner, and Joe Ruth, personnel partner, of the Saginaw-based Yeo & Yeo accounting firm. Dutcher is a sophomore at SVSC with a major in accounting and a minor in computer science.

Scott E. Quick and Scott L. Stevens of Bay Port will receive identical \$250 scholarships sponsored by the Independent Accountants Association, chapter 7, of Michigan.

Quick, of 674 S. Unionville Road, Bay Port, is an SVSC junior majoring in accounting. Stevens, of 9881 Pigeon Road, Bay Port, is a junior in accounting and political science (pre-law).

Announcement of the awards was made by Professor John Clinkenbeard, chairman of SVSC's Accounting Department. All three recipients are honor students at SVSC.

THREE QUALIFY FOR NAIA NATIONAL MEET

Three SVSC athletes have qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national track meet, May 18-20, at Abilene, Texas, with three meets left to qualify more runners.

Coach Doug Hansen said the three who are qualified for the nationals are Peter Boyd in the marathon, Stewart Glatfelter in the mile, and Bill Waters in the hammer throw.

The SVSC squad finished fourth in the 11-team Ferris State invitational last weekend, which was won by Northwood Institute. John Waters was the only SVSC runner to win a first place, with a time of 48.8 seconds in the 400-meter race.

The SVSC team will concentrate on four races when it competes this Saturday at the 13th annual Hillsdale College relay invitational meet.

This is the final meet before the NAIA

District 23 meet May 6 at Ferris State College. Winners at the district meet automatically qualify for the NAIA nationals May 18-20 at Abeline, Texas.

PERSONNEL

COMPUTER OPERATOR - Department of Computer Services. Salary negotiable.

MEDIA COORDINATOR - Office of Information Services. Full-time temporary.

FACULTY SECRETARY (C.E.T.A.) - Full-time temporary for six months. \$3.14 per hour.

These positions will be open exclusively to SVSC employees for one week. Persons interested should contact the Personnel Office. SVSC is an equal opportunity employer.