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PHYSICIAN NAMED 1984 DISTINGUISHED ALUM

A physician with a strong commitment to community service, a broad range of interests, and a belief that education is a lifelong process has been named SVSC's 1984 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

Dr. Dennis O'Connor graduated from SVSC in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in pre-medicine. O'Connor was born in Detroit, but grew up on a farm near Caro. Following graduation from Millington High School and Delta College, he served a four year apprenticeship as an electrician and worked for Chevrolet Motor Car Division of General Motors for 15 years before enrolling as a full-time student at Saginaw Valley.

In 1978 he received a Doctor of Osteopathy degree from Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. From September 1978 to September 1979 he interned at Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital before opening a private practice in Freeland. He now maintains an office in Hemlock.

O'Connor's interests are varied, and include a major in English in addition to the pre-medical curriculum in the sciences. He is an avid fan of SVSC Cardinal athletic teams. As an outgrowth of that interest, O'Connor has volunteered his services as team physician for SVSC. He serves as physician in charge at home football games and holds clinics on campus, dividing his Wednesdays between SVSC's training room and the college Health Services office open to all students.

In addition, Dr. O'Connor provides free physicals each year for nearly 400 athletes participating in SVSC sports. He offers discounts on medical care and medications to aid SVSC students in cutting medical costs, and conducts inexpensive clinics rather than requiring office calls.



DR. DENNIS O'CONNOR
1984 'DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD' WINNER

O'Connor also has donated his services as physician for Golden Gloves and other amateur fights. He is president of the Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association, and trustee for the local Repeated for radio communications. He serves as department head of general practice at Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital, as well as holding staff positions at Midland Hospital Center and St. Luke's Hospital.

Along with his wife, Char, O'Connor has been an active fund raiser for SVSC athletics. Another of their projects, "Take an Athlete to Dinner Program," pairs college athletes with area professional people. The O'Connors feel these contacts can inspire students in career aspirations, as well as demonstrating the importance of community involvement.

Demonstrating his belief that learning is lifelong, O'Connor currently is developing his artistic abilities in a Monday evening painting class at SVSC. He also holds a pilot's license, and he enjoys sailing.

JAZZ GREAT TO PERFORM AT SVSC

One of the country's finest saxophonists will be in the spotlight at SVSC'S next Jazz Artist Series concert. National recording artist Eddie Harris will perform on Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the SVSC theatre. In addition to Harris, reedist Wendell Harrison of Detroit will be featured, along with the SVSC's jazz ensemble and concert choir.

Harris has been a force on the jazz scene for over 20 years. He was a pioneer in electrically amplifying the sax, a step preceding the genre of jazz-rock fusion. His four books on jazz techniques are required reading for many serious jazz students. A recording of "Exodus" was Harris' first million-selling song, and it launched him into national prominence.

Known as an experimenter, Harris has combined many instruments when searching for a specific sound. He has used a trombone mouthpiece on a tenor sax, and also used parts of a clarinet to alter the sound. He also holds a U.S. patent as inventor of the reed trumpet.

Wendell Harrison, a saxophonist and clarinetist, will share the stage with Harris. He is a native Detroitier who has performed at the Montreux-Detroit jazz festival and prominent nightspots across the country.

SVSC's jazz ensemble will precede Harris. The SVSC concert choir will perform "The Creation - A Rock Cantata," a piece for mixed choirs and taped accompaniment. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$2 for students and senior citizens. For ticket information, call ext. 4159.

FIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN EXCHANGE

Five SVSC students will travel to Japan this summer to take part in an annual exchange program. The women will attend a five-week session at Shikoku Women's University in Tokushima. SVSC students will study Japanese culture, history, and language, and reside in women's dormitories. Most of the instruction is in English, but some Japanese will be taught. The primary emphasis of the program is to experience the culture and educational styles of Tokushima, Saginaw's sister city. In addition to classes, there will be overnight stays in Japanese homes, and tours to famous cities and sights.

The five women are: Bethany Jankens, a junior majoring in history; Susan Maceroni, a senior sociology major from Richmond; Sandra Niedergall, a sophomore sociology major; Katherine Sterchele, a sophomore French major; and Kelly Vasold, a senior majoring in communications. Sterchele is the daughter of Norman Sterchele, SVSC associate professor of education. The students will leave the weekend of June 7.

STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES TOPIC OF LECTURE

Persons interested in learning about general statistical models and applications of statistics in biological studies are invited to attend a lecture scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 5, in room 320 Wickes Hall. Dr. Edward D. Rothman, professor of statistics at the University of Michigan, will speak on "Modeling the Composition of a Population of Species." The lecture is part of SVSC's Science Colloquium series, and is open to the public free of charge.

Dr. Rothman will describe how a set of variates is broken into homogenous subsets according to statistical principles, as well as other topics related to statistical procedures. While the discussion is directed to those with some background in calculus, no advanced knowledge of statistics or biology is required.

For more information about the program, contact Dr. Tyler Haynes, associate professor of mathematics, at ext. 4182.

FACULTY HOST DINNER, SPEAKER

SVSC's nursing faculty will host a dinner and speaker on Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Fashion Square hotel. Dr. Jacqueline Fawcett, professor of nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss "Application of Conceptual Models into Clinical Practice."

"We hope to acquaint clinical nurses with the concept of using theories in nursing practice," said Pat Pelletier, an SVSC nursing instructor helping to coordinate the program. Fawcett is a nurse researcher and the author of publications on nurses applying conceptual models of health care to daily practice.

The dinner is open to all area nurses and cost of the program is \$15. For reservations call the SVSC conference bureau at ext. 4068.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING - EVENTS & INFORMATION

--A tribute to Theodore Roethke, Saginaw's native poet, will be held Thursday, April 5, at 8:00 p.m. in Doan Center. Professor R.T. Smith of Auburn University will speak on the poet's work. Following Smith's lecture, Dr. Raymond Tyner, professor of English and one of the evening's organizers, will present several awards for poetry and a journalism award for opinion and news. For more information, call Dr. Tyner at ext. 4376 or Dr. Basil Clark at ext. 4312.

--Dr. Thomas Renna, professor of history, will give a professorship lecture on Thursday, April 5, at 3:30 p.m. in Wickes Faculty Lounge. He will discuss "The Medieval Origins of Anti-Semitism." The lecture is in honor of Renna's selection as Distinguished Professor by the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters.

--"My Healthy Body" is the theme of a Children's Health Fair for elementary school children on Wednesday, April 4, in Doan Center. Students will receive information on nutrition, exercise, dental hygiene, safety and health. The program is sponsored by SVSC's School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, the Red Cross, and nine other organizations. For more information, call Sally Decker at ext. 4098.

--The second annual Non-Stop Poetry Cabaret will be held Thursday, April 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in lower Doan. It's a showcase of student talents, featuring poetry readings, music, dance, art exhibits, and student-made movies. The event is sponsored by the Valley Vanguard and Cardinal Sins staffs. For information, call the Vanguard office at ext. 4248.

--A slide and lecture program titled "Jerusalem: Crossroad of Faiths and of Political Turmoil," will be held Friday, April 6, at 12:30 in Wickes 313. Dr. Thomas Renna, professor of history, will speak. The program is sponsored by Campus Ministry and is open to the public free of charge. For information, call ext. 4423.

--Current Developments in AIDS is the title of a seminar on Friday, April 6, at 1:30 p.m. in Pioneer 224. Dr. Ralph Gordon, professor of pediatrics, infectious disease section of Michigan State University, will speak. The program is open to the public free of charge. For details, call Dr. David Dalgarn at ext. 4355.

--A feature considered to be a more thoughtful version of "The Big Chill" is the Valley Film Society's first April offering, along with several short works by area filmmakers. "The Return of the Secaucus Seven" will be screened on Friday, April 6, at 7:45 p.m. in Wickes lecture hall. A number of short subjects by area filmmakers will be screened before the feature. Admission is by membership, pro-rated at \$6.50 and available at the door. \$5 student and guest memberships also are available. For information, call Dr. David Barker at ext. 4303.

--Janusz Korczak, a Polish martyr devoted to orphaned children, will be honored at a program on Sunday, April 8, at 1:30 p.m. in Delta College's lecture theatre. The event is sponsored by SVSC and Delta College, and faculty and students from the departments of history, humanities, and literature of both colleges will be involved. Contact SVSC's Institute of Polish Studies at ext. 4315. for more information.

--Area students researching "The Family and Community in History" will participate in SVSC's History Day on Saturday, April 7. The event is part of a nation-wide program to stimulate a greater interest in history, and will be held in Doan Center from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. SVSC is the site of the region 5 competition, covering northeastern Michigan and the Thumb. The day's events are open to the public free of charge. For more information, call Dr. Thomas Renna at ext. 4363.

--The Saginaw Valley Foreign Language Association's next meeting is Wednesday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m. in Wickes Faculty Lounge. Karen Minard will share her experiences in Spain during an educational leave of absence. Dr. Lynn Herkstroeter also will speak, reporting on the progress of SVSC's individualized French program. For more information, call Dr. Ricardo Pastor at ext. 4486.

--SVSC's college mission statement is being reviewed in preparation for the 1985-86 visit by the North Central accreditation team. The Mission and Purposes Committee has been charged with responsibility for reviewing the statement and recommending possible revisions. Members of the campus community wishing to comment on the mission statement may contact Dr. George Eastland, professor of chemistry, at ext. 4321.

--A national cable television conference on weapons in space will be held on Thursday, April 5. The Union of Concerned Scientists will conduct a nationwide assessment of President Reagan's proposal to place weapons in space to protect the United States against nuclear-armed ballistic missiles. Cox Cable of Saginaw and Gerity Cable of Bay City and Midland will carry the program at 8:00 p.m. Cox will air the discussion on channel 22 and Gerity will run the two-hour show on channel 24.



PRESIDENTS CONCERNED WITH BUDGET

Last week the Presidents Council of State Colleges and Universities issued a statement regarding the income tax rollback issue currently being deliberated in the Legislature: "The presidents of Michigan's public colleges and universities have serious concern about the potentially damaging effects of a premature income tax rollback. The Presidents Council of State Colleges and Universities supports the position that next year's budget be passed before accelerating any further rollbacks.

"The presidents are in unanimous agreement about the critical need to stabilize funding for higher education in the state. The erosion of state support for the past decade has produced serious problems, which include escalating tuition costs and deterioration of campus facilities. In the current fiscal year the Governor and the Legislature made a significant effort to reverse the trend of declining support for higher education by providing modest increases in the state appropriation and, equally important, averting any executive order budget cuts to date. It is, in the presidents' view, essential that the state not undermine its revenue base and thus its capacity to support higher education. The presidents reiterate their view that a strong, well-supported public higher education system is essential to the state's economic recovery and to creating opportunities for Michigan citizens."



PERSONNEL

The personnel office and Valley State Employees Credit Union are sponsoring a pre-retirement planning seminar on Monday, April 16, in lower Doan. Wills and estate planning, IRAs and SRAs will be discussed in this program designed for people in 30's, 40's and 50's. Sessions will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Speakers include Lorraine Paskiewicz, attorney; Deb Babcock, president of Personal Touch Marketing; and Larry Fitzpatrick, SVSC personnel director. There is no charge for the seminar, but reservations are requested. For reservations, call Alice Cornejo at ext. 4108.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Four professors and a student presented papers at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters annual meeting March 23-24. Dr. Basil Clark, associate professor of English, presented "Chaucer and St. Cecilia: Mystical Vision in the Second Nun's Tale." Dr. Drew Hinderer, associate professor of philosophy, served as vice-chairman of medieval studies and also discussed "Judging the Quality of Mystical Experiences." Dr. Ricardo Pastor, professor of Spanish, presented "Literatura social minera." Dr. Thomas Renna, professor of history, spoke on "Angels and Mystics." John Skrzypczak, a senior history major, presented "Mysticism and Witchcraft."

SVSC EVENTWATCH

Apr. 3 ... Women's Softball
Apr. 3-5 ... Student Government Elections
Apr. 4-18 ... Blockprints at Art Gallery
Apr. 4 ... Children's Health Fair
Apr. 5 ... Professorship Lecture
Apr. 5 ... Non-Stop Cabaret
Apr. 5 ... Roethke Lecture
Apr. 5 ... Nursing Dinner & Speaker
Apr. 5 ... Science Lecture
Apr. 6 ... AIDS Seminar
Apr. 6 ... Jerusalem Lecture & Slides
Apr. 6 ... Valley Film Society Feature
Apr. 7 ... History Day
Apr. 8 ... Korczak Commemoration
Apr. 9 ... SVSC Jazz Artist Series
Apr. 11 ... Women's Softball
Apr. 12 ... Chamber Winds Concert
Apr. 12 ... Student Recognition Day
Apr. 12 ... Art Exhibition & Sale