AREA MAGAZINE PROFILES REVIEW, ROETHKE


In an article written by editor Barbara Prince Sovereon, Drs. Raymond Tyner and Basil Clark, professors of English, are profiled along with their most recent issue of the *Green River Review. That edition was the Theodore Roethke Memorial Issue, which coincided with the Saginaw poet's death in 1963 and SVSC's 20th anniversary."

"'When I first came to Saginaw, I had never heard of Saginaw Steering Gear, but I had heard of Theodore Roethke,' said Dr. Raymond Tyner with a smile. 'His popularity has grown steadily since then. He is a poet of national consequence.'"

Roethke's popularity was one of the reasons for the memorial issue. The "Review" is one of the state's most prestigious poetry magazines and is published three times a year.

"The 'Review' began in Owensboro, Kentucky thirteen years ago, while Tyner was teaching at Kentucky Wesleyan College. 'A few of my friends and I decided to get together and start a magazine,' he says as though such an occurrence were commonplace.

"When he left Kentucky in 1968 to come to SVSC, he left the magazine there. However, within five years it had followed him to SVSC and it has been there ever since.

"Plans for future publications include 'To Coax a Fire,' a volume of poetry by former Midland Daily News editor John Palen."

The profile explained the review receives volumes of material every week from across the country, and is available only through subscriptions. Major public and private libraries in the United States, Canada and England comprise the majority of subscribers.

Dr. Basil Clark noted in the article that poets come to SVSC to read their works and visit because the Review is here. A recent example of that statement was the presence of Professor R.T. Smith of Auburn University who came to SVSC to pay tribute to Roethke.

"'For Roethke,' Smith said, 'life was a flight to the finish,' and he quoted William Martz who felt that Roethke, a diagnosed manic-depressive, nevertheless succeeded in a poet's primary mission. 'He teaches us how to feel.' Smith also paid tribute to Tyner and the Green River Review with whom, he said, he felt a special bond."

Smith also pointed out that despite the mental illness Roethke struggled with, poet James Dickey lauded the Saginaw native in 1961 as "the finest poet now writing in English."

"Clark feels that 'people don't realize that poets really define themselves and the world around them ... they are philosophers. People don't realize that poetry is a very exciting experience.'"

(Editor's note: the quotes, information and format for this article came from the "People & Places" feature by Barbara Prince Sovereon. It was edited and summarized).
SUMMER FUN AND FRIENDSHIP HIGHLIGHTED THE ANNUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PICNIC LAST MONTH. MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY JOINED GRADUATES TO FEAST ON BRATWURST, PLAY A LITTLE SOFTBALL, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, TALK AND SHARE OLD TIMES. THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ALSO PLANS TO HOST A GOLF TOURNAMENT LATER THIS SUMMER.

THE POLISH HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF MID-MICHIGAN RECENTLY HOSTED THE SECOND ANNUAL POLISH FESTIVAL AT PULASKI HALL IN SAGINAW. THE THREE DAY EVENT FEATURED LOTS OF ETHNIC FOOD, GAMES, A POLISH MASS, AND PLENTY OF POLKA MUSIC AND DANCING. PROCEEDS FROM THE FESTIVAL ARE SLATED TO GO TO SVSC'S POLISH INSTITUTE.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS GOLF OUTING

The first annual SVSC alumni golf outing will be held on Saturday, August 18, at the Green Acres Golf Course in Bridgeport. An 18 hole "scramble tournament" will be featured, and tee-off time is 10:00 a.m. A New York strip steak dinner will be served after golfing, along with refreshments. The entry fee is $25, which includes green fees, prizes, dinner and refreshments. All alumni, faculty and staff and invited to attend. Reservations must be received before August 1. For more information, call Jo Stanley at ext. 4050.

POM-PON SQUADS ATTENDING CAMP AT SVSC

The campus will be a flurry of uniforms, pompons and the sound of cheers and competition when Mid-American Pom-Pon conducts its annual camp at SVSC next week. Twenty-five squads totalling over 282 junior and senior high school girls will participate in the regional camp July 18-21. Schools from throughout the Tri-Cities will be represented, along with teams as far away as Traverse City and Detroit.

The squads will spend three full days in preparation for a competition on Saturday. Girls will learn two to three routines each day, plus a variety of pom-pon techniques. There also will be emphasis on improving squad unity, plus concentration on basic kickline movements.

This is Mid-American's largest camp at SVSC. The organization was founded by Karen Laatsch Blazaitis, a graduate of Saginaw Eisenhower High School and former pom-pon squad member. In addition to SVSC, Mid-American holds camps at several other colleges in the state.

Two cheerleading camps also will be held at SVSC. US Cheerleading will be on campus August 3-6, and All-Star Cheerleading's camp is August 6-9. For more information, contact the conference bureau at ext. 4162.

SVSC OFFERS DIVORCE SUPPORT

Divorce is one of the most difficult experiences an individual can face. It is a trying, emotional time, and SVSC is offering a program for people who are divorced or going through the process.

SVSC's office of continuing education is conducting an eight-week divorce seminar, which began this week. The non-credit course will meet on Mondays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in 318 Wickes Hall, and admission to the college is not required.

The seminar will focus on the emotional process of divorce and its various stages, including pain, depression, healing, personal growth, and learning to love again. Jerry Willing will conduct the class, which is modeled after a successful program in California. The course fee is $75. For more information, call the office of continuing education at ext. 4162.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS UP

Applications for lodging in SVSC's residence halls are up this year. As of June 29, the office of residential life had received 519 requests for the 486 spaces available for student housing. That is an increase of thirty applications over the June 1983 figure of 489.

According to Merry Jo Starrine, coordinator of residential life, all students without room reservations are placed on a waiting list. Waiting students will be placed in order into dorm rooms as spots are available, but may have to reside off-campus for a period of time. SVSC maintains a list of area rentals, including rooms in Delta College's dorm. Starrine added that everyone on the waiting list is placed into SVSC residence halls by winter semester.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--Incoming students and their parents will be on campus today and tomorrow for the third orientation session. Participants will tour the campus, meet with college faculty and staff, and register for fall classes. The next orientation session is scheduled for July 26. For more information, call MaryAnne Lustgraaf at ext. 4260.

--Registration for fall semester is being conducted today and July 12 to August 1. Beginning July 12, registration will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration will resume August 13.

--The office of continuing education will offer a six-week course on advanced calligraphy beginning tomorrow. Class hours are 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and the course fee is $30. For more information, call ext. 4162.
--Food services has ice available this summer for picnics. Ten pound bags are available for $.70, and can be picked up at the snack bar before 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call ext. 4252 to place an order.

--The Saginaw Valley Bridge Club will hold a charity bridge tournament on Saturday, July 28, from noon to 2:00 a.m. in lower Doan. The competition is open to the public, and an entry fee will be charged. For more information, call Shiv Arora at ext. 4323.

--A number of computer courses will be offered this summer through the office of continuing education. Introductory classes on personal computers, word processing, and basic computer language will be held, along with accounting and spreadsheet applications. For more information, call ext. 4162.

--An introductory handspinning course will be offered on August first and eighth, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Basic principles and designs will be covered. The course fee is $15. For more information, call ext. 4162.

--The demand for bilingually endorsed teachers continues to exceed the supply. If anyone knows of someone interested in preparing for a career where employment opportunities are expanding, call Ramiro Gonzalez at ext. 4487 for details on SVSC's bilingual teacher training program.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Dr. Hong Park, professor of economics, was a recent guest on WEYI TV-25's program "Community Concern." Park discussed high interest rates with newswoman Debra Snell and how increases in the prime lending rate could affect local economies.

--Dr. Rosalie Riegle Troester, assistant professor of English, attended the National Women's Studies Association Conference at Rutgers University during the last week of June. She presented a paper on Zora Neale Hurston and other black women writers. She also traveled to Washington, protesting the nuclear arms race by standing in silent and solitary vigil at the Pentagon. A statement written by Troester and distributed at the Pentagon appeared in the June 24 issue of the Saginaw News.

PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, SPONSORED PROGRAMS. Full-time, permanent (replacement). Level 5, $5.88 per hour.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH. Full-time, permanent (new position). Salary negotiable.

INTRAMURAL SUPERVISOR. Part-time, permanent (replacement), to work 30 weeks per year. Salary: $7,750. Bachelors degree required, plus background and experience in recreation and or physical education supervision.


TEACHER'S ASSISTANT, CHILDREN’S CENTER. Part-time, permanent (replacement). 20-30 hours per week during 9-month period. $3.75-$5.00 per hour, dependent on experience.

Internal applications for the administrative secretary, teacher's assistant and intramural supervisor positions must be received by the personnel office by Thursday, July 12.

For further details, call the personnel office at ext. 4112. SVSC is an equal opportunity employer and non-discriminatory in its policies and practices.

SVSC EVENTWATCH

July 10-11 ... Orientation
July 18-21 ... Pom-pon camp
July 12-Aug. 1 ... Registration
July 26 ... Orientation
July 28 ... Bridge Tournament

See monthly calendar or call Information Services for times and details.