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Reception, Dinner Scheduled in Honor of President, First Lady

On June 30 Dr. Jack M. Ryder will conclude a term as president of Saginaw Valley State University that has spanned nearly 15 years. During that time numerous changes have occurred, both in the appearance of the campus, the academic programs offered and the nature of the student body enrolling in them.

In the process of leading those changes, President Ryder has gained many friends, becoming an extremely visible leader in the Saginaw Valley region and a strong advocate for strengthening higher education throughout the state. His wife, Lila, also has left an indelible impression on the community for her involvement in SVSU and area activities.

On Sunday, April 23 friends and colleagues will gather to pay tribute to the Ryders' leadership and dedication. The events are open to all members of the campus community as well as the public and SVSU alumni. The guest list also includes former SVSU faculty and administrators, delegations from other Michigan colleges and universities, government officials and educators.

A farewell dinner, set for 7 p.m., will mark the first public use of SVSU's Health and Physical Education Center, which is nearing completion.

The dinner features medallions of veal in white wine, sautéed asparagus and orange glazed fingerling carrots with a variety of accompaniments, topped off by a strawberry dessert. Dinner reservations are $20 per person for the general public and other invitees; $15 per person for SVSU employees. Invitations and reservation cards will be mailed to all full-time faculty and staff. Dinner reservations should be made to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs by April 12.

Among those who will have a part in the program are Robert Walpole, chairman of the SVSU Foundation; Charles Curtiss, member of SVSU's Board of Control since its inception; Dr. Arend D. Lubbers, president of Grand Valley State University and chairman of the Presidents Council; and representatives from the Board of Fellows, the Alumni Association, Student Government and the Michigan Legislature.

Preceding the evening dinner will be a 3 to 5 p.m. reception in the Arbury Fine Arts Center. The event is free of charge and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Tours of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery will be available.

Dr. Robert Yien, chairman of the committee planning the events, encourages all faculty and staff to attend. "This will be an opportunity for us to join with members of the communities we serve to celebrate the accomplishments of Saginaw Valley State University under Dr. Ryder's leadership," he said. "I urge all of you to mark April 23 on your calendars and make plans to attend."

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SEARCH COMMITTEE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS, CREDENTIALS

While the presidential search committee has been reviewing candidate credentials for several weeks, the group still is willing to accept additional information or nominations, its chairman says.

"The committee has never set a deadline for receiving and reviewing new nominations or credentials of qualified candidates," said Florence "Jo" Saltzman, chairperson of the committee and of the Board of Control. She asks that persons who wish to nominate a candidate or applicants who wish to add to their credentials "keep in mind the criteria for this leadership position."

Desired characteristics of the new president are: 1) the ability to provide strong educational leadership through his or her vision of SVSU's mission, a demonstrated commitment to academic values, and the support of the faculty's teaching, research and service activities; 2) ability as an effective communicator; 3) the ability to represent SVSU effectively in the external community; 4) commitment and skill to develop and maintain participatory governance; 5) an understanding of the need to enhance revenue at SVSU from private sources; 6) a strong advocacy of SVSU's mission; 7) commitment to the value of collaborative planning and evaluation; 8) capabilities as an astute manager and decision-maker; and 9) ability to assist the Board of Control to perform its over-sight role.

For complete details on the position, credentials needed and the application or nomination process, please contact Mrs. Saltzman, c/o the Presidential Search Committee, SVSU.

DELTA DISPATCH SERVICE TO SVSU DISCONTINUED

Effective March 19, Delta College's Public Safety Department will not handle emergency police, fire or medical calls placed to the SVSU Public Safety number during hours when the SVSU office is closed. According to Public Safety Director Zane Rybkowski, the discontinuation of this service will not affect the availability of police patrols.

Persons involved in or observing a situation that requires Public Safety assistance after regular hours should call 9-911 from on campus phones or 911 from off campus. Rybkowski emphasized that SVSU's Public Safety office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. till midnight, and from 6 p.m. till midnight on Saturday and Sunday.

If the Public Safety number is dialed after those hours, a taped message will instruct callers to dial the appropriate 911 number or to call 4080 for maintenance emergencies.

BOMB THREATS UNDER INVESTIGATION

Twice in recent weeks bomb threats have triggered investigative and safety procedures by SVSU Public Safety personnel. Director of Public Safety Zane Rybkowski confirmed in an interview March 16 that threats had been received and continue to be under investigation.

Rybkowski said the second threat did involve a device that simulated a bomb, but that it was a hoax.

He said when a bomb threat, or report of such a threat, is received by his office, his staff follows set protocol in responding. "For security reasons, these procedures are not made public," he said. "However, we have policies regarding how we investigate such incidents and what procedures we implement after analyzing the situation."

In general, he said, the policies are designed for maximum safety of individuals while maintaining University operations with as little interruption as possible. Decisions relative to building evacuation are based on consideration of several variables, he said.

A St. Patrick's Day snowstorm cancelled most events Fri. evening and Sat. However, all three performances of "Aladdin" went on as scheduled, upholding theater tradition.
SVSU PRESENTS APPROPRIATIONS TESTIMONY

SVSU administrators presented both written and oral testimony last week to the House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee. Following the hearing, President Jack M. Ryder said he felt legislators recognize the problems universities face, but will be unable to significantly raise appropriations above Gov. James Blanchard's budget recommendations. "The problem is they can do little, given all the other demands on State revenues," Ryder said.

He informed SVSU's Board of Fellows at its March meeting that he was hopeful a request for supplemental appropriations targeted for building openings would be approved during the current budget year. The money is being sought for 10 public universities that, like SVSU, have new buildings completed or nearing completion.

He explained that SVSU would be unable to open the pool in the new H&PE Center if only the governor's recommended budget was approved. Classrooms and other facilities would be open daytime only, with the exception of scheduled evening games or meets. If the supplemental appropriation is approved, the pool will be opened, but evening use of the building will be minimal. An additional $166,000 is requested to allow evening use of classrooms and certain other facilities in the center.

The printed testimony details SVSU requests and management strategies.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT ON MARCH 27

Spring will become "jazzier" through the design of the SVSU Jazz Ensemble. The ensemble will be joined by guest artist Ed Fedewa for a 7:30 p.m. concert on March 27 in the Theatre. The group is directed by Jeff Hall, adjunct professor of music. Fedewa will perform on the upright bass and electric bass. He has appeared in concert with Judy Collins and Crystal Gayle. His jazz activities include a recent performance at the Montreux/Detroit Jazz Festival with the "Kerry Moffit Quartet" from Flint.

For ticket reservations, call extension 4159.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

-- The University Art Gallery will be home for the 1989 Women's Work Art Exhibit, through April 19. The all-Michigan show features more than 200 works of women artists. The theme for the show is "Inversions." Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; and from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

-- The SVSU Honors Program and Delta College will sponsor a panel discussion on "Alternate Paths to Success in Business: A Regional Perspective," beginning at 4 p.m., March 23 in Lower Level Doan. Dr. Deborah Bishop, assistant professor of management, will monitor a discussion with Sharon Long, tri-city entrepreneur; and Kathy C. Darrow of General Motors.

-- Dr. Roosevelt Ruffin, the 1988-89 Martin Luther King Jr. distinguished visiting professor, will present a discussion on "Blacks in Saginaw" beginning at 4 p.m., March 23 in Room 109 of Brown Hall.

-- Ms. Margaret Krawczyk, nursing instructor, and three students majoring in nursing will discuss "Experience of China: A Look at Acupuncture/Health Care, the People and Their Environment." The presentation will get under way at 4 p.m., April 4 in Room 108 of the Science Building. The group was in China during the fall 1988 semester as part of an exchange between SVSU and Jinan University, Guangzhou, Peoples Republic of China. The presentation will cover information about their 12-week course in acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine, as well as life in the southern Chinese city.

-- Dr. H.S. "Frank" Chen, professor of physics, will discuss his patent-winning exploration into the area of holographic research during an April 5 meeting of the SVSU Science Club. The discussion will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Science Building.

-- Martin J. Sherwin, professor of history and director of the Nuclear Age and Humanities Center at Tufts University, will present a discussion of "Glasnost and Perestroika: American/Soviet Relations" at 2 p.m., April 6. His speech will take place in the Student Lounge of the Zahnnow Library. His address is co-sponsored by the Zahnnow Library Lecture Series and the Honors Program.
PARKING LOT A CLOSED APRIL 3

Parking Lot A (Theatre, Administrative Services Building) will be closed to general parking on Monday, April 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for a special event in the SVSU Theatre.

POLISH STUDENTS' CLUB SPONSORS EASTER EGG MAKING

A meeting devoted to the making of Pisanki, or the art of making Easter eggs as is done in Poland, took place on Thursday, March 16. Instruction was given by two students acquainted with the art. The event was sponsored by the SVSU Polish Students' Club.

DANCES OF SPAIN PERFORMANCE SET FOR MARCH 29

"Dances of Spain," a program of classical, folk and flamenco dancing with Pascual Olivera and Angela del Moral, will take place at 8 p.m., March 29 in the Theatre.

Married in 1976, Olivera and del Moral have appeared with the Chicago and Baltimore symphonies and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.

For additional information on the Five Star Entertainment presentation, call Campus Activities at extension 4170.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS TO MEET

New members are invited to join the SVSU education and awareness group for Adult Children of Alcoholics on March 28. The group will meet every Tuesday from 4:45 to 6 p.m. in the conference room on the first floor of Wickes Hall. The group is co-sponsored by SafeHaven and Counseling Services.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

-- Mrs. Patricia Ann Rae, professor of social work, presented a paper during the 1989 annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Rae discussed "Motivational Factors Present in the Providers of Continuing Professional Social Work Education."

HIGH FIVE

-- The Cardinal golf team is participating in two southern invitationalts this week. During the first part of the week, the team will be in Elon, North Carolina. The squad then will take part in the Carson Newman Invitational before returning this weekend. The Cardinals' only home match of the season will be April 27 and 28 for the Bay Valley Invitational.

COMPUTER WHIZZES -- Regional high school students competed in the annual Computer Programming Contest on campus March 17. Three-member teams were given a problem to be solved using one of two computer languages. The winning team was from Bay City Central High School. Cash awards were given to the top three schools to further their respective computer offerings.