Series Combines History with First-Hand Accounts to Acquaint Area Teachers with African American Culture

The first in a series of six symposia, designed to provide area teachers with both professional training and a better understanding of African American cultural issues, will be conducted this Saturday, Jan. 11 in the Arbury Fine Arts Center.

Funded by the Michigan Humanities Council and conducted jointly by SVSU and the Saginaw Public School District, the series will focus on human, social and geographic issues peculiar to the Saginaw area.

Modeled after the "Renaissance Outreach Alliance for Detroit Area Schools" (ROADS), the series consists of seminars conducted one Saturday a month through June of this year. The sessions include:

January 11, 1992
SVSU's Arbury Fine Arts Center

*The Continent of Africa:* When making a reference to Africa or African Americans, one often imagines a homogeneous group hailing from one point of origin. Africa, however, is a continent of many nations. Presentations covering the geography and many cultures of Africa will give participants a better understanding of the cultural diversity of the people and the impact the land has on African life.

February 8, 1992
Zion Baptist Church, Saginaw

*The Roots of African American Education:* Education in the African American community has had many influences and has occurred in many settings throughout history. This session will explore three of the key areas where an African American student is educated.

March 14, 1992
Saginaw Historical Society

*African American Experience in Saginaw:* The African American experience in Saginaw will be discussed by those who have lived it. Listen as some of early Saginaw’s business people, educators and other professionals describe how conditions have evolved.

April 4, 1992
Pit & Balcony Playhouse

*The Griot: African Historian and Storyteller:* Like so many cultures, much of the African heritage has been passed through generations in the form of story. Learn and experience the importance of the oral tradition in African culture.

May 9, 1992
The Saginaw Art Museum

*Cultural Evolution: African to African American:* The culture and traditions of Africa have greatly influenced African American culture and communities today. Explore the evolution of dance, music and art with local experts and historians.

June 6, 1992
Bethel AME Church, Saginaw

*Enriching American History:* The fact long has been recognized that U.S. history is written largely by and about white men. Teachers will "re-discover" America and learn some of our history's "best kept secrets" and unsung heroes who helped shape our country into what it is today.

For more information, call Dr. Ervin Sarpap, associate professor of teacher education, at ext. 4395.
Science Club Seminar Series Set

Archeological research in the Tobico Marsh area of Bay County will be the topic of discussion when the SVSU Science Club begins its winter seminar series on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

A presentation will be made by adjunct professor James Payne, a state-certified professional archeologist who is among a group of scientists, students and area volunteers. The group's test diggings have revealed arrowheads, pottery shards, stone flakes, animal bones and fire-cracked rocks believed to have been left by members of an ancient Woodlands Culture who lived in the Saginaw Valley between 2,500 and 4,000 years ago.

For the past four years, the project has been undertaken in conjunction with the Archeological Field School of SVSU with support from the Jennison Nature Center, the Michigan DNR, Delta College, The University of Michigan, Dow Chemical Company and the Midland Chapter of Sigma Xi. More than 75 people have participated, including archaeologists from Ohio, Iowa, New Jersey, Ontario, Canada and Japan.

The campus community is invited to hear Payne's discussion of the research, including the effect of the "Little Ice Age" and other environmental impacts on early life in Michigan, on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge.

Subsequent Science Club seminars are scheduled through March. Further information will be printed in upcoming issues of The Interior. For additional information, contact Priscilla Dana at 638-7760 or 754-5380, or the College of Science, Engineering and Technology at ext. 4144.

Allocation of Grants for University Improvement Announced

The SVSU Teaching Improvement and Innovation Team has announced the allocation of grants totalling $3,354 for the winter 1992 semester to improve the University's educational programs.

The money will be used in the following ways: $704 to create a learning module composed of instruction sheets, transparencies and photocopy masters that will assist faculty in using textbooks in any discipline (Kerry Segel, associate professor of English/Reading); and $450 to prepare special intercultural materials, which will be developed on location in France from native sources and will focus on the cultural aspects of verbal behavior, for upper level French courses (Lynn Herkstroeter, professor of French/German).

Among other uses of the funds are: $1,900 to establish the Center for Teaching Effectiveness to provide services and materials to faculty interested in instructional development (Jim Sullivan, associate professor of English, and Marc Perczt, professor of music); and $300 for the purchase of two software programs that will enhance the leadership skills of advanced nursing students through computer-assisted instruction (Sachiko Claus, associate professor of nursing).

Health Risk Appraisals to be Offered

SVSU employees can participate in a free computerized Health Risk Appraisal on Tuesday, Jan. 21. A $50 value, the appraisal is endorsed by the Something for EveryBODY Employee Wellness Program. Coordinating the service are Dr. Jennifer Bridges, associate professor of physical and health education, and Beth Clark, campus recreation supervisor. For further information, call ext. 7324.

Sixth Annual MLK Dinner Planned

The sixth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Dinner will be held Monday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Doan Center Cafeteria. The event is free to SVSU students. Admission for faculty, staff and others is $4. Reservations are required. RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 15 by calling ext. 4092.
Who's Who Selects SVSU Students

The 1992 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 63 SVSU students who have been selected as national outstanding leaders. Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. The SVSU students join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Students have been honored in the annual since it was first published in 1934.

Across Campus

The campus community extends its sincerest condolences to the family of Opal Colvin, who passed away Sunday, Dec. 22, at the age of 76. She had been retired from SVSU since March 1984. She joined SVSU on January 2, 1975 as administrative assistant to President Jack M. Ryder. She also had worked for Dr. Ryder for nine years during his previous assignments. After retiring, she devoted her time to collecting antiques, adding to her extensive collection of teapots. She lived in Essexville. Memorial services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, 1991.

Valley Aquatic Programs Offered

Members of the campus community are invited to participate in the Ryder Center's new Valley Aquatic Program.

Current courses available through the program include "Learn to Swim" (for children 3-12 years of age). The classes will resume the week of January 12. *Aquacise* classes meet on an on-going basis and are $4 per session.

"Senior Aquacise" classes meet three mornings per week, with a $1 per session fee. "Learn to Dive" instruction is available upon request. "Competitive Diving" dates and times will be announced later this month. For registration details and further information, call ext. 7333 or 7327. All swimming courses are taught by certified American Red Cross instructors.

University Art Gallery Exhibits Competition Winners

The University Art Gallery will feature an exhibit of contemporary Michigan photographs beginning Monday, Jan. 13. The show, which continues through January 30, is organized and sponsored by the SVSU Art Department and the Latent Image Student Photography Club. For Gallery hours, call the Art Department at ext. 4159.

Events/Activities

- **Volleyball Fun Night for Kids** — Friday, Jan. 10, 6-10 p.m., Ryder Center. Call ext. 7306 for more details.
- **Lunchbreak Concert** — Tuesday, Jan. 14, noon to 1 p.m., Lower Level Doan Center. Featuring the Valley Wind Quintet.
- **Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop** — Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m., Wickes 334.
- **Entrepreneurs Club** — Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6 p.m., Lower Level Doan Center. Topic is "Improving Profits Through Process Communication." Call the BIDI Office at ext. 4310 for reservation information.
- **Leadership for Lunch** — Thursday, Jan. 16, noon to 1 p.m., Alumni Lounge. Topic is "Planning and Budgeting." Free admission.
- **Valley Film Society** — Friday, Jan. 17, 8 p.m., Theatre. Feature film is "The Story of Adele H." Call ext. 5624 for more information.

SVSU offices, classes or groups interested in "Health Yourself 1992" can obtain applications from the Health Services Office. The event will be held in Brown Conference on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 12-13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The purpose of the fair is to promote wellness through learning. For application forms and further information, contact Gloria Hansen in Health Services at ext. 4272.

CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING HELD AT SVSU — Construction has started on an interim headquarters for CIESIN after a December 19 ground-breaking ceremony. Above, the ceremonial first shovels of earth were spaded by [from left] Board of Control Chairman George E. Ward; CIESIN president and CEO Jack Lousma; Eighth District Congressman Bob Traxler; and SVSU president Eric Gilbertson. The building is scheduled to be ready by May.
Professional Profile

- Dr. Eugene Hamilton, associate vice president for advancement and public service, will be a member of the Panel of Judges for the 1992 Michigan Entrepreneur of the Year (EOY) Awards. This marks his second year of participation with EOY.

- Dr. Michael W. Panhorst, director of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, has been invited to join the Professionals Advisory Group of "SOS! Save Outdoor Sculpture!" — an inventory and condition assessment of outdoor sculpture in the United States. The Professionals Advisory Group provides leadership, vision and counsel regarding the growth and development of SOS!

- Dr. Suk Koo (Tom) Yun, professor of physics, attended the 20th Anniversary Symposium of the Korean Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA) held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington (VA) during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. There are over 8,000 Korean scientists and engineers in the U.S. Yun was the organizer and the chairman of the Applied Physics Session with seven invited speakers. This session included Semiconductor, Optoelectronics, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Synchrotron Radiation Source and X-Ray Lithography.

The symposium, subtitled "Progress in the Leading-Edge of Science and Technology Towards the Year 2000," included all fields of science and technology. This symposium, which consisted of 11 sessions with 70 invited speakers, was in part supported by Hyundai Group, Samsung Group and Lucky-Kumsung Group. It emphasized primarily the frontiers of science and technology that can be transformed to industrial applications in the near future. This event attracted over 300 scientists and engineers from academic institutions and industrial firms.

Recently Yun also was named the chairman of the Pure Science Division of the International Society for Korean Studies in North America. This organization is made up of world-wide Korean scholars encompassing all academic fields, including technology, medicine and arts and sciences. It had its Third International Conference in Osaka last year. Yun currently is serving as president of the Association of Korean Physicists in America (AKPA). There are about 1,000 Korean physicists in the U.S., and close to 500 of them are Ph.D. holders and/or professors.

Personnel

The following positions are open to all regular employees of the University:

- Buyer, Business & Auxiliary Services — Full-time (replacement) position. Bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and experience required. Salary negotiable.

- Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice — Full-time, tenure-track (new) position. A.B.D. or Ph.D. in criminal justice or related field required.

- Assistant Professor, Psychology — Full-time, tenure-track (new) position. Ph.D. required, strong research/experimental background desirable.

All applications must be received by the Personnel Office no later than Friday, Jan. 10, 1992. For further information, call the Personnel Office at ext. 4112. SVSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Transitions/Office Moves

New
- Dr. Gladys A. von Hoff — director of Bilingual/Bicultural Education Center.
- Jennifer Holliday — administrative secretary, Office of Corporate Relations.

Departing
- Peggy O’Neil — formerly senior secretary, SVSU; now on the CIESIN payroll.
- Carole Rosolowski — formerly a part-time police officer, Public Safety.
- Dr. Jack M. Ryder — formerly professor of educational leadership.
Whether you need an office light bulb replaced or perhaps a custom-made storage shelf, you can count on Nick Badalamenti to help. He's on hand to assist with those and a variety of other tasks that keep the campus operating smoothly.

Badalamenti began working part-time in the Physical Plant labor pool during the holiday break at the close of 1984. He performed general custodial work whenever extra people were needed.

By March 1985 Badalamenti received full-time status, with electrical system maintenance as his primary responsibility. He is a state-licensed electrician, having successfully completed the Michigan examination after gaining on-the-job experience with a contractor.

While duties related to electrical maintenance may be as simple as changing a light bulb, they also range to the complex repairs required when there's a power outage on campus. In mid-December, Badalamenti put in many hours tracing the cause of and making repairs to correct an interruption of electrical service to many campus areas.

"Some of our wiring is old," he notes. "Most wiring is good for about 20 years, and we are now past that on our original lines. We are working on 23 and 24 years," he observes.

In addition to his knowledge of electrical components, Badalamenti possesses carpentry skills. He has constructed storage cabinets needed in the campus kitchen, as well as various other storage units for offices.

Last spring he was approached by Grounds Foreman Bob Lopez regarding planters to be incorporated in the campus beautification project. Badalamenti's first step was to visit the Zahnnow and Bay City libraries for books on planter design. Based on his research, he designed, specified weatherproof materials and built the 26 planters that sported colorful petunias and geraniums throughout the summer.

During the past summer Badalamenti also played a prominent role in the campus streets and sidewalk re-lamping project. All campus outdoor lamps were examined and cleaned or repaired as necessary to provide the maximum light for evening hours.

"Some of the lenses were filthy," Badalamenti says, noting that those on central campus had been in place for 20 or more years. "We replaced lenses and bulbs as needed, but mostly it was just a matter of washing lenses. We used a power washer to clean them."

Badalamenti is credited for working with administrative staff and vendors to complete the project successfully and at a minimum cost.

While Badalamenti often volunteers to help with a variety of maintenance jobs around campus, including snow removal, his work generally is within buildings. He responds to requests from all campus offices, and finds that enjoyable.

"I like all the people that I see because I am all over campus," he smiles.

Off the job, Badalamenti enjoys hunting and fishing and bowls on a team that is "about in the middle" of its league.
When Bob Braddock graduated from college, he thought his soccer-playing days were over.

"I just assumed that I wouldn't play again," he says.

But, several years later, he was "recruited" by a friend as Midland started a youth soccer league. Braddock's friend felt that they should join the adult league to become better at coaching the junior league.

"I played in the Midland league for four or five years," he says.

Braddock also has served as a club coach and mentor for SVSU teams for several years. Today, he says, he lacks the time for coaching, but still assists with administrative tasks such as scheduling.

Braddock notes that soccer originally was a varsity sport at Saginaw Valley, with Paul Gill serving as coach. In the late 70s soccer was dropped from the varsity list.

Its revival as a club sport came through Braddock's participation in the Midland league.

"There was a Saginaw Valley student on our team, so we decided there probably was interest here," he recalls. Today SVSU fields a co-ed team, though they play against mostly male teams.

Braddock observes that public interest in soccer is heightened today. "It's really making it in high school sports," he says.

He attributes some of the interest to the fact that soccer is a relatively inexpensive sport to run, as well as to allowing co-ed participation. Also, the sport appeals to a wide range of ages.

"The fact is that soccer is a sport you can play more or less all your life," he says, although he acknowledges that "I quit playing on a regular basis at age 40 when my knees told me I should.*

Braddock joined the SVSU history faculty in 1970. In addition to teaching, he has in recent years added part-time administrative duties. Currently he serves as Acting Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences. "Judy (Dean Judith Kerman) and I are learning together what that means," he laughs. "She has never had an assistant dean before, and I have never been one."

Among his assignments is publication of the Arts & Cultural Events calendars that are being produced this year. He also assists with coordination of class scheduling for the college, and he monitors the faculty evaluation process.

Braddock earlier served a stint as director of SVSU's International Programs and maintains a strong interest in international study. He personally spent two years studying in London. "Records for the kind of research that I do are located in London," he notes.

He is planning a for-credit study trip to England in May 1992. The London-based experience would last about three weeks and include side trips to points of interest, as well as at least six theater performances. Participants could elect history or humanities credits and would pay tuition plus air fare plus approximately $1,000 in living and other costs. Contact Braddock for more information.