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## SVSU Hosts Retirement Party for 95th District Rep. James E. O'Neill

**S**cores of old friends and admirers as well as political allies and area educators are expected to gather for a festive dinner party in SVSU's Ryder Center at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4. The gala will honor retiring 95th district legislator James E. O'Neill Jr.

WSGW talk show host Art Lewis will be master of ceremonies for the party in the 64,000 square foot arena named in 1989 for the Saginaw native who championed the cause of education in Michigan's lower chamber for 28 years. Joining Lewis at 7:30 p.m. for the evening's festivities will be Irish entertainer Sean Ryan, who will present a tribute to O'Neill. Bishop Kenneth Untener will lead a sing-along, playing piano accompaniment for the audience/performers.

A display of O'Neill memorabilia will provide a glimpse into the life and times of the long-time public servant, and the evening concludes with dancing.

Long a supporter of SVSU, O'Neill was awarded a Doctor of Laws honorary degree during the University's 19th annual commencement in 1984. Additional honors and accolades will be presented during the course of the evening.

O'Neill attended Saginaw public and parochial schools before earning an A.B. degree in English and political science from Central Michigan University. He subsequently earned a Master of Fine Arts in school administration from the University of Michigan-AA.

O'Neill first won a seat in the Michigan House of Representatives in 1966 and served as Democratic Personnel Director and as Majority Whip. A strong advocate for improved education, he was a member of the

Education Commission of the United States, and was appointed to the Educational Block Grant Advisory Committee in 1982. He also served as chair of the Subcommittee on K-12 and Department of Education of the House Appropriations Committee. He was chair of the Joint Committee on Capital Outlay and was a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Admission for the event is \$25 per person, which includes buffet dinner, beverages and parking. Tickets, which are available from the SVSU Conference Bureau, must be presented at the door.

Gene Hamilton, chair of the retirement party planning committee, urges all SVSU employees to attend. "This is our opportunity to honor Representative O'Neill for his numerous efforts on behalf of SVSU during his 28 years in service," Hamilton says. "And, there will be outstanding entertainment and food."

For more information, or to order tickets, contact Penny Bailey at ext. 4162.



Mrs. Thelma Ruffin prepares to add a symbolic shovel-full of earth in a tribute to her husband, Roosevelt, who recently passed away. A large turnout of friends were on hand to honor Ruffin's memory during a tree planting ceremony Oct. 19. The tree is located on the corner where Arbory Circle Drive intersects with College Drive.

# 4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY CLUB

October 28  
4:30-6 p.m.

President's Reception  
Area, Third Floor  
Wickes Hall

The Homecoming Cork  
& Cheese Party sponsored by the SVSU  
Faculty Association  
will be held in conjunction with 4th Friday.

Everyone is welcome.

## Grant, Computers Help Students Design VLSI Chips

Eighteen students enrolled in EE 478, Introduction to VLSI, are using upgraded computer facilities in the Engineering Design Lab to lay out computer chips containing millions of transistors.

For the second straight year, students in the class are benefiting from a \$3,250 National Science Foundation grant that enables SVSU to teach VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration). Associate Professor Tirumale Ramesh says even though there is increasing demand for highly complex computer chips, few schools are equipped to offer the training.

"We are able to offer training because we have sophisticated Pentium and personal computers," Ramesh says. "Normally, undergraduate institutions don't have this kind of hardware with all the VLSI design software that we have."

In July, the General Motors Foundation donated \$10,000 as part of a five year pledge to provide additional computer workstations for the design lab. The grant was made at the request of the Saginaw GM Public Affairs Committee.

Ramesh says the students are divided into teams of two to work together designing a chip. The completed designs are sent to Silicone Valley in California for fabrication.

## Local Congressmen, Economist at SVSU Economics Forum

Congressmen James A. Barcia (D), Bay City, and David L. Camp (R), Midland, will discuss "Health Care Reform and the Federal Budget" in a forum sponsored by SVSU's Economics Society. The congressmen will be joined in the discussion by Jagadeesh Gokhale, economic advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

The forum will convene at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31 in the Ryder Center dance studio. It is open to the campus community.

Officers of the Economics Society are Saginaw sophomore James A. Hayes Jr., president; Saginaw junior Julie A. Sesler, vice president; Jeffery Opperman, secretary; and Saginaw junior Connie K. Hu, treasurer. Coordinators are Donald J. Tilley, Bay City graduate student; Cherri L. Schrems, Saginaw senior; and Jamie V. Bauer, Saginaw sophomore. Professor Mahendra Kanthi serves as faculty advisor.

## November Exhibits Scheduled in University Art Gallery

Two collections will be on display in the University Art Gallery from November 2 through December 7. The primary display features the work of Bruce Thayer.

Thayer's work examines our competitive industrial environment and its effects on people. An M.F.A. graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, his art has been exhibited at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Indianapolis Museum of Art and the Chicago Cultural Center. He is the recipient of two arts fellowships and maintains a studio in Mason.

Complimenting the Thayer display will be an exhibit from the Louis W. Doll Collection. Featuring selections from Hiroshige's "Tokaido Series," the woodblock prints depict landscapes along the Tokaido highway in the mid 1800's. The work encouraged travel and an appreciation of the natural beauty of Japan, according to gallery director Barron Hirsch.

There will be an opening reception in the University Art Gallery from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9. The campus community is invited.



Sheila Welling, a senior social work major from Bay City, addresses parents and friends at the annual Student Scholarship Tribute held October 15.

## **The Adding Machine on Stage at University Theatre**

Technology is stealing our individuality and reducing us to mere numbers in a nameless, faceless society, according to Elmer Rice. While that belief may not seem highly unusual these days, Rice presented his theory in a play written more than 70 years ago.

"*The Adding Machine* shows one's loss of individuality in a technological age," says Janet Rubin, professor of communication/theatre. She is directing the department's fall production of the Rice play.

"This example of expressionism uses anti-realistic devices such as distorted sound, generic character names and suggested settings to forward the premise that man is losing his humanity and falling victim to conformity.

"While the play is more than seventy years old, its message must certainly give us pause in a world where devices such as fax machines and computers are becoming common tools," Rubin says.

*The Adding Machine*, the first production of the season by SVSU's Theatre Department, will be staged November 4, 5 and 6 and again November 11, 12 and 13. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Friday and Saturdays. Matinees are 2 p.m. Sundays. Complimentary tickets are available to faculty and staff.

## **Professional Profile**

• **Frank Chen**, professor of physics, and **Greg Wright** recently received a U.S. patent on their invention, *Method and Apparatus for Producing a Holographic Shadowgram*. The technology permits a hologram to be produced in a very simple way. Several prototypes and instructional materials have been manufactured and demonstrated at trade shows.

• **Tom Hearron**, professor of English, gave a lecture and slide presentation on China to the Saginaw chapter of People to People.

• **Judith Kerman**, dean of Arts & Behavioral Sciences, has had a poem (untitled) published in the Fall 1994 issue of the literary magazine *House Organ*, published in Lakewood, Ohio.

• **Paul Munn**, associate professor of English, presented a paper titled "Male Students in the English Classroom: Resisting Feminism" at the Michigan College English Association Conference in Kalamazoo, October 7.

• **Michael Panhorst**, director of the Marshall

Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, recently participated in the annual meeting of the Michigan Museum Association on Mackinac Island. He led a panel discussion on planning, funding and implementing conservation programs for outdoor sculptures and he moderated a discussion of the Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage. Panhorst is the vice president of the Michigan Alliance and a board member of the Michigan Museums Association.

• **Tirumale Ramesh**, associate professor of electrical engineering, had two papers included in a bibliography of about 130 research publications on Dynamic Reconfigurable Architectures. The bibliography, compiled in Japan, will appear in the forthcoming special issue on Dynamic Reconfigurable Architectures in the *International Journal of Parallel Processing Letters*.

• **Thomas Renna**, professor of history, presented a paper titled "Late Medieval *itineraria* as Utopian Vision" at the 19th annual conference of the Society of Utopian Studies held at the University of Toronto, October 13-16.

• **Ruth Sawyers**, lecturer in English, participated in a panel discussion titled "Michigan Writing Projects: What They Can Offer College Faculty" at the Michigan College English Association conference on October 7. Three fellows from Michigan Writing Projects shared how they have changed their writing pedagogy as a result of their participation in the Summer Institute.

• **Jill Wetmore**, professor of finance, presented two papers at the Financial Management Conference in St. Louis. The papers were titled "Market, Interest Rate and Foreign Exchange Risk of Commercial Banks: Another Look" coauthored with John R. Brick, professor of finance at MSU, and "Liquidity Effects of Commercial Bank Stocks Changing from the NASDAQ to the NYSE."

**Representatives from Valley State Employees Credit Union will be on campus October 26 and 27. Drop in at your convenience during the following times:**

	Wednesday, Oct. 26	Thursday, Oct. 27
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Wickes 3rd floor lunchroom	Wickes 3rd floor lunchroom
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Brown 3rd floor fac. lounge	Brown 3rd floor fac. lounge
11 a.m.-12 noon	Student Concourse Area	Student Concourse Area
1-2 p.m.	Science 3rd floor fac. lounge	Science 3rd floor fac. lounge
2:15-3:15 p.m.	Conf. Rm., Personnel Office	Conf. Rm., Personnel Office
3:30-4:30 p.m.		CIESIN

## Holidays Set

The University will be **closed** Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25 for

**Thanksgiving.** The campus will **close** for the **year-end holiday** break beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22. Except for offices that provide necessary student services, the campus will remain closed through Monday, Jan. 2, and will re-open for operations on Tuesday, Jan 3. The regularly scheduled holidays for employees are December 23, 26, 30 and January 1.

Additional paid personal days will be granted by the University to cover December 27 and 28; December 29 may be covered through the use of vacation leave, personal leave or unpaid time. Any employees required to work December 27 through 29 because their office will be open will be granted additional personal time accordingly to be taken at a later date.

## Did You Know?...

- Nominations are being accepted for 1994-95 *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges*. To be considered, a student must have a GPA of 2.5 or better, have attained junior, senior or graduate student status, and demonstrate curricular/extracurricular achievement. All supervisors are encouraged to nominate deserving students not later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4.

- The campus community is invited to join a special event planned by Delta College Public Radio. **Erica Whittlinger and Bob Potter** of Public Radio International's Sound Money will be on hand in #S-105 at Delta College for sessions beginning at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 3. They are free and audience participation is invited. For more information, contact Pam Clark at 686-9466.

## Across Campus

- The campus community extends sincerest condolences to **Alice Cornejo** and her family on the death of her mother Catalina Cornejo, who passed away October 13. Funeral services took place Saturday, Oct. 15.

- Congratulations to **Gail Kantak** on the birth of a son, Ryan. He was born October 14, weighing 6 lbs., 13 oz. and is 21 in.

## Campus Happenings

- **Career Presentations:** faculty may wish to announce to their classes a presentation by Dan Strasz on "Uncovering the Hidden Job Market" Oct. 26 and one on "How to Handle Illegal

Interview Questions" on Nov. 2.

- **The SVSU Humanities Series:** Stuart Gross will present "Timberline Ghosts and Ghost Towns" at 7:30 p.m. in Ruben Daniels Learning Center October 25. The Nov. 1 program (same time and location) will be the Saginaw Hall of Fame Induction.

- **The 19th Annual Foreign Language Day** takes place Wednesday, Nov. 2 at various campus locations.

- **Valley Film Society:** 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, SVSU Theatre. *Way Out West* (U.S., 1937). Admission by membership available at the door.

## High Five

- **Football:** defeated the University of Indianapolis, 42-21, on Saturday.

- **Volleyball:** won the Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne (IUPU-FW) Tournament by defeating IUPU-I, 3-1, and Ashland, 3-2, on Friday; and IUPU-FW, 3-0, and Quincy, 3-0, on Saturday. The team has a 16-11 overall record.

- **Cross Country:** the men finished in second place while the women placed eighth in the GLIAC Championships.

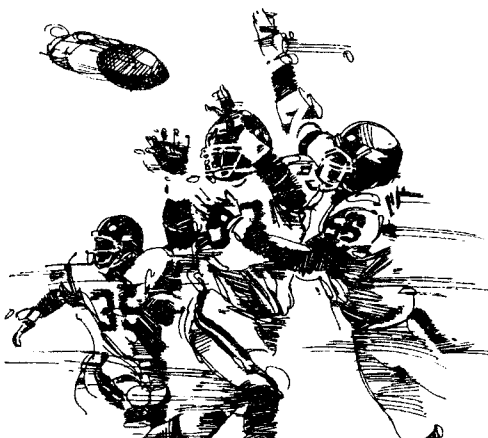
- **Tennis:** defeated Northwood University, 7-2, on Saturday. The team is 3-6 in the GLIAC, 4-6 overall.

- **Men's Basketball:** invites the campus community to a team practice to meet the players at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 2 in O'Neill Arena. Refreshments will be served. Call ext. 7314 if you plan to attend.

# HOMECOMING 1994

Saturday, October 29, 1994

- **Kert Lehman Run:** 10 a.m., O'Neill Arena. Call ext. 7321 for more information.
- **Marching Band Pep Concert:** during Kert Lehman Run in O'Neill Arena.
- **Pre-Game Brunch:** 9 to 11:30 a.m., Doan Center. \$4.95 for adults, \$2.50 for children 10 and under.



- **Cardinal Football:** 12 noon kickoff in Wickes Memorial Stadium vs. St. Francis College.
- **Alumni Afterglow:** 3 to 5 p.m. in Ryder Center. Free admission for all SVSU alumni.
- **Cardinal Basketball Intra-squad Game:** 4 to 6 p.m., O'Neill Arena. No admission charge.