SVSU Lecture Series Honors Roosevelt Ruffin

An annual lecture series being initiated by the SVSU History Department and the Office of Multicultural Programs will honor Dr. Roosevelt Ruffin, reflecting areas of interest that he made part of his life.

“We plan to bring speakers to campus annually to enlighten the community regarding the many areas that were important to Dr. Ruffin,” said Craig Tatum, director of multicultural programs/Affirmative Action. Prior to his death in 1994, Ruffin directed those programs at the University.

“Dr. Ruffin loved sports, history, cultural events, education and the arts,” Tatum said. “The lecture series is dedicated to his ideals and his commitment to higher education and the greater Saginaw community.”

Three events are planned for the initial series in 1996.

Gerry “Son-non-Quet” Gould

“The Great Lakes Indians & the European Experience”
4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19
Lower Level Doan Center

Gould will trace 300 years of history of the Great Lakes Indians, starting with the “Four Seasons of the Anishabeg” — the time prior to European contact and continuing through the French experience, British contact and the American experience.

Gould is a Council Member of the Swan Creek Black River Ojibwa of southeastern Lower Michigan. He majored in history at Western Michigan University and had fellowships at Michigan State University and Harvard University. He has taught or lectured on Native American studies at several universities and for social studies organizations.

Dr. La Francis Rodgers-Rose

“A Return to the Source: The Wisdom of Our Foremothers”
4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7
Founders Hall

A clinical sociologist, professor, consultant and author, Dr. Rodgers-Rose has taught at Case Western Reserve, Fordham, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and Drew University. She also has served as consultant to private, public and governmental organizations. President and founder of the International Black Women’s Congress, Rodgers-Rose has lectured extensively throughout the U.S.

Her book, *The Black Women*, has been acclaimed as the most comprehensive social psychological book on the Black woman. She is co-editor of books dealing with Black women’s health and on resolving conflict in Black male-female relationships.

Dr. Johnie D. Smith

“More than just a Game: Black Baseball in the Saginaw Valley, 1926-WW II”
4 p.m. Monday, April 8
Lower Level Doan Center

Smith will share a view of the great teams and players of the “Negro Major Leagues,” their contributions to baseball in general and to the Black communities in particular. Locally, Smith will look at Saginaw from the organization of the G.M.C. Colored Giants in 1926 to the rise of the powerful Saginaw Yankees on the eve of World War II. Smith graduated summa cum laude from SVSU’s Honors Program, earned a master’s degree from Central Michigan University and a Ph.D. from Wayne State University. He currently teaches history at CMU.
Poet-Novelist Coming to SVSU

SVSU will celebrate Valentine’s Day with a guest appearance by poet-novelist Jonis Agee. Part of the “Voices in the Valley” series, Agee’s presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Founders Hall.

“We are delighted to have a person of Jonis Agee’s stature share her talents with local audiences,” said Judy Kerman, dean of the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences. “Like the characters in her novels and poems, Jonis is a complex personality. Her poems tell stories, and her novels have a lyric quality.”

“She comes from a small-town background, but is a cosmopolitan woman who holds a Ph.D. and teaches at the University of Michigan. She is tough-minded and independent, but has a soft, spiritual side as well,” Kerman said.

Agee’s short stories have been published in two critically-acclaimed collections. One of them, Bend This Heart, and her novels Sweet Eyes and Strange Angels were named Notable Books of the Year by the New York Times. Agee also is a recipient of the Loft-McKnight Award and the Loft-McKnight Award of Distinction.

Reviewers note that Agee’s poetry and fiction often focus on families. They portray the interactions that take place among family members and point to the paradox that exists between the supportive and destructive forces within family units. “The family is an incredibly imperfect system, but that’s also what makes it so intriguing,” Agee has said. “That people keep trying, keep reinventing them, over and over, is astonishing to me.”

Her most recent novel, Strange Angels, is set in Nebraska and combines the action and grit of a Western with a beautifully written family saga. The book has received excellent reviews. The New York Times Book Review has described Agee as “a gifted poet of that dark lushness in the heart of the American landscape.”

The “Voices in the Valley” series is supported by Poets and Writers, Inc. through a major grant from the Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest Fund, and by grants from Delta College and Second National Bank. Admission to the readings is free.

For more information about the series or about Agee’s appearance, contact Dr. Judith Kerman at ext. 4062.

SVSU Hosts Western Jazz Quartet

The Western Jazz Quartet (WJQ), a resident faculty ensemble in the School of Music at Western Michigan University, will appear at SVSU at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 in the Theatre.

Formed in 1974, the quartet combines performing and teaching as it promotes jazz music and jazz education through an active schedule of tours, concerts and workshops. Recent performance highlights for WJQ include a tour of Brazil, a week-long engagement at La Villa in Paris, the du Maurier Festival in Toronto and the International Festival of the Arts in Costa Rica. The group’s first CD, Firebird, received a Five-Star review in Down Beat Magazine.

Members of the group are Tim Froncek, drummer; Trent Kynaston, saxophonist; Stephen Zegree, pianist; and Thomas Knific, bassist.

General admission is $5. This event is sponsored in part by the Touring Arts Agency of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. For more information contact the Campus Life Center at ext. 4170.

Comedy Ventriloquist Richard Paul to Appear On Stage at SVSU

Comedy ventriloquist Richard Paul will appear on stage at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 in the SVSU Theatre.

Paul will present an entertaining variety show that can be enjoyed by the entire family. He implements an array of characters with plenty of audience participation. Starting with a quick demonstration of ventriloquism, he jumps into a brief lesson of handicap awareness. Also included in his program are lessons in confidence, self esteem and safety. Paul has performed at fairs, trade shows, conventions, festivals, picnics and elementary schools.

General admission is $3. This event is sponsored in part by the Touring Arts Agency of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. For more information contact the Campus Life Center at ext. 4170.

The SVSU golf team and Boysville of Michigan, Inc. will host a “Sports Card & Memorabilia Show” from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 in Ryder Center’s Cardinal Gymnasium. Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be given away. Those who attend the show also will be provided free admission to an SVSU basketball doubleheader against Wayne State University. Tip-off for the women’s contest is 1 p.m., followed by the men’s game at 3 p.m. Admission to the show is free of charge. For more information contact Joe Vogl at ext. 7300.
SVSU Sponsors “Roosevelt Ruffin Symposium”

SVSU is cooperating with Bridgeport-Spaulding Community Schools, Buena Vista School District, Saginaw Public Schools and Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity to present a symposium aimed at the next generation of teachers. Set for 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, the “Roosevelt Ruffin Symposium” is expected to draw about 200 minority students from Saginaw County middle and high schools. It will be held in the Ruben Daniels Lifelong Learning Center.

The symposium is dedicated to Dr. Ruffin’s ideals and his commitment to education and the youth of the greater Saginaw community, according to its organizers. Craig Tatum, director of multicultural programs/Affirmative Action, is among SVSU personnel serving on the community committee planning the symposium. “We’re particularly interested in encouraging kids, especially minority students, to consider education as a career,” he said.

TV-5’s morning news anchor Fanchon Stinger will be mistress of ceremonies for the symposium. Judge Terry Clark, formerly a member of SVSU’s Board of Control, is scheduled to deliver a keynote address, along with Saginaw H.S. teacher Sharon Floyd. Other area educators will participate in panel sessions to share their expertise with participants.

Also serving on the planning committee from SVSU are Ellen Curtis-Pierce, Gene Hamilton, Dave Lewis, Richard Payne and Carol Wolfe.

Faculty to Discuss Writing Issues

A series of writing forums continues with a discussion of “Crossing Cultures: Writing Issues of Non-native Speakers of English.” The panel discussion will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 in the Large Private Dining Room in Doan Center. Those attending may select lunch from the Doan Cafe courtesy of the Writing Program. No advance reservations are required.

Zahnnow Library Offers Resources

Zahnnow Library is offering room 302 to faculty and staff for multimedia presentations, including Internet and World Wide Web demonstrations. The room is equipped with a color LCD projector, which displays a 90-inch diagonal image on a large projection screen.

Founders Hall was filled to capacity for President Gilbertson’s annual “State of the University” message presented January 25. The event was one of the first to be held in the newly opened facility. After updating the audience on the status of University finances and facilities, President Gilbertson discussed long range planning, enrollment growth, student retention and program development. He also talked about the relationship between SVSU and the region it serves. Copies of the full text of the president’s message are available upon request from the Office of Information Services, 276 Wickes Hall, ext. 4055.

The projector receives input from either a VHS VCR or a Macintosh Power PC that runs DOS or Windows applications. The room seats up to 30 students and can be scheduled by an instructor up to six times per semester. Call ext. 4244 or 4246 to reserve the room for a class presentation.

A special demonstration of the facility will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. Seating is limited. Call ext. 4244 to reserve a spot at the demonstration.

Trial subscriptions for FirstSearch are available at the library. FirstSearch is an electronic information service accessing popular databases such as MEDLINE, Monthly Catalog, ERIC and ArticlesFirst (a full-text database). After February 15 the library will add several other databases, including PsychFirst, INSPEC and Wilson Business Abstracts.

FirstSearch is available now through April 1 at the SLIC (Selected Libraries and Internet Catalog) workstation in Reference. Both searches and prints of full-text articles are free during the trial period. In the near future, faculty will be able to access FirstSearch from their offices via modem/network access. Stop by the Reference Desk for assistance.
Flint’s Buckham Gallery opened its 1996 season with an exhibit of work by SVSU art faculty on display from January 12 to February 2. Above professor Matt Zivic is among those on hand for the opening reception January 12. The show also featured work by Sara Clark, Barron Hirsch and Hideki Kihata.

On campus, the University Art Gallery continues its 1996 season with a display from SVSU’s collection of works by Frances Quint. Titled “Frances H. Quint: Works on Paper,” the exhibit will be in place from February 7 to 22. The show provides a survey of the artist’s work in watercolor, drawing and printmaking, according to Gallery director Barron Hirsch.

“In 1994 a significant collection of the works of Frances Quint, a distinguished Michigan artist and illustrator, was donated to the University Art Gallery by her children,” Hirsch said. “Although wood engraving and woodcut were her most favored mediums, Quint also was highly proficient in drawing and watercolor painting.”

A graduate of Parsons School of Design in New York, Quint also earned a B.F.A. degree from Wayne State University and continued to study at the Cranbrook Academy of Art. Her extensive record of exhibitions and awards dates from 1930 to 1994 and she is represented by galleries in Michigan, New Jersey and Texas.

Have You Heard?

• A record number of donors (101) signed-up to give 60 pints of blood. Health Services thanks the SVSU football team for recruiting donors. The next blood drive will be Thursday, March 21.

• Faculty interested in teaching and serving as Resident Director of the England Program during winter 1997 semester should contact Woody Pelton in the Office of International Programs, 370 Wickes Hall, ext. 4473, by March 15.

• A video teleconference for social workers, mental health professionals, counselors, teachers and other interested persons will be offered by Delta College Public Television from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 in the Amphitheatre I of the Delta College International Centre, 310 Johnson, Downtown Saginaw. To sign up contact Rosa Morales at 686-9360.

Campus Happenings

• “Growing Up Brady: I Was A Teenage Greg”—7:30 p.m. tonight in the theatre. Admission is $3.

• Valley Film Society—8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 in the theatre. Noseferatu (Germany, 1979) will be screened.

• Entrepreneurs Club—6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Doan Center. Don Burgess will present “Total Quality Marketing.” Call ext. 4048 to reserve a seat.

• Valley Film Society—8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 in the theatre. Scarface (USA, 1933) will be screened.

• Third Wednesday Poetry Workshop—7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Studio K Caffe.

• Career Exploration Day—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Brown Concourse. Representatives from more than 40 companies will be available to answer questions about careers and employment skills.

High Five

• Track—Andrea Kieser was named “Outstanding Field Athlete of the Meet” at the 15th Red Simmons Invitational, hosted by the University of Michigan January 20.

• Women’s Basketball (13-7, 7-5)—lost at Northern Michigan University, 69-54, on Saturday.

• Men’s Basketball (15-5, 9-3)—defeated Northern Michigan University, 74-72.

Across Campus

• The campus community extends condolences to Mary Ann Bothe, administrative secretary in the College of Education, and her husband, Ron. Ron’s mother, Marie Bothe, passed away on December 18.

• Condolences also go out to Cindy Munger, grant manager in the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, whose father, Roy Kazmierski, passed away January 29.

• A special tribute to Roosevelt Ruffin will be featured on Delta college Public Radio WUCX FM 90.1 on Monday, Feb. 12, as part of the station’s Black History Month schedule. All programs pay tribute to Dr. Ruffin with day sponsor announcements and interviews.
**Professional Profile**

- **Drew Hinderer**, professor of philosophy, was featured on Rod Bieber’s February 1 Backstage program on WUCX Delta College Public Radio. While excerpts from previous Valley Wind Quintet concerts were performed, the program focused on the Quintet’s Black History Month Celebration Concert, set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 in Founders Hall. In addition to works by Black composers, this concert will feature SVSU student soprano Shirlene Brown and include dramatic readings by members of Gamma Kappa Kudos from Saginaw and Arthur Hill high schools. Also included on the radio program were excerpts from the Midland Symphony Orchestra’s Family Concert, which took place Feb. 4.

- **Judith Kerman**, dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, has had two translations published in Chelsea magazine #59 (winter 1996). “Bounded Sea” and “In the Aquarium” are translations of poems by the Cuban poet Dulce Maria Loynaz.

  Kerman also presented a paper on post-tenure faculty evaluation in unionized institutions at the January 21 AAHE Forum on Faculty Roles and Rewards in Atlanta, GA.


  Another article written by Mellendorf appeared in the Vol. 20, No. 1 (Jan.-Feb. 1996) edition of Online. The article was titled “Working the Web with a No-frills ‘Work Page.’”

- **Paul Munn**, associate professor of English, co-authored an article titled “Are Japanese Proverbs Intelligible to Americans?” with Masa Otakari, Naruto University, and Kazuko Ikumoto, Shikoku University. The article was published in the January 1996 issue of Modern English Teaching, a Japanese journal.

- **Michael Panhorst**, director/curator of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, will appear on the premiere airing of Channel 19’s new series, “ArtWORKS,” Wednesday, Feb. 7. The weekly show, which begins at 8:30 p.m., is devoted to arts and entertainment in the Tri-Counties and Thumb.

- **Tirumale Ramesh**, associate professor of electrical engineering, and Patrick Wyse, an SVSU senior majoring in computer science, attended the 1996 International Conference on Multimedia in Engineering Education and Simulation, held Jan. 14-17 in San Diego, CA. Wyse presented a paper titled “Simulation and Data Visualization of Image Data Compression Techniques in an Integrated Design Environment.” This paper, which was co-authored by Tai-Chi Lee, professor of computer science, and Mitt Cooper, a senior electrical engineering major, was published in the conference proceedings.

  This work was part of an Integrated Design Project that currently is being undertaken at the NSF-funded computer facility “Creativity Center.” The primary focus of the center is for computer science and engineering students to use the modern work stations to complete student inter-disciplinary projects, and apply the skills of computer science and engineering to achieve the goal of integrated approaches to problem solving. The second phase of this project, which is under way, integrates software with an application-specific integrated circuit hardware.

  While in San Diego, Ramesh also attended the 1996 Object-oriented Computer Simulation Conference and presented a paper titled “An Object-oriented Simulation Model for a Split-Bus Multiprocessor Architecture.” This paper focuses on the simulation verification of a novel concept to split a multiple bus parallel system based on the application requirements for computation. Tai-Chi Lee co-authored the paper, which was published in the conference proceedings.

- **Janet Rubin**, professor of communication & theatre, presented a paper titled “Learning About the Holocaust” at the Tampa Bay Holocaust Memorial Museum and Educational Center in St. Petersburg, FL, on January 22. Delegates who were invited to present papers at the symposium were selected from a national search.

- **Gary Thompson**, professor of English, submitted a manuscript for a textbook to be published in fall 1996 by Allyn and Bacon. Titled Rhetoric Through Media, the text is an inter-disciplinary approach drawing on the areas of rhetoric, composition and media studies. The book asks its users to draw on their prior knowledge about various forms of media to understand rhetoric both in media in their own writing. Included in the book will be writings by 16 SVSU students in Thompson’s “Reading Media” courses.

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**Samolewski Named Director**

Patrick C. Samolewski has been named director of Computer Services, effective January 22. He had been interim director since May 15, 1995.

Also effective in January, Nancy Samolewski became manager of microcomputer laboratories. In that capacity, she will oversee operations in student microcomputer labs. The position is separate from Computer Services, and Nancy will report to Dale Irish. A replacement will be sought in Computer Services for the manager of computer operations position formerly held by Nancy.
Dancers, musicians and lecturers will appear at Saginaw Valley State University during the month of February in observance of Black History Month. The various programs are sponsored by the SVSU offices of Minority Services and Multicultural Programs. For additional information, contact Dave Lewis, director of Minority Services, at ext. 5663.

- “Celebrating Diversity through Cultural Learning” with Dr. Carol E. Malloy
  12:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, Lower Level Doan Center
  Malloy will discuss why American education should address how the cultural heritage of students defines and shapes their lives. Malloy presently is an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction in the School of Education at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She has a B.S. from West Chester State College, an M.S. from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina.

- Valley Wind Quintet Concert
  7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 in Founders Hall
  The Quintet will feature music written by Black composers such as William Grant Still, Scott Joplin, Marvin V. Curtis and Justinian Tamusuza. Also joining the Quintet will be soprano soloist Shirlene Brown. In addition, students from Saginaw and Arthur Hill high schools will present readings appropriate to the celebration of Black History Month. Faculty and staff should call ext. 4159 for complimentary tickets.

- Early Music Concert with Albert Rawlins
  8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at Studio K Caffe
  Originally from Chicago, Rawlins is very active in Early Music performance. He plays all the instruments of the recorder family, as well as other Renaissance wind instruments. Presently Rawlins is a public school teacher in Hartford, Connecticut.

- “African-American Youth: Paradigms and Paradoxes” with Dr. George T. Rowan
  9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 205 Zahnow Library
  2:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 204 Zahnow Library
  Rowan is director of the David Walker Research Institute in the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University. He also is an associate professor in the Department of Resource Development, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. During his 20-year tenure at MSU, he has worked extensively on outreach programs to service citizens in Michigan. His research interests include technology and its effect on nonprofit organizations, and the extent to which telemedicine can be used to benefit African-American males in urban areas.
NOMINATION REQUEST
FOR THE
RUBEN DANIELS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Background

Saginaw Valley State University's Ruben Daniels Community Service Award is named in honor of Mr. Ruben Daniels, whose life exemplified the highest levels of volunteerism and service to community. The award represents the University's highest recognition of employee community involvement and service to community. The award is supported by Michigan National Bank.

Mr. Daniels let his personal philosophy of community service guide his life. He served as a positive role model and mentor for many and his contributions to his community were exemplary. It is fitting, therefore, that Saginaw Valley State University's highest recognition for community service be named in his honor.

Date of Award

Friday, April 19, 1996 - All-University Awards Banquet

Amount of Award

$500.00

Eligibility

All University employees

Selection Considerations

1. Noteworthy and uncompensated contributions to the community in general.
2. Active and long-term involvement in one or more community, civic, educational, business, fraternal, recreational, religious or service organizations in the greater SVSU service area.
3. Leadership positions in such organizations.

Nominations Format

Letter or memorandum describing nominee's qualifications. Please give names of organizations, years active, offices held, involvement in special projects, etc. Be as specific as possible.

Nominations should be sent to:

Eldon Graham
Chairperson, Selection Committee
Pioneer Hall, SVSU

Deadline

March 8, 1996