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Community invited to return to SVSU for "Lunch"

A play that premiered at SVSU is returning for a summer re-run. *Let's Have Lunch Sometime*, written by Jerry Werle and long-time Saginaw resident and historian Stuart Gross, was first presented in the SVSU Theatre in 1983. The reprise will be performed in Founders Hall at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, July 24-26.

Gross, who served for several years as director of information services and later assistant to the president at SVSU, wrote the play following his 1979 retirement. "The storyline for the play sort of evolved from my own retirement," he said at the time, "although it's not an autobiography."

The lead character is a man who experiences difficulty with the transition from full-time work to retirement. While the play looks at the humorous side of life for a long-married couple working through the adjustments of a suddenly closer-than-comfortable relationship, Gross underpinned the story with a more serious theme. He wanted audiences to recognize potential problems connected with retirement, especially as retirees became a larger portion of the population.

Following its SVSU premiere, *Let's Have Lunch* appeared on several other Michigan stages, with some adjustments and revisions along the way. The current version, like the premiere, will feature local talent. Major Leckie plays the lead role of Vernon Cooper, a retired executive who feels he has lost his ties to the community and has too many empty hours.

Currently a member of the SVSU Admissions Office staff, Leckie is known in Saginaw for his many volunteer activities. He has been active with Pit & Balcony, crewing

for *The Boy Friend* and taking a chorus line role in *Guys & Dolls*.

Linda Laurenz will play opposite Leckie as Marie Cooper. A fourth grade teacher in Saginaw Township, Laurenz' theatrical interest dates back to her own middle school days. She has played supporting roles in many musicals and the title role in *Hello, Dolly!* Currently she sings with the Midland Choral Society.

The *Lunch* cast also includes Jean Cheger, appearing as Mary Jane. Cheger notes that returning to SVSU for a performance holds some special memories for her. "Once upon a time—when what was new was SVSU—I was a cast member of the three earliest SVC productions." The first, she said, was presented in Bridgeport High School's auditorium. By the time of the second production, the college had moved to its present campus and the play was presented in a classroom. The third, *Harvey*, was the first production in the open-air Campus Theatre that later was enclosed to become the current SVSU Theatre.

A retired Delta College professor, Cheger has a long list of stage credits, including an appearance in an early production of *Let's Have Lunch Sometime*.

Rounding out the cast are Sean Thomas as Ben McMullen, Myrna Cammin as Sally, Jennifer Auer as Diane Foster, and Mark Leffler as Larry.

Thomas, an SVSU student from Midland, was active in Midland High School stage productions and subsequently has appeared on the SVSU stage and in the chorus for Midland Center for the Arts' production of *Oklahoma!*

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Auer, an assistant director of admissions at SVSU, is more likely to be seen running, mountain biking or rollerblading than on stage, but had previous acting experience in high school. She is a graduate of SVSU and holds a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Cammin, an elementary teacher at Hemmeter School in Saginaw Township, will take the stage for the first time in *Lunch*. A Bay City native, she holds a master's degree from SVSU and spent two years in China teaching English as a Second Language (ESL).

Leffler calls Pit & Balcony his "work away from work" and has a lengthy list of credits in their productions. He also played a role in *Midsummer Night's Dream* at SVSU. Leffler runs Saginaw's City Government Access Channel (SGTV12) and at one time worked with *Lunch* co-author Jerry Werle.

Steve Erickson, chair of SVSU's communication and theatre department, directs the play. "It's very rewarding to actually work one-on-one with the author of a play," Erickson said. "It's nice to be able to pick up the phone and discuss the motivation and history behind the story."

Admission to all performances is free, but due to limited seating reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call ext. 4261.

SVSU signs agreement with Canadian college

In a brief signing ceremony Monday, June 24, SVSU and Conestoga College formalized an arrangement that will facilitate transfer of

students between the two institutions. Over the past several months, faculty and administrators from SVSU and the Canadian college worked out details of an articulation agreement allowing for ease of credit transfer.

Under the agreement, three year technology students from Conestoga will be able to complete bachelor's degrees in engineering at SVSU. "This is the first agreement that we have entered into in the engineering field," said Grant McGregor, dean of business, applied arts, technology and academic support at Conestoga.

Officials at both institutions said the arrangement was the result of extensive discussions, on-site visits and an in-depth analysis of each institution's mission, values and curricula. "Our strengths are complimentary," said Thomas Kullgren, dean of SVSU's college of science, engineering and technology. One Conestoga student already is enrolled in SVSU classes, he said.

Conestoga College is located in Kitchener, Ontario, about a 3½ hour drive from SVSU.

While the initial agreement focuses on engineering students, administrators already are exploring the possibility of similar arrangements with SVSU's business college. Such an agreement would recognize the benefits for students as business and industry become increasingly international in scope.

The agreement signed Monday remains in effect until August 24, 1998. At that time, the signing parties can extend, modify or terminate the arrangement.

For more information about the transfer agreement, contact Kullgren at ext. 4144.

Cheerleaders coming to SVSU

SVSU will host a cheerleading camp July 30 through August 2. Instructors for the camp will be provided by Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA).

The camp is open to all high school, junior high school and middle school cheerleaders.

Participants will receive in-depth instruction in new cheers, sideline chants, pom pom routines, tumbling, conditioning and safety. They also will participate in private coaching sessions each day.

Special seminars for cheerleaders as well as advisors also are planned for the camp. Advisors completing all sessions will receive \$1 million in liability insurance coverage for the 1996-97 school year.

For further information about the camp contact UCA at 1-800-238-0286.

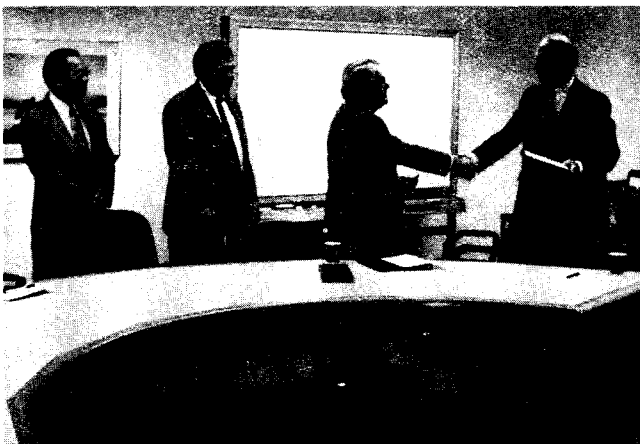
Join your
faculty/staff
colleagues
at a farewell
reception for

**Gary
Apsey**

Monday, July 15

4 p.m.

President's Reception Area
Third Floor Wickes Hall
Refreshments served



Participating in the signing ceremony were, from left, Robert Yien, Thomas Kullgren, Grant McGregor and Eric Gilbertson.



STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

Connie Schweitzer

**Buyer,
Business &
Auxiliary
Services**

July 1996

When Connie Schweitzer accepted a position as buyer for SVSU, she admits she was a bit apprehensive. After 14 years of progressive responsibility at Saginaw General Hospital, the thought of moving was a bit daunting.

Today she's happy she joined SVSU in 1992. "I feel very fortunate to be working here because it is a positive environment," she says. "Everybody has been very friendly, very easy to work with. That makes my job easier."

She's also enthusiastic about the development of SVSU. "The future is very promising for Saginaw Valley," she says, noting the possibility for another new building and the growth in enrollment.

Each new building presents a bulge in the workload for Schweitzer, as furniture and equipment are ordered. For the past several months she has worked with Crystal Lange, Dale Irish, Steve Hocquard and others on selecting furnishings for West Complex.

"We have been working with the designer on room layouts and different types of furniture," she says. "We have tested different types of furniture to make a selection. We also worked with colors and selected fabrics and

finishes so everything blends. It will be very nice," she says.

"I am very excited about the things that have been selected. The building surely is an asset to the University and it will be beautiful. It has been fun working on that project. Right now we are taking bids on the furniture that has been selected."

Schweitzer also is involved in securing furnishings for the new apartments under construction. "We are selecting what we think will be the best furniture for them," she says. We want it to be 'homey,' so the apartments feel like home.

"We just received the color schemes and finishes for those buildings. Everything will be on schedule for the beginning of August—hopefully!" she smiles.

Schweitzer's responsibilities include "almost anything that has to be purchased for the University except books and food service." She relies on supervisor Dale Irish and the office staff for assistance.

Her duties often include advising other SVSU employees who are purchasing items for their offices. "We inform them of standards," she says. "Our goal is spending the University's money wisely. We have to think (about value) in the long term."

Schweitzer currently is working on a Bachelor of Applied Studies at SVSU to complement her A.A. in management from Delta. After that she hopes to enter a master's degree program.

She's also active in the community and recently took on an assignment as Ambassador for the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Next year she plans to apply for the "Leadership Bay County" program.

Schweitzer and her husband, Tom, are the parents of a son, 14, and a daughter, 16.





INNER VIEW

FEATURING FACULTY OF SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Soul Food — with a touch of mustard

Sometimes life takes you in unexpected directions. If anyone had told Rosalie Riegle five years ago that today she would be an active member in the Catholic Worker movement, she probably would have laughed. At the time she was nearing the end of an interview and writing process that had extended over more than a decade, examining the many facets of the Catholic Worker.

"I wrapped up my work in '92 and *Voices from the Catholic Worker* was published in '93," Riegle says. She explains that her interest in the Catholic Worker movement was triggered in 1968 when a friend invited her to meet Dorothy Day and a group of Workers who were in Saginaw to talk about the movement. Day and Peter Maurin founded the effort in 1932.

"The Catholic Worker movement stuck in my craw," Riegle says. "I couldn't cough it up and I wouldn't swallow it."

Instead, Riegle's life was filled with the busyness of raising four daughters, teaching part-time at Saginaw Valley and continuing her own education. She accepted a full-time teaching post in the English department in 1981 and completed her D.A. degree in 1983.

Meanwhile, in 1980, writing an oral history portrait of her students planted the idea that she

could author a book combining her interest in oral history with her interest in the Worker. "Maybe I could cough up a book and get this lump of Catholic Worker ideas out of my system once and for all," she says.

But hundreds of interviews and 600 pages of text later, Riegle wrote "It is finished. [but] the Worker remains in my throat."

Fast forward to 1996. Today Riegle is herself a Catholic Worker, living communally in The Mustard Seed on East Holland in Saginaw. With her housemates, she provides a temporary home for single women and mothers with children.

Although the number of houseguests is small, usually about seven, they are people who are experiencing some sort of personal or economic trauma. "Every day we have surprises," Riegle says. "Sometimes they are traumatic; sometimes they are happy."

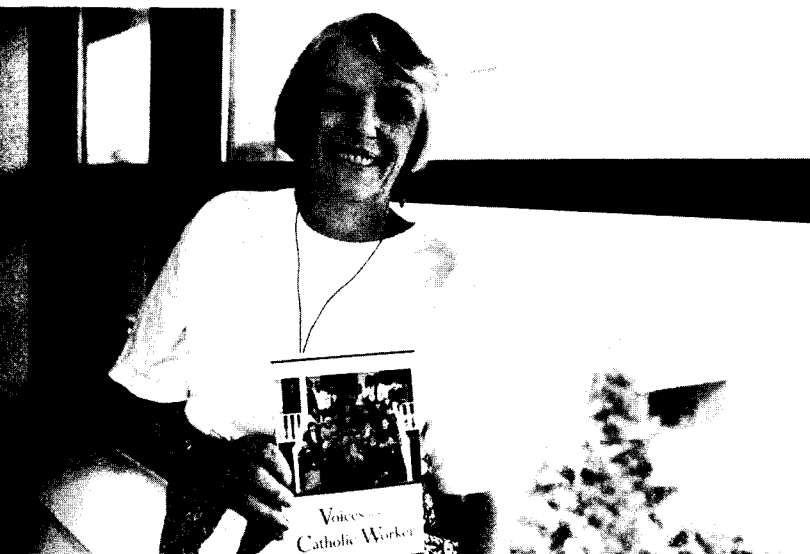
The Mustard Seed Catholic Workers do not see themselves as social workers. Instead, they refer houseguests to existing programs. "The Mustard Seed is a place to rest, recoup and be able to get a sense of themselves," Riegle says.

Toward that end, Riegle finds that sharing meals and even sharing kitchen duties helps to create a sense of family and to restore troubled souls to health. "Food is comforting to people," she says. "And 'heavy' food is more comforting than 'nutritious' food. It is soul-satisfying. I find myself cooking like my Mother used to cook," she smiles.

"And I am surprised at how much I like working with my hands. Now the sort of simple things seem really good."

It pleased Riegle when the University and Saginaw communities were involved in an effort this spring that aided Mustard Seed residents. SVSU student Matt Kern led his volunteer fraternity to help deliver food collected by Post Office workers to feed the poor.

Riegle continues to teach at SVSU on a half-time contract. She also is working on another book.



Science and mathematics kids summer day camps announced

The SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center will host two separate one week science day camps during the weeks of July 22-26 (Camp 1) and July 29-August 2 (Camp 2).

These camps are open to students entering grades five through seven in the fall. The \$225 per student cost of each camp includes expenses for all materials, snacks and lunches each day, Ryder Center privileges, and a camp T-shirt. The camps run each day from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"The World of Energy" will be the focus of camp one, with attention given to topics such as robotics, model car construction, and "Math In Your Mouth." The theme for camp two, "A Potpourri of Science Activities," includes expe-

riences in orienteering, model rocket building, and "Off The Wall Science."

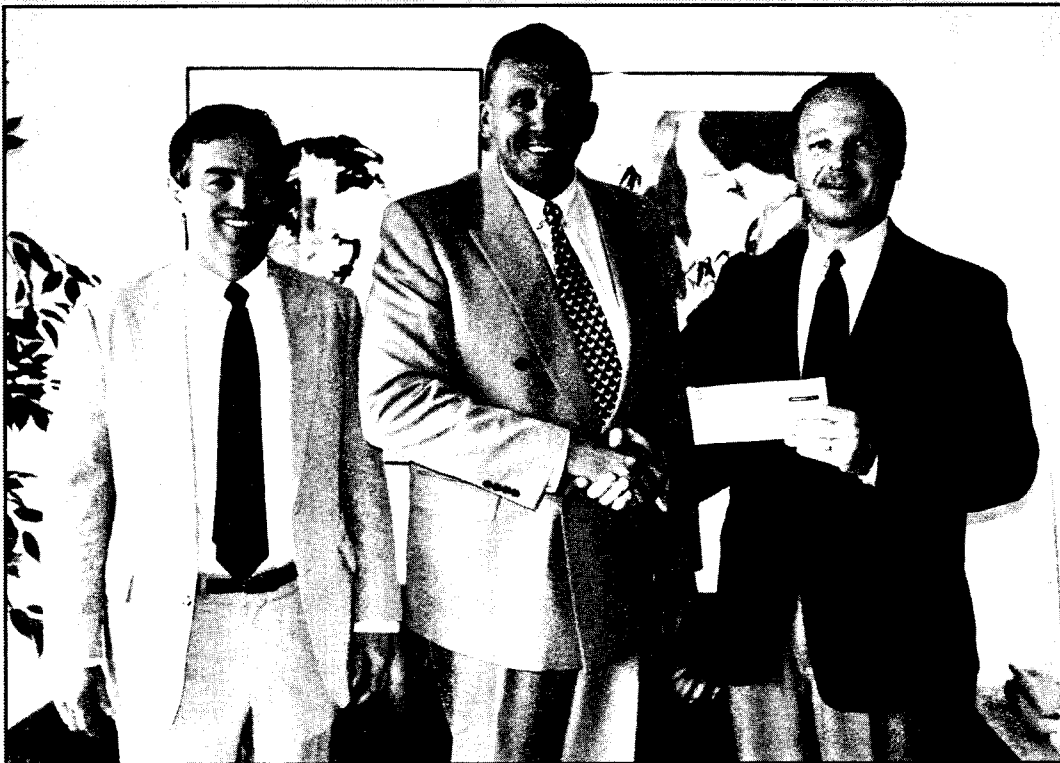
For further information about either of these camps contact the Mathematics and Science Center at ext. 4114.

Polish Students Club presents video trip to Poland

SVSU's Polish Students Club will show videos from their trip to Poland at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21 in 109 Brown Hall.

Anna Dadlez, professor of modern foreign languages, will give an introduction on the videos. There will be a donation of \$3.50 to support the Polish Students Exchange Program. Refreshments will be served.

For further information call Dadlez at 793-1079, or at ext. 4315. Members of the club can be reached at 793-7903 or 686-5925.



Energy reduction project pays double bonus—As a result of an energy reduction project completed earlier this year, the campus community has been enjoying warmer, more natural lighting in University buildings. Some 8,000 fixtures were relamped with 17,000 more energy-efficient lamps, cutting costs while providing higher color rendition lighting. Magnetic ballasts also were replaced with electronic ballasts, eliminating the hum and flicker

associated with the older version.

Adding icing to the cake, Clark Gallagher, senior marketing representative for Consumers Power Company, presented a check for \$75,000 for energy conservation reimbursement. Gallagher, center in the photo above, is pictured with Steve Hocquard (left), who directed SVSU's energy reduction project, and President Gilbertson, receiving the check on behalf of the University.



Flint-born author **Christopher Paul Curtis** poses with Jean Brown (left) and Elaine Stephens (right), professors of teacher education. Curtis spoke about his experiences as an author to a large student audience June 20 in Founders Hall. His appearance was sponsored in part by the Office of Multicultural Programs.

Have You Heard?

- **Henry Ford Museum discount passes** are available through the Personnel Office. Call ext. 4108 for more information.
- Eugene Hamilton, special assistant to the president for government and community relations, wishes to thank the volunteer workers, ticket sellers, donors and everybody who attended the **"PAC" party** at Ted's Party Hall on June 13. According to Hamilton, a "nice cross-section of SVSU employees were present, and the event proved once again that SVSU people enjoy each other and are generous."
- The **south elevator** in Wickes Hall will be out of service for maintenance through August 2. The southeast entrance to the building, as well as the southeast door leading to the Registrar's Office, will be closed for the duration of the project. Those requiring use of an elevator should use the one on the north side of Wickes Hall.

Across Campus

- The campus community extends condolences to the family of **George Becker Jr.**, who passed away Wednesday, June 26 at St. Luke's Hospital. Becker, 70, retired from SVSU in 1990 after 22 years of service. A devoted

sports fan, Becker officiated local high school sports for 40 years. For the past six years, he volunteered for the Meals on Wheels program. Funeral services took place June 29. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider Resurrection Lutheran Church-Elevator Fund or the Saginaw Valley Blood Program.

- Condolences also go out to **Craig Snook**, assistant director of publications, on the June 23 loss of his sister-in-law, Dee Elizabeth Snook. Memorial contributions may be given to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church or the Humane Society of Saginaw County.

Transitions

Please note the following personnel changes in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*:

SVSU Welcomes...

- **David Swenson**, H.H. Dow Professor of Chemistry, ext. 4292

Same Face, New Place...

- **Jon Essex**, groundskeeper, Physical Plant, ext. 4148
- **John LaPrad**, network specialist, Computer Services, ext. 5677

Moving On...

- **Jim Rich**, Public Safety
- **Brad Miller**, professor of political science

Accent on Alumni

• **Roselyn Argyle** (B.A., psychology, 1966) was selected by the National Association of Women Business Owners, Greater Detroit Chapter, as one of the "Top 25 Women Business Owners of Distinction" in the state of Michigan. She was presented the award at an honorary luncheon on March 15. Argyle also has been nominated for the 1996 Women of Enterprise Awards program, which annually recognizes five outstanding women entrepreneurs. She was nominated by the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

• **Terry Lutz** (B.B.A., accounting, 1985) has accepted a position as chief financial officer at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

• **AnneMarie Kenny Reh** (B.A., English, 1993) and **Wendy Fisher** (B.A., History, 1989) were among ten recipients of the "Crystal Apple Awards 1996" sponsored by *The Saginaw News*.

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