Bell Tower dedication to mark historic occasion

Saturday, Oct. 17 will mark a historic occasion on the campus of SVSU as the Julia Edwards Bell Tower is dedicated and the chimes ring out for the first time. The dedication will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with a reception, including the donors — William and Julia Edwards.

The tower is in central campus, at the sidewalk leading into Curtiss Hall. It is 62-feet tall. The four-bell tower will play Westminster Chimes on the hour and for special occasions. It is named for Julia Edwards.

The Edwards reside in Harbor Springs and Florida. The couple has two daughters, Julia Beverly and Lida Edwards Riley. They also have four grandchildren.

Before becoming active as a real estate agent, Mrs. Edwards devoted her time to a variety of civic affairs. She was a Red Cross volunteer, taught Sunday school classes and was president of an area PTA during her early years in Saginaw. Mrs. Edwards' interest in the arts led her to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Saginaw Symphony Orchestra Association. She also is a member of the National Women's Board of Northwood University, the board of directors of the Palm Beach Round Table and the Palm Beach Society of the Four Arts.

In 1994, Northwood University recognized Mrs. Edwards with its Distinguished Woman's Award. She is vice president of a family charitable foundation and director of a family business partnership.

Mrs. Edwards provided support to her husband when Mr. Edwards was chair of the committee that raised the funds to purchase the initial land for the development of Saginaw Valley College — now Saginaw Valley State University. Under Mr. Edwards' chairmanship, the fund-raising campaign netted $4 million, enough for the state to convert SVC from a private to a public institution.
Roethke Poetry Prize to be awarded Oct. 15

Poet Frank Bidart will receive the seventh Roethke Poetry Prize during a special ceremony Thursday, Oct. 15. Bidart is being honored for his book Desire, which Farrar Straus & Giroux published in 1997. The awards ceremony will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. There is no charge for admission, but seating is limited.

Bidart, a professor of English at Wellesley College, will be present for the ceremony and will read selections from his book Desire.

In addition to readings of Bidart’s poetry, four renowned musicians will perform selections from Open House, by William Bolcom. Joining Bolcom, the composer, will be his wife and mezzo-soprano, Joan Morris, tenor George Shirley and pianist Robert Conway of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. All four musicians have received several awards for their performances.

The Roethke Poetry Prize marks its 30th anniversary in 1998. It is named in honor of Theodore Roethke, a Saginaw poet who received the Pulitzer Prize and two National Book Awards for his work.

This year’s awarding of the Roethke Poetry Prize also will include the unveiling of a sculpture of Roethke, created by M. Pamela Stump of Grosse Ile. The sculpture will be on permanent display in Zahnow Library.

Reserve tickets now for Comedy Festival featuring Margaret Cho

Program Board will present comedian Margaret Cho — with special guests Macio, Karen Kilgariff and Robert Kelly — at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 in Ryder Center. Tickets are $10 and are available at all TicketMaster ticket centers including Hudson’s, Harmony House, and the Saginaw Civic Center. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 645-6666.

Cho, born and raised in San Francisco, recited an Ophelia soliloquy from Hamlet to gain her admission to San Francisco’s High School of the Performing Arts. Once Cho moved on to San Francisco State University’s theater program in 1988, she found limited roles for Asian performers. Cho wanted to continue her acting studies at Julliard or Yale, but her frustration led her into something new — comedy. Cho was nominated as the Best Campus Comedian by the National Association of Campus Activities.

For more information on the Comedy Festival, call the Campus Life Center at ext. 4170.

Family Day features Mardi Gras theme

SVSU will host its annual Family Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 in O’Neill Arena.

A full day of Mardi Gras-style entertainment is planned. Activities include a Country Open House and Antique Sale; The Rhythm Kitchen; Family Day Brunch; Bourbon Street-style entertainment; Bayou Fishing; Wax Hands; football vs. Grand Valley State University; men’s soccer vs. University of Findlay; and volleyball vs. Mercyhurst. The cost of a family day admission is $1 per adult, children under 12 are free of charge.

Additional Family Festival events include the Ryder Center Open Recreation. Check in at the Control Desk, first floor Ryder center, for free use of open recreation, fitness room, racquetball court, and the pool. Visit the SVSU Bookstore from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Campus shuttle service will be available all day.

For more information on any of the events taking place on Family Festival Day, call the Campus Life Center at ext. 4170.

Hispanic Heritage Month Events

Edward James Olmos spoke to an enthusiastic audience in O’Neill Arena Sept. 29. His message focused on how to prevent the spread of gangs and violence.

Lunch Break Concert:
Dulce, Hispanic Mariachi Group
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14
Doan Café; No admission fee
For more details, call ext. 4170

SVSU Hispanic Alumni Reception
6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14
Banquet A, Curtiss Hall
For more details, call ext. 4997
SVSU faculty to discuss assisted suicide and paranormal

Three SVSU faculty members will make presentations during the University’s Valley Lecture Series. Each lecture will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Founders Hall. There is no admission charge for the lectures and a reception will follow each.

The series continues Tuesday, Oct. 20, with Drew Hinderer and Judith Hill, professors of philosophy. The pair will discuss “Playing God: The Ethics of Suicide.”

Completing the fall series will be Gerald Peterson, professor of psychology. Peterson will present “How We Know What Isn’t So: How People Come to Believe in the Paranormal” Tuesday, Nov. 17.

“There are many new programs which enable us to invite visiting faculty, lecturers and performers to our campus,” said Hinderer, chairman of the lecture series committee. “The Valley Scholars Lecture Series provides a regular opportunity for us to enjoy and celebrate some of the most interesting work being done by our own faculty.”

The College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences sponsors the presentations. For additional information, call ext. 4062.

Tickets available for faculty awards dinner

Tickets for the Oct. 16 Faculty Association Awards Buffet Dinner are available from faculty secretaries on third floor Brown Hall, third floor Curtiss Hall and first floor Science Building. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, Oct. 7. Scholarships will be awarded to students, and faculty will be honored for service and scholarship. A special program celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Faculty Association also will be presented. Tickets are $15. The program begins at 6:30 p.m.

Professional Profile

• Jean Brown and Elaine Stephens, professors of teacher education, recently were appointed co-editors of the book review column for Signal, the International Reading Association’s journal that deals with young adult literature.

• Randy Hock, associate professor of computer science, received a Microsoft Instructional Lab Grant for software licenses valued at $76,147.50. Only one in three applications for this grant was successful.

• Albert Menard, professor of physics, serves as faculty advisor for the SVSU Chapter of the Society of Physics Students, which received an Outstanding Chapter Award for 1997-98. This is the second such award for the group in the last four years.

• Janet Rubin, professor of communication and theatre, will present a paper at the 84th Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Nov. 20 through 24 in New York. “Methods for Teaching Creative Drama and Music at the Elementary Level” will be part of the program on “Teacher Education: Using Lessons from the Past to Prepare the Speech and Theatre Teachers of the Future.”

• Marian P. Shih, assistant professor of physics, will have a paper published in Optics Letters, a peer-reviewed journal that concentrates on cutting-edge research in optical science and optical engineering. “Spectral Holography for Coherence Gated Imaging” was co-authored by Shih, Hsuan (Frank) Chen, professor of the physics, and Emmett Leith, of The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Across Campus

• The campus community extends condolences to William Barnett, professor of sociology, on the loss of his father-in-law, Morgan Davis, who passed away Sept. 23.

• Congratulations go out to Charles Garrison, associate professor of computer science, and his wife, Renee, on the birth of a son, Joel.

• Kasia Humphrey and Renee Gibbs, English Language Program (ELP) instructors, gave presentations at the MITESOL (Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Region 1 Fall Meeting, titled “Overcoming Social and Racial Barriers through Student Involvement in the Community,” Sept. 18. Humphrey presented “Ongoing Projects With International Students and African-American Elementary Students,” and Gibbs presented “Independent Projects with International Students and Social/Cultural Concerns.” The ELP, which is part of the Office of International Programs, offers intensive English courses for international students as well as information on cross-cultural concerns in education for the campus community.

• Bethany Rusch, police officer, was named state director of RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Training for Michigan by Rape Aggression Defense Systems Inc., located in Poquoson, Va.
Drucker to speak via satellite

Management guru and author Peter Drucker will share his insights on managerial innovation, the future of knowledge management and methods for maximizing the knowledge base and consequent success of an organization during a satellite program Tuesday, Oct. 20. Registration begins at 2:50 p.m., with the satellite feed taking place from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Curtiss Hall seminar rooms D and E. Cost for the program is $25. Seating is limited to the first 100 RSVPs. To make reservations, call Kathy Graebner at (517) 636-4995 or fax to 636-3518. Include your name and those of guests attending with you. The registration fee is payable at the door only by cash or check to “White Pine Chapter PRSA.”

Have You Heard?

• Graduate and Professional School Day will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 in Alumni Lounge. Representatives from more than 15 institutions will offer information and answer questions. Admission is free of charge. For more information, contact the Office of Career Services at ext. 4286.

• Health Services will sponsor a blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 11. At the Sept. 15 blood drive, the Saginaw Valley Blood Program drew 48 pints. A special thank you goes out to the men’s basketball team for their help in setting up appointments.

• Three pay phones have been installed next to lots B (where resident students park overnight), E (near the Ryder Center), and between J-1 and J-2 (west of Curtiss Hall). These Ameritech phones are in red-colored enclosures. Emergency calls are free of charge on these phones. Callers only need to touch 911 (which will connect the caller to Saginaw Central Dispatch) to summon the police or an emergency medical response.

• Health Services is offering flu shots through Dec. 1. The fee is $6 for faculty, staff and spouses. For more information, call ext. 4271.

• The SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center will host the NASA Mobile Teacher Resource Center (MTRC) on campus Oct. 27 and 28. The MTRC consists of an 18-wheel tractor trailer that carries educational materials and information to elementary and secondary teachers across the nation. For more information, call ext. 4118.

• Students at SVSU are proclaiming “Not Here” in the first-ever nationally coordinated effort to unite campuses against alcohol-related deaths and tragedies. For more information on activities to raise awareness of alcohol management behaviors, call ext. 5600.

Transitions

Please note the following Human Resource changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory:

SVSU Welcomes

• Jill Learman, disability services specialist, W173, 790-4168

• Stephanie Szarapski, financial aid counselor, Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, W160, 790-5629

Same Face, New Place

• Peggy Ruppel, custodial specialist/assistant foreman, Physical Plant, 790-4279

Campus Happenings

• Rush Distinguished Lecture — 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 in Founders Hall. Walter Rathkamp will discuss “Mathematics and Science Literacy for the 21st Century. A reception will follow. Admission is free of charge.

• University Art Gallery — Oct. 7 through 28. “C.L. Coates: Binary Poetics” will be on display. An opening reception will take place in the gallery from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. Gallery hours are 1 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call ext. 4391 or 4159.

• Valley Film Society — 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 and 16 in the Performing Arts Theatre. 2 will be shown Oct. 9; A Man and a Woman and A Man and a Woman: 20 Years Later will be the double feature on Oct. 16.

• Wickson-Nickless/Dow Visiting Scholar Lecture — 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Robert E. Quinn, professor of organizational behavior and human resource management at the University of Michigan, will speak on “Building the Great Organization.” A reception will follow the lecture. For more information, call ext. 4064.

High Five

• Football (5-0) — defeated Michigan Tech 37-22 Saturday.

• Golf — finished fourth in the GLIAC tournament that concluded Saturday.

• Men’s Soccer (1-6) — dropped a 1-0 decision to Mercyhurst Saturday.

• Women’s Soccer (3-5) — lost 2-0 Saturday to Mercyhurst.
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Board accepts audit, approves modifications to budget and residency policy

The Board of Control on Oct. 5 accepted the Annual Financial Audit and the Federal Awards Audit for the 1997-98 fiscal year, as well as a resolution to reconcile the General Fund Budget to actual revenue and expenditure patterns.

Andrews Hooper & Pavlik, PLC, audited both University financial statements and the federal awards. Both were “unqualified” audits, according to James G. Muladore, controller and assistant vice president of administration and business affairs. Muladore added that the University had a “good year, financially” and shows a fund balance.

President Eric Gilbertson cautioned the Board that the “fund balance” does not indicate a profit margin. “The fund balance will be used to meet various needs,” Gilbertson said, including many unmet when the fiscal year closed on June 30.

The Board also approved a resolution to modify the General Fund Operating Budget for fiscal year 1998-99. The Board on June 22 adopted the General Fund Operating Budget, and since then the University revised its revenue and expenditure estimates to reflect changes to various revenue categories and expenditure allocations for compensation, services, supplies and equipment. The revenue estimates include a state appropriation increase of nearly 0.2 percent less than anticipated in June (3.4 percent).

It also reflects a credit hour growth of 7.28 percent for Fall 1998 and 6.0 for Winter 1999. Compensation and capital expenditure estimates increased, as well.

The Board also approved a resolution to revise the Residency Policy. The revised policy includes a modification for appeals toward a residency claim.

In other action, the Board:

- Reappointed Ruth A. Braun to the SVSU Foundation Board as a Board of Control representative. Braun recently completed a term and was reappointed to another four-year term, ending September 2002.
- Confirmed board members for previously authorized charter schools. Reappointed were two members for the Cesar Chavez Academy in Detroit, one for the Detroit Community High School, one for the Grattan Academy in Belding, two to HEART Academy in Detroit, three to New Directions Institute in Pontiac, and one to the Sunrise Education Center in Tawas City. New appointments were made for the Creative Learning Academy in Beaverton (one), Detroit Community H.S. (one), Grattan Academy (three), Mosaica Academy of Saginaw (one) and Sunrise Education Center (one).
- Heard a report by Robert Maurovich, vice president for enrollment and student services, and Chris Looney, registrar, on demographic information on the 8,054 students enrolled for Fall 1998.
- Viewed a presentation by Interim Dean Kenneth Wahl and faculty members in the College of Education that provided an overview of the programs and services of the college.
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