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**China Today: From Nixon to Bush**

"K"nowing Our World: A Symposium on China continues at SVSU with a presentation by Richard Madsen, professor of sociology at the University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, Calif. Madsen will discuss “From Nixon in China to Bush in Beijing: Images of China and America’s Understanding of itself” in the second in a series of lectures on China.

Madsen’s lecture will take place at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Madsen has also been on the faculties of Harvard University, Cambridge School for Adult Education and Maryknoll Seminary. He has Ph.D. and master’s degrees from Harvard University, and one master’s and two bachelor’s degrees from Maryknoll Seminary. Madsen also has studied at National Taiwan University (Taipei, Taiwan) and Fu Jen University Chinese Language Institute (Hsinchu, Taiwan). He is director of a project on Social Development in China, funded by the Ford Foundation; a member of the board of advisors for the History of Christianity in China Project, funded by the Henry Luce Foundation; a member of the editorial board for Chinese Sociology and Anthropology; a consultant to the Maryknoll Mission Research and Planning Department. Madsen was the Hume Lecturer at Yale University (1996), was jury nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in general non-fiction for his book, *Habits of the Heart* (1985), received the C. Wright Mills Award (1985) for *Morality and Power in a Chinese Village*, and the L.A. Times Book Award (1985) for *Habits of the Heart* for best book in the category of “current interest.” Madsen has written, co-authored and co-edited 10 books, including several on China. His most recent books include *Popular China: Unofficial Culture in a Globalizing Society* (co-editor, 2001) and *Meaning and Modernity: Religion, Polity, Self* (co-editor, 2001).

Madsen’s articles have appeared in several trade journals, including Sociology, *The Annals, Science, Journal of Asian Studies* and *Social Forces*.

The final lecture in “Knowing Our World: A Symposium on China” is slated for March 11. Sheryl Wu Dunn of The New York Times will speak at 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 11 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Dunn will discuss “China Wakes.” The symposium is sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs.

**SVSU hosts activities for Black History Month**

A number of special events will highlight SVSU’s Black History Month celebration in February. All events are free of charge.

A lunch break concert by Gratitude Steel Drum Duo will take place Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Ryder Center, Kevin Powell (formerly of MTV’s *The Real World*) will present “History is a People’s Memory: The Importance of Black History Month.” Also performing is “NeVa B4,” a duo that mixes hip hop, pop and R&B music.

Donna Libman will perform “Afro-American Story Telling and Dance” Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

Afro-American Renaissance Scholar Albert Rawlins will present “Instruments and Music of the Medieval, Renaissance and Early Baroque Periods” Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Also scheduled is a presentation by the Rev. Beverly Kelly on her experiences in Greensboro, N.C., during the Civil Rights Movement.

For further information on Black History Month activities, contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Special Programs at 790-4397.
Department merge into single unit

Engineering Services and Physical Plant recently were merged into one unit titled Campus Facilities.

Stephen L. Hoquegard, who has been appointed assistant vice president for campus facilities, will assume leadership responsibility for this operation.

Jerry K. Stuart will become director of construction and maintenance operations.

Robert J. Tutsock will assume the duties of director of custodial and grounds operations.

The purpose of these changes is to allow for the more efficient use of the resources of both departments and to improve upon the coordination of facilities design and operation with physical plant efforts.

Ramet named Assistant to President

Carlos Ramet recently was named executive assistant to the president. Ramet will replace Richard Payne, who retired from the position in April.

Ramet will assume the duties as executive assistant to President Eric R. Gilbertson in May.

Ramet, professor of English, joined the SVSU faculty in 1991. He has served as department chair and served on several committees to review the English curriculum and other curricula on campus, including the recent General Education Review Committee.

Ramet has served on several other campus committees and been a mentor, advisor and supervisor for many student activities. In 1999, he was an exchange professor at Shikoku University in Tokushima, Japan.

Ramet is a member of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, the Bilingual Migrant Education Association, the Popular Culture Association, the Far West Popular Culture Association and Phi Beta Kappa. He also has served on the boards of the People-to-People Saginaw chapter and is a member of Rotary International, Saginaw Sunrise Club.

In 1999, Ramet’s book, Ken Follett: The Transformation of a Writer, was published. He also has had several short stories and poetry published, as well as a number of journal articles.

Peace activist, author to appear at SVSU

Tom Cornell, peace activist, author and draft counselor, will be on the SVSU campus Thursday, Feb. 7. Cornell is a 48-year veteran of the Catholic Worker movement. He was active in the cause of peace and civil rights during the Vietnam War and as a consultant to the Catholic Church on issues of peace.

Cornell will speak at 7 p.m. in Founders Hall, where his topic will be “The Catholic Worker and the Peace Movement: 1933-2002.”

His visit is sponsored by the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences. For more information, call Rosalie Riegle at 790-4380 or 755-4741 or email riegle@svsu.edu.

Winter enrollment passes 6,600

SVSU reported its largest winter enrollment, with 8,684 students, a 7.37 percent above 2001’s total of 8,372. The winter 2001 total includes 6,107 undergraduates and 1,636 graduate students.

Undergraduate enrollment is up 212 students. Graduate enrollment increased 2.83 percent.

In addition, first time in school student enrollment was up 29.03 percent. The number of undergraduate transfers was up nearly 21 percent, up 63 students.

Robert L. Maurovich, vice president of student services and enrollment management, said the University was pleased to have new international students join us this semester.”

This in light of events from fall 2001.

The number of new and returning international students also increased. More than 70 new international students enrolled, and 283 returned.

SVSU’s annual Coming Home Week continues through Feb. 9.

Gratitude Steel Duo will perform a Lunch Break Concert from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6 in Doan Café. The SVSU women’s and men’s basketball teams and coaching staffs will be introduced.

Thursday night, Feb. 7, the basketball teams will take on Northern Michigan University. The women’s contest begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the men at 7:30 p.m.

“A Rally ‘Round the Valley” pop rally for the men’s and women’s basketball teams will get under way at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8 in Ryder Center. Participants will have a chance to win door prizes.

Coming Home activities conclude Saturday, Feb. 9 with the first-ever “Outhouse Race.”

Women’s and men’s basketball against Ohio University tips off at 1 and 3 p.m., respectively.

SVSU to host Human Services Employment Fair

Organizations from throughout the Saginaw Valley region will be represented at SVSU’s second annual Human Services Employment Fair. SVSU’s Career Planning and Placement office invites students and alumni of SVSU’s College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences to attend the fair Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Curtis Hall seminar rooms.

Professional dress and resumes are required for those seeking employment.

Upcoming fairs sponsored by the Office of Career Planning and Placement include Occupational Therapy Professional Conference and Employment Fair, Friday, March 8 and Education Employment Fair, Tuesday, April 2.

For more information, contact the Office of Career Planning and Placement at 790-4954 or email ricarde@svsu.edu.

Roberts Fellowship applications accepted

Faculty are asked to encourage SVSU students to apply for a Roberts Fellowship.

The Roberts Fellowship Program provides a select group of SVSU students with two seminars on leadership, and an international study and travel experience, a total of 12 credit hours, all at no cost to them. In May 2000 and 2001, the two previous classes of Roberts Fellows traveled to Japan, Taiwan, and China for an intensive immersion in Asian culture.

In May 2002, the next class of Roberts Fellows is planning to travel to China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan. Expenses for these academic courses and the international study and travel experiences will be provided by the Roberts Fellowship Program through the SVSU Foundation.

Students with 48 to 96 hours with a 3.40 GPA are eligible for consideration. The Roberts Fellows will be selected primarily on the basis of demonstrated academic accomplishment, campus or community service, and potential for leadership.

Please identify one or more students who would be good candidates for a Roberts Fellowship, give them an application form, and encourage them to apply. They also will need a recommendation from a faculty member.

All forms are available online at: www.svsu.edu/news/0102/roberts012402.htm.

SVSU choirs to perform Handel’s Messiah

A complete performance of Handel’s Messiah will be presented Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Saginaw, and again Sunday, March 24 at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Bay City.

The Messiah will be performed by members of the Saginaw Valley State University Concert Choir, the Bay Chorale, an orchestra, and soloists Julie Meyer, Jennifer Breneman, Karl Schmidt and Daniel Gale.

Seats are limited; advance purchase of tickets is highly recommended. The cost for advanced purchase tickets (with a savings of $2 per ticket) is $15 general, $10 students and senior citizens. Call the SVSU Box Office at 790-4261 for more information and advance ticket purchase.