Best-Selling author to dedicate his archives at SVSU

The archives of best-selling international author Ken Follett will be dedicated at SVSU Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Roberta R. Allen Reading Room on the fourth floor of Zahnow Library.

At 7 p.m., Follett will give a lecture, “The Art of Suspense: 100 Years of Thrillers,” in the Performing Arts Theatre. Admission is free of charge.

Follett’s archives contain unpublished material that details the author’s creative process, such as his hand-written notes and early manuscripts.

Personal correspondence is also part of the collection, including letters from Ross Perot during the time Follett was writing On Wings of Eagles (1983), based on the true story of a daring rescue attempt to free two of Perot’s employees from an Iranian prison during the revolution of 1979.

The archives will be permanently housed in Zahnow Library.

A native of England, Follett agreed to donate his material to SVSU through his relationship with Carlos Ramet, executive assistant to the president.

Ken Follett


Follett’s visit to SVSU is also part of a limited tour of the U.S. to present an academic lecture on the history of the thriller.

In this multimedia presentation, he outlines 100 years of suspense writing. From the genre’s beginnings in the works of Edgar Allan Poe to the sophisticated books of John Le Carre and John Grisham, Follett discusses how thrillers work and how they draw readers into their suspenseful worlds.

Following Follett’s public lecture at SVSU, he will sign copies of his latest book, Whiteout, scheduled for release in the U.S. on Tuesday, Nov. 23.

The novel is a contemporary thriller about the theft of a deadly virus from a research lab. Set in the remote Scottish Highlands over a stormy, snow-bound Christmas, Whiteout storylines include jealousies, distrust, sexual attraction, rivalries, hidden traitors and unexpected heroes.

Follett is the author of more than a dozen best-selling books over the past two decades. His first five best-sellers were spy thrillers: Eye of the Needle (1978), Triple (1979), The Key to Rebecca (1980), The Man from St Petersburg (1982), and Lie Down with Lions (1986).

Follett surprised readers by radically changing course with The Pillars of the Earth (1989), a novel about building a cathedral in the Middle Ages. It received rave reviews and was on the New York Times best-seller list for 18 weeks. It also topped best-seller lists in Canada, Britain and Italy, and was on the German best-seller list for six years.

More recently, Code to Zero (2000), a story about brainwashing and rocket science in the 1950s, went to No.1 on best-seller lists in the U.S., Germany and Italy. Film rights were purchased by Doug Wick, producer of Gladiator, in a seven-figure deal.

Several of Follett’s works have been the basis for films or television miniseries, including The Key to Rebecca, On Wings of Eagles, and The Third Twin (1996), which aired on CBS in November 1997.

The rights were sold for $1.4 million, a record price for four hours of television at the time.

For a full biography, visit www.ken-follett.com.

For more information on the Follett Archives at SVSU, please contact Jack Wood, head of circulation, media services and archives, at ext. 7097 or jwood@svsu.edu.

For more information on Follett’s lecture on Dec. 7, please contact the SVSU Box Office at ext. 4261.
Fall issue of *Cardinalis* now in print

The fall 2004 issue of *Cardinalis: A Journal of Ideas* has been released. *Cardinalis* features articles and interviews with prominent visitors to SVSU, original work by SVSU faculty, and a small selection of fiction, poetry, and book reviews. The publication was begun in 2003 to share the cultural and intellectual life of the University with the greater community.

The current issue features interviews with Marilyn Atkins, Chief Judge of Michigan’s 36th District Court and an SVSU alumna, and playwright and children’s author James Still. Atkins discusses public responsibility and the significance of the Supreme Court’s Brown v. Board of Education decision with Clifford Dorne, associate dean of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences; and Still explores his evolution as an author and Americans’ changing appetite in literature and television programming with C. Vincent Samarco, assistant professor of English.

Faculty work includes reflections from Sally Decker, professor of nursing, on the responsibilities of a “thinker” in today’s society, using Rodin’s “Thinker” as a metaphor; and a discussion among endowed chairs George Puia, Christopher Schilling and David Swenson on developing new economic opportunities for the Saginaw Valley.

Associate professor of biology Gary Lange moderated the discussion, titled “Do Good, Have Fun, Make Money: A ‘New Economy’ in Mid-Michigan.” The issue also contains Janalou Blecke’s 2005 Rush Lecture, “Whose Health is it: A Journey of Discovery.” The dean of the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing and Health Sciences at SVSU examines not only the responsibilities of stakeholders in the health care system, but also the responsibilities of the nation.

Michigan author Jerry Dennis has an excerpt from his book, “The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas,” and an article outlining the value of books for education and entertainment.

Other submissions include a short story by Daniel Crocker, who teaches creative writing at Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, and poetry from Martin Achatz, an adjunct instructor of English at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

*Cardinalis* is published twice each year with editions in the fall and winter semesters.

Eric Gardner, associate professor of English, serves as editor.

Shaun Bangert, associate professor of art, and Samarco are associate editors.

The current issue is on sale in the SVSU Bookstore for a cover price of $10.

All proceeds will benefit the SVSU Foundation.

Copies will be provided free of charge to all public libraries in Saginaw, Bay and Midland counties.

Members of the campus community who would like to receive a personal copy should E-mail Gardner at gardner@svsu.edu.

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New York Times Editor Lawrence Downes to speak

Lawrence Downes, from the editorial board of *The New York Times*, will speak Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall.

His speech, titled “Inside the Times,” will cover topics such as how *The New York Times* covered the recent election.

He will also welcome questions from the audience. Students planning careers in journalism and/or professional writing are particularly encouraged to attend.

Downes joined the *Times* editorial board in 2004. He specializes in suburban issues, and works mainly on editorials for the opinion pages in the Westchester, Long Island and City weekly sections, which were launched on June 20.

Downes’ career also has included stints at *Newsday* and the *Chicago Sun Times*.

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High school basketball coach Ken Carter spoke Thursday, Nov. 4 in the Cardinal Gym to an audience of SVSU students and area high school students. Carter made national headlines in 1999 when he benched his entire Richmond High School (Calif.) basketball team and locked them out of the gym for failing to meet the standards he had set for academic performance. The team had a 13-0 record at the time. In his talk, Carter emphasized the importance of accountability, integrity, teamwork and leadership to succeed on the basketball court and in life. The emphasis on education over athletics as the ticket out life in the inner city will be the subject of an upcoming film by Paramount Pictures, *Coach Carter*. Actor Samuel L. Jackson will play Ken Carter’s character. (Photo by Tim Inman)
Professional Profile

- **Gladys Amanda Hernández**, associate professor of modern foreign languages, presented a paper titled “The Assessment Process Beyond Tests and Quizzes” at the Michigan Foreign Language Association, Oct. 29. Also at the same conference, Hernández, along with SVSU students Sandra Tomaszycki, Shantel Krause and Angelica Garcia, presented a paper titled “Spanish Dialects: Results from the Field.”

- **Kathy Kalmar**, assistant professor of teacher education, has accepted the presidency of the Macomb Association for the Education of Young Children. She is the founder of the organization, which has celebrated its 20th year. Under her leadership, the organization has been re-affiliated, a two-year process, with the National Association for the Education for Young Children. This summer, Kalmar initiated a think tank of early childhood leaders, holding positions in a variety of roles.

- **Judith Kerman**, professor of English, had her poem, “Global Positioning,” published in the Spring/Summer 2004 issue of The MacGuffin. On Nov. 11 and 12, Kerman was a featured presenter at OF/FROM CUBA: The Island Without Borders, a Cuban and Cuban-American Culture Week at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M. She gave a presentation about the new Web site that she authored about the Cuban poet Dulce María Loynaz in collaboration with SVSU graduate student Shun-Kai (Hammer) Chuang. Kerman also read the English translations of poetry by Carlota Caulfield in a performance with the author, who read the original Spanish poems. Also, Kerman gave a reading of her poetry at Kirtland Community College, Nov. 10. Her poem, “Microeconomics,” was published in the Fall-Winter 2004 issue of Seeding the Snow.

- **Andrea Ondish**, curator of education in the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, is showing eight prints and paintings in a group exhibition titled “Political and Social Controversy” at the Dancing Crane Gallery, 2312 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. The exhibition will run through Nov. 30.

- **Thomas Renna**, professor of history, presented a paper at Convegno Internazionale di Studio, VII Centenario di San Nicola da Tolentino, held at Basilica of San Nicola, Tolentino, Marche, Italy, Oct. 27. Renna’s paper was titled “San Nicola come un intercesore davanti a Dio nella Vita di Pietro da Monterubbiano” (St. Nicholas as an Intercessor before God in the Life of Peter of Monterubbiano).

Condolences

- **Arthur Frock**, professor of educational leadership, on the loss of his mother-in-law, Ruth Heinrich, who died Oct. 25.

- **Ervin Sparapani**, professor of teacher education, on the loss of his father, Serafine Sparapani, who died Oct. 28.

**TIAA-CREF offers financial advice**

A consultant from TIAA-CREF will be available for one-on-one counseling sessions Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 22 and 23, and Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 21 and 22, in Curtiss Hall, Room 116.

To schedule an appointment, sign up online at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call Linda Baker at (800) 842-2044.

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Please contact ECS at ext. 7100 for more information.
C A M P U S  H A P P E N I N G S

Wednesday, Nov. 17
A Faculty Staff Luncheon, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Emeriti Room, will feature a menu that includes Caesar Salad, Parmesan Bread Sticks, Blended Vegetables, Chicken Parmesan, Crab Alfredo, Spaghetti Marinara and Chocolate Mousse. Cost is $5 per person.

Friday through Sunday, Nov. 19, 20 and 21
Dark of the Moon, a supernatural romance based on the folktale of Barbara Allen and the Witch Boy, was a hit in its original Broadway run in 1944. Howard Richardson and William Berney’s play with music arrives at SVSU’s Performing Arts Center, including show dates and times of Nov. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for students and seniors. The production is not recommended for children under 12. Call the box office at ext. 4261 to reserve tickets or buy them at the door.

Set in a remote Smokey Mountains farming community, Dark of the Moon is the story of Barbara Allen, a young woman who seduces all her prospective mates, looking fruitlessly for the true love of her life. She finds him in John, but there’s a catch – he’s a witch boy, a non-human supernatural creature. He agrees to give up his powers for her, but they must stay faithful to one another for one year or else he will revert back to his old form. While Barbara loves him and he, her, their life together is threatened by the Christian community around them, who want to destroy the wicked witch boy.

Saturday, Nov. 20
Violinist Movses Pogossian and guitarist Matthew Ardizzone will perform together as Duo Forza at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. The concert, featuring virtuoso music for violin and guitar, is part of the 2004-05 Rhea Miller Concert Series. There is no admission charge and tickets are not required for the concert, but seating is limited.

Tuesday, Dec. 7
The SVSU Jazz Ensemble will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhea Miller Recital Hall. Trombonist Mike Hunter will perform with the ensemble as guest artist on “That September Feeling” by John Moss, and other selections. Admission is free of charge.

For more details on events taking place at Saginaw Valley State University, visit campusnews.svsu.edu

Cardinals earn postseason football honors following 7-3 season

Senior offensive tackle Todd Herremans was named Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year by the GLIAC head football coaches. Herremans shared the honor with senior Joe Berger of Michigan Tech.

Herremans, a four-year letterman and three-year starter for the Cardinals, anchored an offensive line that helped the Cardinals rank 25th nationally in total offense (423.1 ypg).

In addition to Herremans, three other Cardinals were named First Team All-GLIAC on defense, including senior Neil Baumgartner, senior Corey Gonzales and junior John DiGiorgio.

Baumgartner, a two-time first team pick who this season totaled 65 tackles and 4.5 sacks for a loss of 28 yards, also is a standout in the classroom having won First Team Academic All-American honors last season with a 4.0 GPA. Gonzales ranked second on the team with 76 tackles and also had 10 pass breakups and five interceptions. DiGiorgio led the team in tackles for the second straight year in 2004, totaling 110 stops at the linebacker position and posted double-digit tackles in eight games.

Senior quarterback Mark Radlinski was named Second Team All-GLIAC after throwing for 2,506 yards and 27 TDs. Sophomore Damion DeRosia was named Second Team All-GLIAC on the defensive line.

The Cardinals also had five players receive Honorable Mention All-GLIAC plaudits: Pierre Colin, Nic LaFear, Nicholas Postma, Stephanol Santos and Dustin Esslin.

Maya Angelou

Internationally renowned poet, playwright, author and actress Maya Angelou will speak at SVSU Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in O’Neill Arena.

Angelou is hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary literature and as a remarkable Renaissance woman. A passionate and powerful speaker, Angelou challenges her audiences to invest their spirits and hearts in the elevation of the human condition. Often swaying and stirring when she moves, she captivates her audiences lyrically with vigor, fire and perception.

Tickets for Angelou’s lecture are now on sale at the SVSU Box Office and Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are $21 for the general public, $16 for SVSU faculty and staff, and $5 for students, regardless of grade level.

The SVSU Box Office is located in Groening Commons and available by phone at ext. 4261.