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Unspoiled gardens, classic temples, ancient history, and four UNESCO World Heritage sites only begin to describe a special 2007 President's Parallel Tour to Japan. As a parallel tour with the SVSU Concert Choir, this is a fully-escorted tour with a high level of professional coordination, beginning with the selection of Value Holidays in Mequon, Wis. — an agency with more than 30 years of overseas escorted tour experience.

Even before departure, the cultural experience will begin with a series of orientations offered by Drew Hinderer, professor of philosophy, who will accompany the tour, as will Stephen Kazar, special assistant to the president for international programs.

Highlights of this 11-night, 13-day tour, departing MBS Airport Wednesday, Feb. 28 and returning Monday, March 12, 2007, include:

- The services of English-speaking guides.
- A sightseeing tour of Kyoto, with a visit to Nijo Castle and Ryoanji Temple (UNESCO World Heritage sites).

- Trips to Nara and Hikone, with an SVSU Choir performance near the grounds of Hikone Castle, built in 1603.
- Visits to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial.
- Cultural visits in Tokushima, Saginaw's sister city in Japan. The cost per person is \$3,655 (based on double occupancy and minimum

THE PRESIDENT'S PARALLEL TOUR TO JAPAN

- participation of 40 persons; \$467 single supplement). This outstanding price includes the following:
- Round-trip economy air transportation from Northwest, plus portorage of two pieces of luggage at airports and hotels.
 - Eleven nights accommodation at quality Japanese hotels.
 - American breakfast each morning at hotels, lunch during the full-day tour of Kyoto, plus farewell banquet.

Deposits are due Oct. 1, with final payments due Dec. 28. For more details, see www.svsu.edu/japantour2007/.

- All ground transportation: scheduled excursions via private deluxe motor coach, plus bullet train transportation between Kyoto/Hiroshima and Hiroshima/Tokushima.
- Admission to all points of

with passports or visas; items of a personal nature such as phone, Internet, laundry or mini-bar; gratuities to drivers and guides, etc.)

Also offered is an optional three-night/four-day Beijing extension March 12-15. The rate of \$1,082 (based on double occupancy and minimum participation of 10 persons; \$155 single supplement) includes airfare from Osaka to Beijing, three nights accommodation at the Zhongmin Plaza Hotel or similar hotel, private roundtrip transfers, American breakfasts each morning and a Peking Roasted Duck Dinner the final evening, plus two full-day sightseeing trips with an English-speaking guide. The sightseeing trips will take you to such outstanding destinations as the Great Wall at Badaling, the Ming Tombs and Sacred Way, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City Palace Museum, and the Summer Palace.

For additional information, contact Carlos Ramet at ext. 4042, or visit www.svsu.edu/japantour2007/.

- interest according to itinerary, and guided sightseeing tours in Kyoto, Hiroshima, and Tokushima.
- Services of a Value Holidays escort, national English-speaking guide while in Japan, pre-departure lectures, and educational sessions in Japan.
- All hotel taxes and service charges. (Not included are airline and government taxes, currently \$239.50 and subject to change; fees associated

Lorie Kohn

ADMINISTRATIVE PAYROLL CLERK • JUNE 2006

Whether you have direct deposit or still receive a paycheck, the actual process of getting paid is something most of us take for granted. We expect the money to be there. People like Lorie Kohn make sure that it is.

“We have two and a half days to process payroll; a lot goes into those two and a half days to make sure that it’s right,” she said. “There are double-checks and triple-checks to make sure.”

“We have a lot of information to get in there, from benefits to a person’s actual hours worked. For hourly personnel, if they’ve used vacation or sick time, we make sure that’s charged against their leave-time balances.”

Kohn says payroll is not what it used to be, because of computers. “I’ve seen many changes in the past few years,” she said.

One of those is the introduction of an automated time system for hourly staff.

“It seems there’s always someone who forgot to update their time, and then they happen to be on vacation on Monday,” she said with a chuckle, “but on the whole, it has made my job a lot easier.”

Last year, Kohn and her colleagues moved from Wickes Hall to South Campus Complex.

“There’s more commuting back and forth. On payroll weeks, I’m in Wickes every day,” she said.

Kohn can often be seen carrying a box from Wickes first thing in the morning.

“The farther into the year it goes, the heavier that box gets, because (the records) are cumulative of all the payroll for the year,” she said.

That is not Kohn’s first workout of the day, however. She regularly uses the Fitness Center before going to work.

“I feel great (after working out),” she said. “It definitely makes a difference on your attitude and everything.”

Kohn lists knitting, sewing and gardening among her relaxation activities, but one of her favorite pastimes is primitive camping with her husband, Roy.

“You’re with nature – no phones, no deadlines, you can do what you want,” she explained.

Kohn spent 23 years in the financial services industry before joining SVSU nine years ago.

“There’s always something new to learn,” she said.

Kohn does not take her work environment for granted.

“We have a great working team,” she said. When it was crunch time at year-end, everybody pitched in. SVSU is a great place to work.”



Huntley to deliver 2006 Rush Lecture

Scientific knowledge and its place in today's society will be discussed in the annual Rush Distinguished Lecture. Deborah Huntley, associate vice president for academic affairs and professor of chemistry, will present "Disturbing the Equilibrium: The Interplay of Science and Society," Thursday, Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. in Founders Hall.



Deborah Huntley

Although usually presented as a linear process, the actual development of scientific knowledge is a complex dance between preconceived notions, human and social agendas, and careful observation and experimentation. In this lecture, Huntley will examine the nature of the scientific process through a cultural lens, paying particular attention to the role of human, social, and historical forces. Stories of scientists and their discoveries will illustrate the self-correcting development of scientific knowledge and the somewhat schizophrenic relationship between science and today's culture.

A member of the SVSU faculty since 1998, Huntley recently accepted an appointment as associate vice president for academic affairs. She received the University's prestigious Earl L. Warrick Award for Excellence in Research in April of this year.

Huntley's primary research interests include computational chemistry, surface chemistry, and materials chemistry. She has authored or co-authored nearly 35 articles published in scholarly journals, including some of the most prominent publications in the field of chemistry.

Huntley's latest research includes collaboration with Nobel-prize winning chemist Roald Hoffmann, a professor at Cornell University, on the density functional treatment of rare earth oxides. They are among the co-authors of "Squeezing C-C Bonds," an article published in the international edition of *Angewandte Chemie* in 2005. Their work was also cited among the "Research Highlights" in the Dec. 7, 2005 edition of *Nature*.

The Rush Lectureship recognizes and rewards SVSU faculty and staff who through their creation or development of significant scholarly or artistic work distinguish themselves and bring recognition to the University.

SVSU welcomes record freshman class

SVSU welcomed its biggest and brightest freshman class in school history this year, as new students began moving into their residence halls Aug. 25.

The number of entering freshmen jumped by nearly 200 from the previous record set last year. This year's freshman class comprised some 1,450 new students, marking a significant increase from the 1,263 students who entered last year. The class included 157 students who were the valedictorian or salutatorian of their respective graduating classes, and 594 incoming students who attained a high school grade point average of 3.50 or higher, up from 506 a year ago.

"The individualized attention our students receive, the quality of their educational experience, the opportunities students have to grow and develop through our residential and student life programs, and the competitive cost of an SVSU education continue to be the primary reason why students choose our University," said Robert L. Maurovich, vice president for student services and enrollment management. "That word of mouth travels back to high schools and continues to be a significant factor in students becoming more aware of what SVSU offers and what students have come to experience."

For the fourth consecutive year, roughly 60 percent of freshmen are choosing to live on campus. This fall, SVSU welcomed more than 900 incoming students to its residence halls. Last year, 732 freshmen called SVSU home.

This year's class also is more diverse, as some 225 entering freshmen identify themselves as being racial and ethnic minorities, compared to 176 in the 2005 freshman class.

Official figures for total enrollment will be released by the University in late September.

Dining Services Hours Fall 2006/ Winter 2007

RFoC

- Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Friday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Meal segments:

- Open to 2:30 p.m., Brunch (\$6.95)
- 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Soup, salad, exhibition, deli, desserts, nacho bar open (\$6.95)
- 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Dinner (\$7.50)
- 8:30 p.m. to close, Late snack: pizza, grill, deli, salad, dessert (\$5.50)

Java City

- Monday to Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Apple Slice

- Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

C-Store

- Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Friday, 9 a.m. to midnight
- Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to midnight
- Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Freshens

- Monday to Sunday, noon to midnight

Einstein's

- Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Calendar for open and close

- Monday, Sept. 4, all operations closed
- Tuesday, Sept. 5, operations open on Sunday scheduled hours
- Wednesday, Sept. 6, operations open as scheduled
- Tuesday, Nov. 21, all operations close at 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 22 to Saturday, Nov. 25, all operations closed
- Sunday, Nov. 26, RFoC, C-store, and Freshens open at 3 p.m. and close according to Sunday schedule
- Friday, Dec. 15, RFoC, C-store and Freshens close at 4:30 p.m.
- All operations closed from December 16 to Jan. 13
- Sunday, Jan. 14, RFoC, C-store and Freshens open at 3 p.m. and close according to Sunday schedule
- Friday, March 2, RFoC, C-store and Freshens close at 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 3 to Saturday, March 10, all operations closed
- Sunday, March 11, RFoC, C-store and Freshens open at 3 p.m. and close according to Sunday schedule
- Saturday, Sunday April 6-7, RFoC closed; C-store and Freshens open scheduled hours with meal exchange
- Friday, May 4, RFoC, C-store and Freshens close at 4:30 p.m.

Sponsored and Academic Programs Support announces grants

The following grants were received February through June 2006:

College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences

Karen Lang-Krause, associate professor of sociology, received travel support from the U.S. Department of Education, OPE, Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminars Abroad Program – Bilateral Projects to travel to China. Krause will integrate her experience in new sociology classes and to enhance existing sociology courses at SVSU.

College of Science, Engineering & Technology

Curtis Grosse, lecturer of mathematical sciences, received \$5,000 from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium – Pre-College

Education Program to implement a tutoring program with local high schools. The program will pair minority SVSU students with minority high school students to serve as role models and tutors.

Andrew Chubb, assistant professor of chemistry, received \$2,500 from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium – Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowship Program for student Michael Bradford's project titled "Investigation of a Novel Alkylchlorogermane Synthesis."

David Karpovich, associate professor of chemistry, received \$19,000 from the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee to find an alternative use for glycerin, a by product of biodiesel

processing. The project will analyze the economic viability of using glycerin as a heating alternative.

College of Education

David McCloy, assistant director of the Center for Mathematics Education & SVSU Regional Math/Science Center, received \$3,050 from the Michigan Space Grant Consortium – Pre-College Education Program to provide scholarships for twenty under-represented minority students to attend the four week-long science day camps at the SVSU Regional Math and Science Center.

Douglas Hansen, professor of teacher education, received \$190,000 from the Michigan Department of Education: Title II, A (3) for a grant to sustain and deepen prior

learning in math and science. The project will train local teachers in mathematics and science skills in high-need school districts.

Helene Lusa, assistant professor of educational leadership, received \$190,000 from the Michigan Department of Education: Title II, A (3) for a grant to improve principal and teacher leader skills in instructional leadership.

Staff

Diane Boehm, director of instructional support and writing program, and Janet Rentsch, director of sponsored and academic programs support, received \$45,000 from the National Writing Project to continue the Saginaw Bay Writing Project.

Professors receive NSF Grant

Two SVSU professors have received a \$453,041 grant from the National Science Foundation for a new transmission electron microscope and a new energy dispersive spectrometer.

The new microscope can magnify specimens up to 600,000 times their actual size. It replaces a 25-year-old unit that was not equipped with the latest technology, according to Sally Shepardson, instructor of biology.

"Having this microscope is a real plus for our students," she said. "It will allow them to do research projects on up-to-date technology with better optics and higher resolution imaging, and it will prepare them for what they will encounter in the job market or graduate school."

SVSU did not previously have such a spectrometer, which has valuable applications in several science and engineering disciplines.

"Both of these devices allow you to design materials better and increase their strength," said Robert Tuttle, assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

"These devices will be used by undergraduates both in their research and in their coursework, making them better prepared for the workforce."

The National Science Foundation annually receives about 40,000 competitive requests for funding, and makes nearly 10,000 new funding awards; some \$400 million in contracts are awarded yearly.

SVSU Board approves energy conservation and athletics facilities projects

The SVSU Board of Control approved a package of campus improvements that will increase SVSU's energy efficiency.

During its regular Aug. 21 session, the Board authorized spending \$425,000 on a series of projects that will result in an estimated annual energy savings of \$132,000. Examples include using retention ponds to supply campus irrigation systems, and installing ventilation system controls to regulate ventilation when large spaces such as the Field Theatre for Performing Arts, Rhea E. Miller Recital Hall, and University banquet rooms are not in use.

The Board also approved spending up to \$850,000 to upgrade facilities for the University's baseball and softball teams. Each field will receive new home and visiting dugouts, as well as new permanent bleacher seating, among other things. Construction is expected to be finished by the start of the teams' 2007 seasons next spring.

In other action, the Board:

- Passed a resolution to grant undergraduate and graduate degrees.
- Passed a resolution to enter an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation that allows SVSU to assume responsibility for maintaining the grass and other landscaping along the M-84 (Bay Road) boulevard adjacent to campus.

Dan Tyger

ONLINE TEACHING AND LEARNING COORDINATOR • JULY 2006

The ways in which students learn are constantly changing. Most come to college having spent much more time typing at a computer than reading a book. As faculty seek to adapt to new technology, Dan Tyger is ready to be their liaison.

“My primary responsibilities are to train faculty how to use online environments to enrich their teaching, and then support them,” he said.

Much of that training occurs in one-on-one tutorials.

“We’ve found that’s the most successful, because we’re able to target their needs specifically,” Tyger said.

He also leads workshops and online training sessions.

While the use of online teaching tools is voluntary, Tyger says more than half of faculty use them.

“That speaks well of our faculty, I think.”

Students are the ultimate beneficiaries.

“The classroom moment is ephemeral,” Tyger said. “Offering digital versions of the material that’s covered in class increases students’ ability to use the material (and learn from it).”

“We know (from survey data) that students are getting to know each other better, too, because they have access to each other in the online space. They also feel more in touch with instructors that use the online environment.”

While current practices are working well, Tyger is always thinking ahead. One example is occurring this year. While SVSU will continue to use the Blackboard software it has employed for some time, more than 50 classes will participate in a pilot project this fall with a new system called “V-space.”

Tyger is excited about its prospects, because it was developed by a consortium of universities and can be modified, edited and improved – something that can’t be done with Blackboard.

When he’s not swimming in technology, the Pennsylvania native enjoys taking his canoe on Michigan rivers. His favorites to date are the Fox River and the south branch of the Au Sable River.

“I like to look at something other than a computer screen,” he said.

An avid homebrewer, Tyger has won regional medals for his beer. He also gets together on occasion to play music with a handful of other SVSU employees and spouses.

At his job, Tyger works to ensure that technology and people are in harmony.

“We care about students and we care about faculty,” he said.

“When we create things, the whole focus is always with the human user in mind.”



Briefly Speaking

• The 2006-07 All Sports Passes are now available for all faculty and staff. Each faculty or staff member is allowed two of these passes, which grant admission to all regular season home football and basketball games at no charge. Those who wish to obtain All Sports Passes must sign for them; see Shelly Reminder in the Athletics Department in Ryder Center.

• Join your fellow Cardinal football fans on the Cardinal Express Fan Bus, which will travel to all away football games. The first road game is Saturday, Sept. 2 at Ashland University (Ohio). For more information, contact Shelly Reminder at ext. 7306.

• The SVSU Foundation Office is accepting proposals from faculty and staff for SVSU Foundation Resource Grants beginning immediately through Tuesday, Oct. 10. These grants may be used for projects that directly involve and benefit SVSU students. Final approval of grant funding will occur at the Dec. 5 meeting of the SVSU Foundation Board of Directors. To obtain an electronic copy of the guidelines and application materials, visit the SVSU Foundation Web site at www.svsu.edu/foundation. For more information, contact Emmie Busch at ext. 7025, or email busch@svsu.edu.

• The Office of International Programs invites the campus community to attend an hors d'oeuvres reception on Friday, Sept. 15, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Emeriti Room to welcome international guest faculty and other international guests. During the fall semester, the University will be hosting exchange faculty and guests from China, India, and Saudi Arabia. R.S.V.P. by Friday, Sept. 8 at ext. 4473.

• Faculty and staff reserved parking permits for 2005-06 expire Sept. 15. New permits are currently being issued by the Cashier's Office. Permits may be purchased via mail by completing the permit application found online at www.svsu.edu/universitypolice/forms/up-facultystaff-parking-permit-app.pdf and forwarding the completed application, along with a check payable to SVSU in the amount of \$20 (no cash please), to the Cashier's Office in 166 Wickes Hall. Your permit will then be mailed to you via inter-office mail. You may also purchase a permit in person at the Cashiers Office.

• Copies of the 2006-07 Faculty/Staff Directory will be distributed during fall semester. To have a new directory portrait taken, contact Tim Inman at ext. 4086, or email tmi@svsu.edu.

Professional Profile

• **Donald Earley**, associate professor of occupational therapy, and **Marcia Shannon**, assistant professor of nursing, had an article published in *The American Journal of Occupational Therapy* titled "The Use of Occupation-Based Treatment With a Person Who Has Shoulder Adhesive Capsulitis: A Case Report."

• **Gladys A. Hernández**, professor of modern foreign languages, presented at an International Conference in Salamanca, Spain, June 28-July 2. The topic was "Latino Women: From a Stereotype to Reality."

• **Enayat Mahajerin**, professor of mechanical engineering, attended the Fourteenth International Conference on Composites/Nano Engineering, served as a chair of a technical session, and presented a paper titled "Numerical Treatment of Hygrothermal Stresses in Pultruded Composites." The conference was held in Boulder, Colorado, July 2-8.

• **Stephen Taber**, assistant professor of biology, has contracted with Michigan State University Press to write a book on insects of Michigan. The tentative title is *Insects of a Michigan Wetland and Woods*.

New Cardinals

• **Cheryl Brow**, administrative secretary in the Office of Career Planning & Placement, and her husband Todd had a baby girl, Alyssa Marie (7 lbs., 5 oz., 19 in.), June 7.

• **Anthony Crachiola**, instructor of mathematical sciences, and his wife Jennifer had a baby girl, Renee Allison (7 lbs., 2 oz., 18 in.), July 10.

• **Danny Hsu**, assistant professor of history, and his wife Lillian had a baby girl, Megan Joy (7 lbs., 4 oz., 20 in.), Aug. 21.

• **Erin Mindykowski**, assistant registrar, had a baby girl, Naomi (7 lbs., 1 oz., 20 in.), July 7.

• **Mike Pazdro**, project manager, and his wife Rachelle had a baby girl, Jessa Renee (8 lbs., 15 oz., 22 in.), July 28.

Condolences

The campus community extends condolences to:

• **Greg Coburn**, groundskeeper, on the loss of his father, Eddie Coburn Sr., who passed away in June.

• **Anita Dey**, head of reference services in the Melvin J. Zahnow Library, on the loss of her father, Clayton L. Dey, who passed away July 24.

• **Kathy Gerard**, senior secretary in the Office of Admissions, on the loss of her mother, Mary Margaret Kubczak.

• **Ruth Gulliver**, administrative secretary in the Crystal M. Lange College of Nursing & Health Sciences, on the loss of her mother, Johanna Mielke, who passed away in July.

• **B. Jean Jones**, associate professor of teacher education, on the loss of her mother, Mae Dulaney, who passed away June 1.

• **Gordon R. Wolf**, maintenance, on the loss of his father, Edward R. Wolf, who passed away Aug. 21.

• **Norma Clack Zivich**, director of annual giving, on the loss of her mother, Barbara J. Smith.

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