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HEARRON AWARDED FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Receiving Fulbright Fellowships is becoming a tradition at SVSC. Dr. W. Thomas Hearron, professor of English, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach American literature at the National University of Rwanda in Africa. He is the third SVSC instructor since 1982 to be awarded the prestigious grant. Hearron and his wife, Patricia, will be traveling to Ruhengeri in September for a year's stay in the northern Rwanda mountain city.

The campus at Ruhengeri houses the northern division of the National University. It is three years old and serves some 400 students, Hearron has learned. He expects to teach both graduate and undergraduate courses, and may be directing some doctoral dissertation research by several Ph.D. candidates. Hearron has noted some parallels between the African college and SVSC. "Both are relatively small and young colleges, and both have small classes so there is a great deal of interaction between students and faculty," he said.

Several areas were available for Hearron's fellowship, but he and his wife chose Africa. "We wanted to experience the way most of the world lives. We're going from the richest country in the world to one of the poorest."

Hearron and his wife already are studying the customs and geography of the nation they'll call home next year. "Rwanda is a former Belgian colony that gained independence in 1962. It is the most densely populated and one of the poorest African nations. The population is mostly rural, with only about three percent living in cities or villages. While some coffee and tea is exported, the economy is mostly of a subsistence agrarian type.



"The country is unusual among African nations in that the people share a common language, called Kinyarwanda. They also speak French, and English is taught in secondary and post-secondary schools.

"The borders of Rwanda have remained unchanged through various changes in the ruling order, and its culture has been relatively unaffected by political and social changes that took place in Africa." Hearron outlined the transition from dominance of the Twa, pygmies who are hunters and gatherers, to rule by the Hutu, who are farmers. "Sometime between the 13th and 16th centuries the tall, aristocratic herders known as Tutsi took control of the country. They were overturned by the more numerous Hutu in the 1950's."

Hearron is looking forward to the scenic site of the Ruhengeri campus. "The city is located in a mountain plateau, and the scenery is spectacular. The source of the Nile is in this area, and there are beautiful lakes and falls."

Hearron joined the English faculty at SVSC in 1973, and holds Ph.D and M.A. degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo. His bachelor's degree was earned at Rice University.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Office of Residential Life maintains lists of off-campus housing, available to all members of the campus community. They have listings of people willing to rent to SVSC faculty, staff and students, and also will compile names of those looking for housing.

Requests for housing in SVSC dorms this fall are far greater than capacity. There is room for 486 students and the residential life office had 571 requests by the end of July. If anyone knows of someone wishing to rent to students, staff or faculty, please call the residential life office at ext. 4255.

FACULTY/STAFF ORIENTATION SET

Final arrangements are being made for the annual faculty/staff orientation on Thursday, August 30. The morning program will include introductions of new faculty and staff, and the State of the College Address by President Ryder.

School meetings for faculty will take place in the afternoon, capped by a special SVSC/Delta College reception at the Jennison Nature Center at 4:00 p.m. All faculty/staff and their spouses/guests are invited.

Friday, August 31, will feature office presentations. The program is primarily for new faculty and staff, but other interested campus community members may attend. For more information, call Dr. Robert Yien's office at ext. 4296.

DIRECTORY PORTRAITS BEING TAKEN

All members of the SVSC community wishing to update their directory portraits must do so during August. It only takes five minutes and appointments can be made by calling Dennis Ullrich at ext. 4086. In addition, if anyone wishes to update or change personal information in the next directory, contact the Office of Information Services at ext. 4054.

THE FIRST ANNUAL ADMISSIONS OFFICE PICNIC ATTRACTED PEOPLE FROM MANY CAMPUS DEPARTMENTS. A WEALTH OF CULINARY TALENT WAS EXHIBITED AT THE POTLUCK TABLE, AND THE WEATHER MAN COOPERATIVELY DELAYED A RAIN SHOWER TILL JUST AFTER ACTIVITIES CONCLUDED.

SVSC ALUM TO BE ORDAINED

A member of SVSC's class of '77 soon will be an ordained minister of the Lutheran Church. Mark Bredholt will be ordained during ceremonies at Saginaw's Our Saviour Lutheran Church, on Sunday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m.

A New Lothrop native, Bredholt served as student government president during 1975-76, and as an academic advisement counselor from 1977-79. He soon will begin a ministry as associate pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church of Winter Park, Florida.

All SVSC community members are invited to attend the ceremony, located at the corner of Weiss and Hemmeter roads. Any SVSC personnel or alumni wishing to contribute for a gift may contact Angie Torrez at ext. 4284.

CLASS NOTEBOOK

SVSC will be offering its first journalism course this fall. English 258, Introduction to Journalism, will meet on Thursdays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Ed Hutchinson will conduct the three-credit course. He currently is a writer for Dow Corning, but previously worked as a reporter for the Saginaw News. The course will stress the fundamentals of news writing, covering story structure, leads, organization, quotes, and ethics.

For more information on the course, call Dr. Rosalie Troester at ext. 4022.



SUPPORT ASKED FOR DELTA IN MILLAGE VOTE

The ballot in today's election features many local and national primaries, plus a special request to assist one of the area's major educational institutions. Tri-County voters will be asked to authorize a property tax increase of .2 mill for five years to support operations at Delta College.

Additional instructional equipment and protecting an \$80 million investment in buildings, equipment and grounds are cited by Delta officials as reasons for the request.

Delta administrators also point out that there is a need for job training and retraining in this area that has been hit so hard by plant closings and lay-offs. Funds raised by the increased levy would be used for such programs.

SVSC administrators have spoken in support of the millage question for Delta, and ask the campus community to vote in favor of the levy. The requested millage would add only \$5 per year to the tax paid by the owner of a \$50,000 home, or \$8 annually for an \$80,000 home.

"We are privileged to have one of the finest community colleges in the country. Delta's success feeds into SVSC's success," said SVSC President Jack M. Ryder.

MEDIATOR ASSISTS WITH FACULTY CONTRACT

Edward Borushko, Michigan Employment Relations Commission mediator, has been called in to assist with negotiations between the SVSC Faculty Association and College administration. He began meeting with negotiating teams from both groups on Friday, August 3.

Both sides agreed to mediation after the administration presented it's final economic offer, at the Association's request, on July 10.

Lawrence K. Fitzpatrick, head of the administration's negotiating team, and David R. Weaver, president of the Faculty Association, are in accord in stating that salaries are the primary issue. "Once the wage issue is settled, the other language issues will likely fall into place," Fitzpatrick said.

Bargaining began in May. The previous contract, which covered three years, expired June 30, 1984.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--There are still spots available for the first annual SVSC alumni golf outing on Saturday, August 18, at the Green Acres Golf Course in Bridgeport. Tee-off for the 18 hole "scramble tournament" is 10:00 a.m. A New York strip steak dinner will be served after golfing. The entry fee of \$25 includes green fees, prizes, dinner and refreshments. All alumni, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Reservations are being accepted by Mrs. Jo Stanley at ext. 4050.

--A used book sale will be held at the library until August 10. There are many topics at reasonable prices, including a wide selection of educational materials. Sale hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., today through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. For more information, call Kay Delap at ext. 4242.

--The Polish Music concert slated for August 10 has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled during the school year.

--The snack bar will be closed from August 7 to September 1.

--Athletes from Flint Kearsley and Southwestern High Schools will be on campus August 12-17 to attend a football training camp. They will be using SVSC's dorms, practice fields, and Doan Center. For more information, call the conference bureau at ext. 4162.

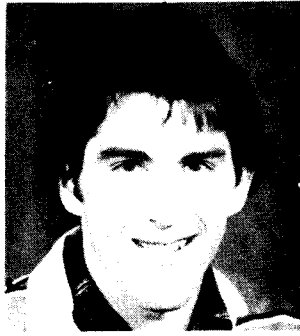
--The American Lung Association of Michigan is sponsoring the Sleeping Bear Bike Tour for people who would enjoy a leisurely bike trip while raising money for asthmatic children. Scheduled September 7-9, the trip starts in Manistee, finishes in Suttons Bay, and is geared for the novice biker. There is only a \$15 fee and lodging and food is free. Call 1-(800) 292-5979 for details.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Dr. James Mitchell, dean of the School of Business and Management, was recently elected president of the Saginaw chapter of Rotary International. Installation took place July 11.

--Dr. Mason Wang, professor of English, has been selected as correspondent at large on the International Committee for the "S Q Bibliography."

EVANS LALAS
HEAD TRACK COACH



HIGH FIVE

SVSC's men's track and cross-country program will begin Phase II of its development under newly appointed head coach Evans Lalas. Athletic Director Bob Becker announced August 1 the hiring of Lalas to take over the nationally respected program. Lalas becomes the second coach to work with the program, taking the reins from his former mentor Dr. Douglas Hansen, who resigned from the position last spring.

An eight-time NAIA All-American for SVSC, Lalas lettered four years while earning his bachelor's degree in Physical Education. He went on to serve as graduate assistant in the men's track and women's cross-country programs at Bowling Green State University for one year.

He returned as Hansen's assistant last season and has a great knowledge of the program, its goals and expectations, according to Becker. "We're pleased to make the appointment of Lalas," assured Becker. "Ev brings with him a wealth of experience as a competitor and a stint under someone we feel is the top track coach in the country -- Doug Hansen. We feel he's had good training."

Lalas had been preparing for the 1984-85 season since last spring and is well on the way to implementing some changes that he hopes will carry SVSC to a new plateau in national cross-country and track.

Two major changes planned for the program are a reduction in the quantity of athletes on the team and upgrading the schedule. With smaller numbers Lalas hopes to improve the quality of the coaching and the individual performances. By upgrading the already stiff schedule, his teams should be better prepared for national competition.

"Doug built this program quickly by using large numbers of athletes," said Lalas. "It has grown to national prominence because of those tactics and was a very successful plan. However, I think the time is right for a change in philosophy."

Lalas inherits a cross-country program which has boasted five finishes in the top-three since the team's inception in 1977, and a track program which has excelled in both indoor and outdoor competition during the entire Hansen reign. The Cardinal indoor squad put together back-to-back national championships in 1982 and 1983, and finished third in the nation last season.

Lalas captained the 1982 national champs, and was a member of the SVSC 4X400 relay team which won the 1982 outdoor national title.

PERSONNEL

MEDIA COORDINATOR. Full-time, permanent (replacement). Salary is negotiable, dependant on qualifications. For further details about the position, contact the personnel office at 4112.

Internal applications must be received by the personnel office no later than August 9. SVSC is an equal opportunity employer and non-discriminatory in its policies and practices.

SVSC EVENTWATCH

August 6-9 ... Cheerleading Camp
August 6-10 ... Used Book Sale
August 12-17 ... Football Camp
August 18 ... Alumni Golf Tournament

See monthly calendar or call Information
Services for times and details.