

THE Interior

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VISITING PROFESSOR REFLECTS ON PAST YEAR

Visiting Professor An Zeng-Cai had the opportunity to reverse his teaching direction when he came to SVSC last January.

A professor of English at Shandong University, which is located 300 miles south of Peking, An spent 1985 teaching Chinese culture courses to American students at SVSC.

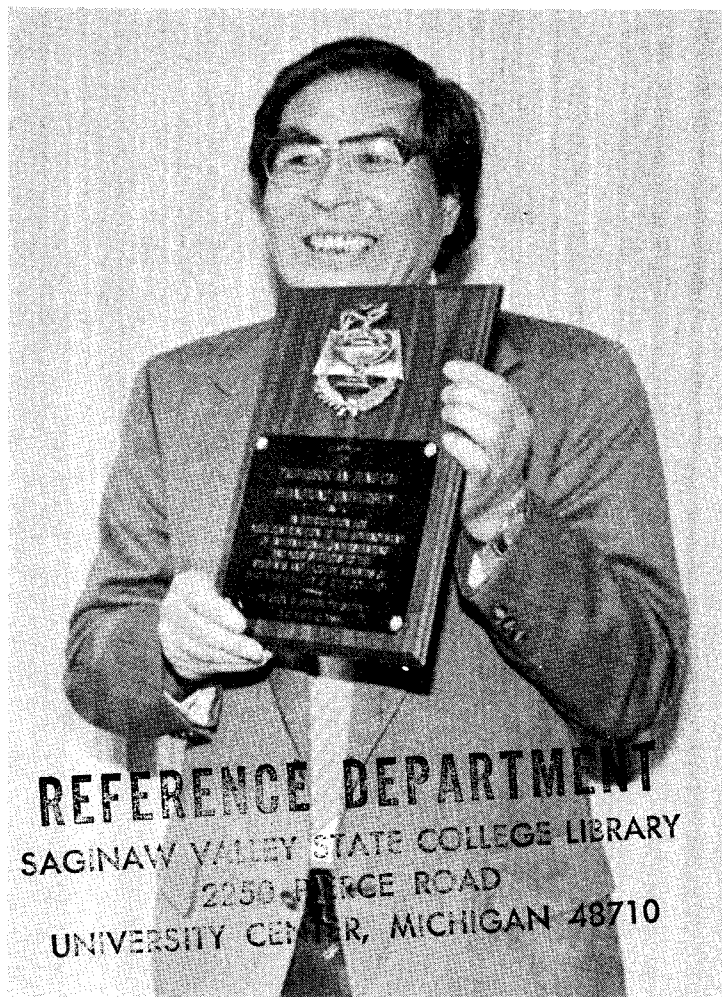
"I came here more to learn," said An, "but I never refused the chance to give, either. I don't feel you can teach a culture well to others unless you know it yourself. I feel by seeing so much with my own eyes, and doing so much, I have achieved what I set out to do here."

In the process of giving, An served as a translator for top corporate officials and dignitaries and delivered presentations to high school and college classes. He also served as translator for Chen Ke Qian, president of Suzhou University in Jiangsu, China, during a visit to establish an exchange program between SVSC and the Chinese university.

"This agreement will profit both colleges," said An. "As I said before, the professors taking part in the exchange program will learn about the cultures they are interested in and trying to teach."

An's biggest fears about his stay at SVSC were before he came here. "All I could think about was, 'What if the students don't like my course or don't understand me? What if I try to be humorous and they can't laugh?'" An found, however, that the students were interested in his class and they were able to understand him. "Now I have no worry about giving my lectures."

According to An, the system he encountered here was surprising. "We don't teach so



many courses at my university, usually only two, but we are required to do research," he commented. "I was just informed that I must do some research in comparative Oriental and Western folklore before I return home."

An noted that his best classroom experience was with his summer course. "I thoroughly enjoyed the summer class students. Most of mine were guest students. They wrote excellent papers and asked challenging questions. I like that."

"One student I had this summer was studying Spanish at another university and has now switched to Chinese. Another student will visit China in March."

An found some new hobbies while in America, as well as continued an old one. "My real hobby is books. I spent hours browsing the local bookstores, and bought many paperbacks. I like the sense of security; the knowledge is there on my shelf even if I can't read all of the books. I can look up what I need, when it is needed."

Newer hobbies for An were American radio stations and movie theatres, to train his ear for the English language.

"I have enjoyed most the movies 'Mask' and 'The Journey of Natty Gahn,' and I like 102.5 FM on the radio," said An. "I like Marilyn Holmes on the radio; she speaks the English language like singing."

An also did some traveling. Niagra Falls, Detroit, Mackinac Island, Chicago and New York City were a few of the places capturing his interest. "I have contacted with people from all walks of life here," he commented. "I went to church, attended a wedding, and celebrated holidays like Thanksgiving and Independence Day; these were all new to me."

An said he is sorry that his family was not here to share the experience with him. "My sons are in school and could not come, and my wife did not want to leave them," said An, adding that his wife does not speak English.

On a recent trip to the Shandong University, SVSC President Jack Ryder and his wife, Lila, visited with An's family. "Dinner is about a 14 course meal," said An. "I'm not sure how they liked the food, but I'm sure they enjoyed the Chinese hospitality. My sons wrote to me afterward and said that they must work hard to improve their English if they wish to visit America," An laughed.

When asked if there was anything he wanted to do before leaving SVSC, An replied, "I am excited for my party. I want to say goodbye to all of my friends and express my thankfulness to all of them." The party An was referring to was a reception on Tuesday, December 10, in SVSC's lower level Doan Center.

An will spend Christmas Eve with a colleague and friend, Dr. Mason Wang, before leaving Saginaw on December 26. He then will spend 10 days with friends in New York before flying home.

SVSC SPONSORS SHORT STORY CONTEST

The campus community along with other Michigan residents will have an opportunity to commemorate the State of Michigan's 150th anniversary by entering a writing contest sponsored by the Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

Dr. Ricardo Pastor, professor of Spanish and chairman of SVSC's Language Department, said the theme for short stories is "Michigan: Home to People from All Over the Globe."

"I felt that this would be an appropriate way to celebrate the Michigan Sesquicentennial," Pastor said. "The short story writing contest will give people across the state an opportunity to participate in the Sesquicentennial observance, which starts in January, 1986."

Pastor said participation in the writing competition is open to any Michigan resident. The short story's maximum length is ten pages, typed double-spaced. Each short story will compete in the language category in which it is written, including English, French, German, Polish or Spanish. Submitted short stories must not have been published, or accepted for publication, elsewhere.

The judging will be done under the supervision of SVSC's Department of Modern Languages. Criteria for judging include creativity, appropriate use of language, style and relevance to the stated theme. In order to insure impartiality in the judging, short stories should be accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the author's name, address and title of the story. The author's name should not appear on the short story itself.

First, second and third place prizes in each category may be awarded at the discretion of the judges. All prize-winning short stories will be published in the 1986 fall issue of "Alethea," literary journal published twice a year by SVSC's Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

Winners automatically release their copyrights to SVSC. Entries will not be returned. Submissions should be postmarked no later than March 10, 1986. No late entries will be accepted. Winners will be announced by April 10, 1986. Persons interested in entering the contest should submit short stories to Dr. Ricardo Pastor.

HISTORY PROFESSOR RECEIVES CANADIAN GRANT

Dr. John V. Jezierski, professor of history, will be extending his study of Canadian history, thanks to a grant from the Canadian government.

The \$3,000 award is the second grant Jezierski has received through the Canadian Studies Faculty Research Grant Programme. He used a 1983 award from the agency to develop a course in Canadian history that has been offered several times at SVSC.

This time Jezierski plans to add to the documentation of Canada's development through study of a pictorial history left by photographer William Henry Jackson.

"During a career that spanned nearly three-quarters of a century, Jackson traveled throughout the world, and little of importance escaped his camera," Jezierski said. "His spectacular photographs of the Yellowstone region are acknowledged by historians as one of the primary catalysts that caused the U.S. Congress to create the nation's first national park in 1872."

He said many Jackson photos were published in "Harper's Weekly" and most of his negatives were acquired by the Detroit Publishing Company when Jackson became one of its owners and chief cameraman in 1897.

"Shortly before or soon after joining the Company, Jackson also made two trips to Canada -- between approximately 1890 and 1905. On one trip, Jackson traveled from Georgian Bay to the Saguenay River, gathering his camera's impressions of small towns and the major urban centers between. On the second trip Jackson toured the Western Cordillera.

"Each of Jackson's Canadian albums, eastern and western, contains approximately 125 photographs. In the years since their sale and resale and (eventual) deposit in the Library of Congress, scholars have either ignored or overlooked Jackson's Canadian albums."

Jezierski hopes, through his research, to establish Jackson's role in the development of Canadian photography. His efforts will focus on identifying the complete body of Jackson's Canadian photographs, and then identifying the content or location of each picture. He will compare Jackson photos to

those of similar subject matter done by Canadian and U.S. contemporaries, as well as comparing the Jackson work with the work of artists in other media. "An example would be paintings of Montreal by Georges Delfosse."

The results of Jezierski's research will be published. "I hope to enable both U.S. and Canadian scholars to understand better the image of the Canadian land and people developing during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries," Jezierski said.

Jezierski has received numerous awards and honors. In addition to the two Canadian grants, he was awarded a stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1983. He served as an exchange professor to Shikoku Women's University in Tokushima, Japan, in 1983-84. In 1981 he received the Franc A. Landee Award for Excellence in Teaching, and in 1983 he was named Distinguished Faculty Member by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards.

SVSC OFFERS TOUR OF POLAND

Participants on a 15-day tour of Poland, offered by SVSC, will need to refer to their itineraries often as they travel across the Iron Curtain country. The trip, open to the campus community, promises a wide exposure to Poland's cultural heritage.

The "Many Faces of Poland" tour is scheduled for the last two weeks of June, 1986.

Travelers will spend 15 days visiting five of Poland's best-known cities from June 14 through 28. Cost of the tour is \$1,489, including round trip air fare on LOT Polish Airlines from Detroit to Warsaw, complimentary in-flight meals and beverages, accommodations for 15 nights at first class hotels in Poland, round trip transfers between airport and hotel, full sightseeing and entrance fees with English speaking guides, and three meals each day.

Bus transportation is available from the Saginaw and Bay City areas to Detroit Metro Airport's International Terminal. A non-stop flight from Detroit will arrive at Okecie Airport in Warsaw on Sunday, June 15.

The next morning guests will depart for Gdansk to visit the Gothic Castle of the Teutonic Knights in Malborg. Tours of the tri-cities of Gdansk, Gdynia and Sopot will

introduce Poland's coastal center. In Gdansk-Oliwa, a concert on the cathedral's famous organ will be presented. A half-day excursion by boat is planned to the Westerplatte Peninsula, a historic World War II battleground.

Next on the itinerary is a visit to Poznan for sight-seeing at the Gothic-cum-Renaissance Town Hall, Gothic and Baroque churches and neoclassical palaces. There is an excursion to nearby Kornik Castle, which is situated in a park and houses a museum. A special visit is planned to Poznan University, also known as the Adam Mickiewicz University. On the ninth day, the group will stop by Krakow for an excursion to the Wieliczka Salt Mines.

The tour continues with a visit to Zakopane, a favorite year-round resort in the Tatras mountain range, and a stop by Pieniny National Park for a raft ride down the Dunajec River. Winding up the stay will be a visit to the world-renowned monastery of Jasna Gora, and morning sight-seeing of Warsaw, including lunch and entertainment at the "Gosciniac Opolski" restaurant. Before returning home, a final excursion is scheduled to Zelazowa Wola, the birthplace of Frederic Chopin, and Niepokalanow, the Franciscan friary of Father M. Kolbe, a World War II martyr.

Those who find the trip too short may make arrangements to extend their stay and return on a later flight. Special air fare rates for the Poland tour are available for children between two to 12 years of age; children under two years will fly free of charge. The complete air/tour package price is per person, based on double occupancy. A single room supplement is \$190.

Veteran Poland travelers Marie Senkowski of Essexville and Helen Weiss of Saginaw will serve as co-hosts. For further information or to make reservations, contact Dr. Anna

Dadlez, associate professor of Polish, at extension 4315, Senkowski at 893-5042, or Weiss at 752-0987. Detailed itineraries are available and advance registrations are required.

HOLIDAY CLOSING PROCEDURES RE-EMPHASIZED

Campus offices will close for Holiday Break beginning 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 20. All offices except Admissions will remain closed through Sunday, December 29. Offices will reopen Monday, December 30, but will close again Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1. The official paid holidays will be December 24 and 25 for Christmas, and December 31 and January 1 for New Year's. **December 23 and 26 are additional personal holidays granted to employees by the College.** The information on these two days provided in the December 10 issue of the Interior was incorrectly stated.

Employees wishing to receive payment for December 27 must use either vacation or personal days. Employees who are members of a bargaining unit are covered by the provisions of their contract, and should contact either the Personnel Office or the executive committee of their unit with questions about arrangements. Those who do not have sufficient vacation or personal time may request advance leave. Employees must make arrangements with their respective department heads if they do not intend to work on December 30.

Mail delivered on December 23 and 24 at SVSC will be distributed on December 30, according to Business and Auxiliary Services Director Dale T. Irish. "Since Delta College will be closed from December 24 through January 1, and because all SVSC mail goes through Delta," Irish said, "all mail received between December 25 and January 1 will be delivered starting January 2." All outgoing mail will be processed and delivered to the post office as usual when offices reopen.

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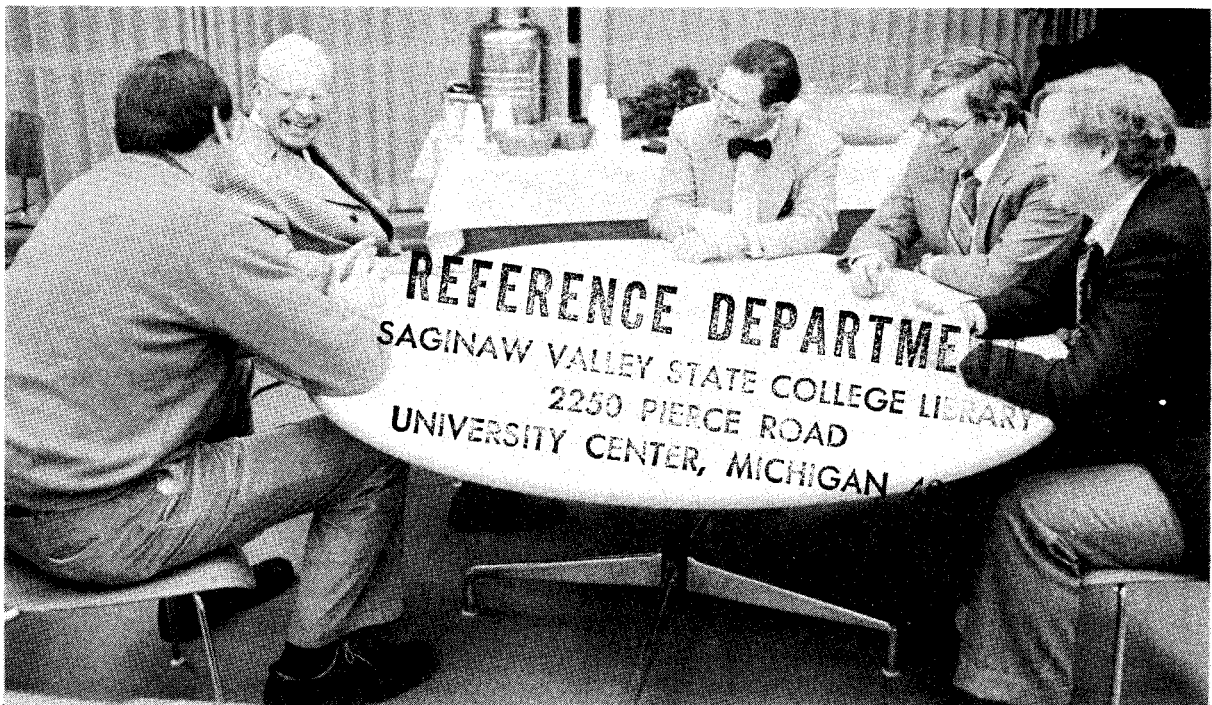
--The Cardinal **bowling** team turned in an outstanding performance at the prestigious National Collegiate Team Match Game Championships in St. Louis last week, finishing in ninth place. More than 100 college teams competed in the tourney. Coach Berner Gorden said he feels SVSC is right on the verge of being able to beat teams of national prominence. Currently, the team is composed of four sophomores and two freshmen.

--The **women's basketball** team is back from the first half of a six-game road trip. The Lady Cards recorded a 74-68 win over the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a team that played in the NAIA National Tournament for the past two seasons. Marquette University, a Division I program, was stung 63-55 by SVSC on Saturday. On Sunday Aquinas College, SVSC's District 23 rival for the last several years, took a 69-49 licking. Leading scorer Sonja Paquin, who was named GLIAC Player of the Week, has moved up to fifth place on the SVSC scoring list. Paquin, who passed Gail Goestenkers (1,158), needs to score only one point for a career total of 1,200 points. The team's overall season record stands at 5-1. The women will take 12 days off before resuming action against Wisconsin-Green Bay on December 29.

--The **men's basketball** team suffered its first loss Saturday in the Taylor Ivanhoe Classic at Upland, Indiana. SVSC committed 23 turnovers in a 62-55 loss to host Taylor University in the championship game. In addition, Taylor University made nearly every shot in the second half, sinking 15 of 18, with most shots coming from the perimeter. The loss snaps the Cardinals' 18-game win streak. The Cards advanced to the championship game by defeating Indiana University-South Bend, 85-53, on Friday evening. IUSB jumped out to an 8-6 lead five minutes into the game, but a 16-2 surge that gave SVSC a 22-10 lead put the Cards ahead for good. Steve Schmok and Robert Goggins were named to the all-tourney team. The men, 6-1 overall, will take on U-M/Dearborn Saturday, December 21, at 3:00 p.m. in Cardinal Gymnasium.

The next issue of the Interior will be distributed Tuesday, January 7, 1986. Copy deadline will be 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 2. Additional lead time is appreciated. Send items for the Interior to Information Services or phone ext. 4054.

The campus will be closed beginning Friday, December 20, at 4:30 p.m., and will reopen for one day on Monday, December 30, and then on Thursday, January 2 at 8:00 a.m.



Enjoying themselves at a reception hosted by the Library and Learning Resources Center on December 10 are [from left]: Dr. John Willertz, professor of history; Melvin J. Zahnow, for whom the new library will be named; Wayne E. Mackie, associate professor of finance; Dr. William Barnett, dean of the School of Arts and Behavioral Sciences; and Clifton H. Jones, director of the Library and Learning Resources Center.

PHYSICAL PLANT RECOMMENDS ENERGY SAVING MEASURES

Physical Plant recommends the following steps to reduce SVSC's energy consumption. Individual rooms and areas that have separate heating controls should be "dialed down" or off on evening and weekends where water lines, plants or special equipment are not a concern. Also, turn off lighting when leaving an area for longer than 15 minutes. Turn off all portable space heaters, typewriters, calculators, radios, coffeepots, etc., when not in use. Check to make sure windows are closed and locked, and that doors are completely closed.

Maintain thermostat settings between 68 and 72 degrees in the heating season, and between 76 and 80 degrees in the cooling season. Report malfunctioning equipment to Physical Plant by phoning extension 4080.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Public Safety is continuing its motorist assist program during winter semester. A motorist assist vehicle can provide battery jumps, help unlock cars, get gas, and remove cars that are stuck in snow. The service generally is available Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m., and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to all faculty, staff, students and visitors at SVSC. To receive help, call Public Safety at extension 4141.

Before indulging in the 'holiday spirits,' remember Michigan's tough drunk driving laws. Most people can drink safely one ounce of alcohol (or one beer or glass of wine) per hour. Any consumption beyond that tends to increase a person's blood alcohol content to the point of being impaired or intoxicated. Michigan law for driving while impaired or intoxicated includes loss of driving privileges, substantial fines, and possible jail sentences. Drive defensively, and return safe for the winter semester.

CERAMIC WORK BY PELLERITO ON DISPLAY AT SVSC

Marlene Pellerito, instructor of art, will be exhibiting her ceramic pieces at the SVSC Arts Workshop Gallery from January 7 to 24, 1986.

Pellerito is a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts in Berlin, Germany. After graduation she came to Michigan where she has

worked as a painter and ceramic sculptor. Pellerito, whose work has been exhibited throughout the state, is currently on the staff of the Midland Center for the Arts.

The SVSC Art Workshop Gallery is located in the '68 Building, and is open during art class hours. Admission is free. For more information call the SVSC Fine Arts Office at extension 4159 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

DANCE COMPOSITION COURSE OFFERED THIS WINTER

A beginning level course for people with little or no dance experience is being offered by Barbara Zivich, dance instructor, this winter semester. "Dance Composition," Physical Education 322, is a two credit hour course that will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:30. According to Zivich, students will explore the basic elements of dance through lectures and assignments designed to build self-confidence. For further information, call Zivich at 792-0839.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Dr. George Eastland, professor of chemistry, has been elected chairman of the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society for 1987.

Eastland, who will serve as chairman-elect for 1986, previously has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Section. He has been quite active in Section affairs, serving on a number of committees in the past 10 to 15 years.

The Midland Section includes members of the American Chemical Society at the Dow Chemical Company, Dow Corning, Delta College, Central Michigan University, Alma College, and SVSC. The Section has been nominated several times over the past few years as an outstanding Section in the American Chemical Society.

Next fall, Eastland also will be chairman of the Author's Night meeting, one of the two big meetings held by the Section every year. The other big meeting is the fall Scientific Meeting. The event presents posters from 20 people chosen by the Author's Night Committee to represent all of the people who have published one or more papers the previous year. The meeting will be held at SVSC in the new science facility, making it one of the first efforts to showcase the new building to the scientific community.