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FLEITAS OFFERS VIEW OF CUBAN SOCIETY

Students who feel they work too hard in America should try living in Cuba.

This is the response that Dr. Ignacio J. Fleitas has for his students who may complain about having too much work. Fleitas, an instructor of Spanish and world geography at St. Charles High School, presented a lecture at SVSC on political and economic conditions in Cuba and Central America. The program was sponsored by the International Studies Committee and the International Programs office.



"It is easy in America," Fleitas said. "I came to this country in 1962, so I can't say we suffered when the Communists started to rule. The major principle of the communist countries is to make the whole society maintain a constant struggle of the classes; rich against poor, slaves and the masters, and mainly employers against the employees."

Fleitas emphasized that in Cuba, all businesses are run by the government. Free enterprise is not permissible in a communist country. "In Cuba, for example, the restaurants and funeral homes are operated by the state," Fleitas explained. He noted that children in communist countries also are educated by the state. "Those who excel are provided a wonderful education," he said, adding, "and those who do not excel are forced to do manual work." Currently Cubans face a life style that is marked by Communist control. Whenever Fidel Castro speaks, all homes MUST have their radios and televisions turned on; horse and carriage is the major mode of public transportation; laborers in

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the plants also are required to work for military installations for no pay, since "there is no over-time in Cuba," according to Fleitas. Cubans have no paid holidays, and the average monthly income is about \$114 to \$200, Fleitas said.

"If you have a car in Cuba, you are allowed only 20 gallons of gas a month, unless you are a governmental official," Fleitas said. "Many people are turning to alcohol because they are under-fed, and the only thing that is not under a rationing system is alcoholic beverages." Prostitution and venereal disease is increasing among young people, who are taken away from their parents and sent to camps for academic instruction and to work in the fields at the same time.

A normal situation in Cuba is to receive only one pound of salt every 15 days. No corn meal or baking flour is made available. If a person kills a cow or young bull in order to feed his family, he is sentenced to five years in prison--even if it was his own animal.

Inflation in Cuba is so high it costs \$24 for a pound of coffee, if it can be found at all. Public utilities, such as water and electricity, are shut off for perhaps four hours at a time to save on the amount of imported oil needed to operate the utility companies. The day marking Castro's start of the revolution, July 26, has replaced Christmas as a holiday observance. "During the festivities on the 26th of July, they give presents to the children in the name of Fidel Castro," Fleitas said.

Fleitas was fortunate to have contacts in the U.S. so that he could send his family, and later purchase a plane ticket in order to join them. Fleitas was born in Carlos Rojas, Cuba, in 1921. He is married and has six children, all of whom are American citizens.

SVSC RECOGNIZES INCREASING NUMBER OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

On the outside, one can watch SVSC grow. But other than increased enrollment, what's happening on the inside?

One progressive internal movement noted at the college is toward more involvement of students in professional and social clubs and organizations on the campus. There are currently 38 registered organizations at SVSC, a 16 percent increase over the past year. Participation in existing organizations has been harder to measure because of the difficulty in determining which members are no longer active.

"Having 90 percent commuters makes it tougher to get people really involved," said Diane Brimmer, coordinator of campus activities and orientation. "Obviously, students who have distances to drive back and forth, as well as job and family responsibilities, have difficulty allowing time for extra-curricular clubs."

Brimmer feels quality leadership and well organized programs are the keys to attracting these students into organizations. "These students typically don't have time to waste at meetings where no one seems to take charge, or where everything is unorganized and nothing gets done," she said.

"People who come to us ready to register a new club or organization are usually juniors or seniors in the traditional age bracket," said Dan Strasz, student government president. "They seem to be highly motivated and career oriented." He said that it can be just as hard to get young students, namely freshmen and sophomores, to join as it is students at the other end of the spectrum.

"Especially in dealing with professional organizations, many young or new students haven't zeroed in enough on a career choice to join an organization," said Strasz. "They haven't been told the benefits of this type of involvement, both at the time and for the future. I think it's up to the juniors and seniors to provide the leadership, and try to bring in the younger students. Continuity is important."

Strasz stressed the benefits of belonging to such organizations, especially for the younger students. "Being involved does look good on a resume, but it's more than that,"

said Strasz. "It offers the students a side to college and/or their major that they don't get without it. It's also a good way to meet people both on campus and in the community."

The first step Strasz recommends to those interested in starting an organization is to find an advisor. The student organization registration guidelines state that "said organization shall have either a staff or faculty member as an advisor."

"Students usually can find staff or faculty members who would be willing to work with them if the group has a few motivated people with ideas on what they'd like to do," said Strasz. "I also recommend that a group find an individual in the community who socially or professionally would be a good association for the group, and is willing to advise."

After an advisor, a student organization registration form should be obtained from the student government office, completed and returned to the office. Upon receiving the application, recognition would be given or denied, as designated by a majority vote of the student senate.

"An Inter Club Council is just forming," said Strasz. "All clubs and organizations are encouraged to participate. We exchange ideas and conduct fund raisers, etc. This council would be exactly where students could go for advice if they are interested in starting a club."

"I recommend that students follow up on any ideas they might have for founding chapters of clubs and organizations on this campus. It's not only good for those directly involved, but good for the college as well," concluded Strasz.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Students working for college departments are required to submit a Financial Aid Form (FAF) in order to be considered for student employment for 1986-87 fall and winter semesters. The need analysis report must be received by the Financial Aid office prior to the April 1, 1986 deadline. Encourage students to send in their completed FAF early, since processing usually takes four to six weeks. Remind students that employment is not automatically awarded from year to year; only students who reapply will be considered. Call Financial Aid at ext. 4103 for copies of the financial aid form.

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE COLLEGE

CALNDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

7	"Days of Heaven;" 7:45 p.m., Wickes Hall lecture theatre. Romantic Drama. Admission by pro-rated membership, available at the door. Call Dr. Ishihara at ext. 4154 for more detailed information.
11	Cooperative Education Drive-In Workshop; 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., lower level Doan Center. Registration fee is \$10.00. For more information contact Gary Apsey, Placement & Cooperative Education office at ext. 4291.
12	History Day; 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., lower level Doan Center. Students grades 6 - 12 compete for prizes in the "Conflicts and/or Compromises" theme category. Call Dr. Renna at ext. 4363 for more information.
12	Entrepreneurs Club Dinner Meeting; 6:00 p.m., lower level Doan Center. Area entrepreneurs meet for dinner and speaker. Contact the BIDI office at ext. 4048 for reservations and more information.
13	"Entertainment Around the World;" noon - 1:30 p.m., Doan Center. Enjoy presentations from various ethnic groups. Free admission. Contact ext. 4069 for more information.
22, 23	"The Arkansaw Bear;" Theatre. Performances on 3/22 are at 2 & 7 p.m.; on 3/23 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$3, students \$1, and faculty and staff receive 2 complimentary tickets. For reservations and information contact ext. 4110.
18-19	Non-Stop Poetic Cabaret; 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., lower level Doan Center. A creative celebration of the arts. For more information contact Beth Medley at ext. 4432 or 4284.
20	IRRA Dinner and Meeting; 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., lower level Doan Center. Contact Dr. James Mitchell at ext. 4064 for more information.
21	"The Idiot;" 7:45 p.m., Wickes Hall lecture theatre. Dostoyevsky's tale of madness and jealousy. Admission by pro-rated membership, available at the door. Contact Dr. Terry Ishihara at ext. 4154 for more information.
24	Salad Bar Concert; noon - 1:00 p.m., Doan Mall. A live concert featuring SVSC's Jazz Ensemble. Admission is free. Taco salad bar available for \$1.25. Call Diane Brimmer at ext. 4170 for more information.
24-27	Handicap Awareness Week; 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., lower level Doan Center. Various awareness events. Contact Ted Nitz at ext. 4273 for more information.
2/24 - 3/18	Woodblock Prints by Frances Quint. Art Gallery. Free admission. Contact the Fine Arts Department at ext. 4159 for more information and gallery hours.
25	"May You Sleep In An Uncomfortable Bed: Reflections on Teaching in Rwanda;" 4 - 5 p.m., Room 314 Wickes Hall. Lecture by Dr. Thomas Hearn, professor of English. Contact ext. 4069 for more details.

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31	Lunch Lecture: "Tax Planning;" noon - 1:30 p.m., lower level Doan Center. Free admission. Contact Diane Brimmer at ext. 4170 for more information.
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TRIP TO TORONTO OFFERED

The University Club is sponsoring an excursion to Toronto during Spring Break, March 6 through 9. Participants can vote to stay at one of three possible hotels, including the Royal York, Holiday Inn and Sheraton Centre. Prices range from \$86 to \$102 per person for two nights. Also, travelers may specify a departure date of either Thursday, March 6 or Friday, March 7. The train for Toronto leaves Port Huron at 5:00 p.m., arriving at 9:15 a.m. in Toronto. The return train departs on Sunday at 1:10 p.m., and arrives in Port Huron at 4:40 p.m. Interested club members should contact Gary Apsey no later than February 26 by phoning ext. 4291.

WORKSHOP SET FOR EMPLOYERS AND EDUCATORS

The Cooperative Education Drive-In Institute will be held Tuesday, March 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in lower level Doan Center. Sponsors include Stalker, Inc., Midwest Center for Cooperative Education, and SVSC. Purpose of the workshop, according to Placement and Cooperative Education Director Gary Apsey, is to update employers/educators on the economic and employment outlook for this geographic region, and to discuss cost effective employee recruitment. Cost to SVSC faculty and staff for the workshop is \$10 per person, which includes lunch and workshop materials. Registration deadline is Friday, March 7. For more information call ext. 4291.

CONFERENCE FOR FINANCIAL PLANNING SCHEDULED

Planning for the future as a farmer is the focus of an upcoming conference that will be held in the Alpine Room of the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn on Wednesday, March 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The conference is being sponsored by BIDI, units of the Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State University for 13 counties in the SVSC service area, and four area small business centers. The primary emphasis of the conference will be on the financial planning needs of farmers who are interested in borrowing money.

Ronald G. Belinsky, a CPA with the firm of Rehmann Robson Osburn and Company of Saginaw, will explain the business plan to conference participants. A panel discussion with questions and answers on farm financing also will be held. Faculty and staff interested in registering for the conference should contact Amy Ferguson by calling ext. 4048.

COLOR WOODCUT DISPLAY AT SVSC GALLERY

A display of color woodcuts in the Japanese style by Frances H. Quint will be featured in the Arts Workshop from February 24 through March 18. During 1985, Quint's work was displayed at the Hunterdon Art Center National Print Exhibit in Clinton, New Jersey, and at the PRINT Ann Arbor Art Association. Quint also won an honorable mention award from the Miniature Art Society of New Jersey. Quint is a graduate of Parsons School of Design, New York City, and Wayne State University. The SVSC gallery is located in the '68 Building, and is open during art class hours. Admission is free. For more information call extension 4159.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--The third annual **Children's Health Fair** will be held in Doan Center on February 26 and 27. Children in first through third grades will be participating. The event is sponsored by the Red Cross and is open to the campus community.

--Remember to turn in **Landee Award** nominations to Dr. Guy Lee before March 1, 1986.

--The Valley Film Society will screen "**Days of Heaven**" on Friday, March 7, in Wickes Lecture Hall. Show time is 7:45 p.m. For membership information call ext. 4154.

--"Checking Out Your Competition" will be the topic of discussion at the March 12 meeting of the **Entrepreneurs Club**. The evening begins with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. in Doan Center. Faculty and staff can contact Amy Ferguson for reservation details by phoning extension 4048.

--SVSC will host the region 5 **History Day** competitions for students in grades six through 12 on Wednesday, March 12. Activities are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in lower level Doan Center. Admission is free and open to the campus community. Contact Dr. Renna at ext. 4363 for details.

--Deadline for submission of **1985-86 Curriculum Proposals** is March 14, 1986. Proposals received by this date and recommended by the College Curriculum Committee will be included in a fall 1986 ratification; ratified proposals will become effective winter 1987. All committee meetings are open to faculty, and attendance is encouraged. For more details call Dr. Crystal Lange at ext. 4145.

MEETING SCHEDULE WITH ARCHITECT ANNOUNCED

The college community is invited to participate in the planning process for the proposed Physical Education, Health and Outdoor Facility. The architects and other consultants will be on campus from March 31 through April 4 to conduct an intensive program and planning analysis. Meetings will be held in the small private dining room in Doan Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. All interested persons are welcome to attend to express concerns and add suggestions. Call Dr. Hansen at ext. 4119 for more details.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Youngsters in the SVSC Children's Center now have additional blocks to use for play as a result of a \$125 donation from the **Public Safety Office**. Ronald E. Trepkowski, Public Safety officer, said most of the money was generated by cashing in returnable beverage cans and bottles.

--**Mr. Thomas Waske**, sports information director, has won fourth place in the NAIA 1985 Sports Publications Contest. Waske's winning entry was the 1985 football media guide. All award recipients will be honored at an awards banquet on Sunday, March 16.

PERSONNEL

--Members of the **Secretarial/Clerical Association** are invited to participate in a professional improvement seminar, entitled "How to Prevent Burn Out By Getting the Most Out of Your Job." The program will be held in lower level Doan Center on Friday, February 28. Two repeating sessions will be offered, with the first beginning at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., and again from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Guest speaker is Teresa Sharland-Shinedling, chief psychiatric social worker at Planning for Living in Bay City. Call the Personnel office for more details.

EVENTWATCH

Feb. 26...Women's BB: District Opening Game
Feb. 26,27...Children's Health Fair
Mar. 2-9...SPRING BREAK
Mar. 3...Men's BB: District Opening Game
Mar. 7...VFS: "Days of Heaven"

For times and details see monthly calendar or call Information Services

JO STANLEY NAMED TO FILL VACANCY IN OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Jo Stanley, Coordinator of Alumni Relations and Special Events, has been selected to fill the role of Administrative Assistant in the Office of the President, succeeding Marilyn Gordon Dresser, who resigned to raise a family. Mrs. Stanley, who has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan, joined the staff of SVSC in 1979. She served as Executive Secretary to the Vice President for Development until May of 1983, when she was promoted to the position of Coordinator of Alumni Relations and Special Events.

Dr. Ryder said, "After screening many excellent candidates from both inside and outside the College, I am extremely pleased that Jo Stanley, an inside candidate, has been promoted to this important position. Jo was the best qualified candidate for the position and brings a record of exemplary experience at the College. She is a native of Bay City where she now resides with her husband, Louis, and her sons Joseph and Steven."

According to President Ryder, a search will begin immediately to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Stanley's departure from the office of Alumni Relations.

Due to Spring Break, March 2-9, the next issue of The Interior will be published March 11, 1986. Deadline for articles is Wednesday, March 5, at noon.

HIGH FIVE

--Both **men's and women's basketball** teams will participate in the NAIA District 23 Tournament. The opening round for the **women** is set for Wednesday, February 26, at 7:30 against Northwood in Cardinal Gym. Nationals are played in Kansas City's Kemper Arena on March 14-18. The **men** will take on Siena Heights Monday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Cardinal Gym. Winners of the men's district will advance to the nationals at Kemper Arena, March 12-18.

--SVSC found the competition especially tough in the NAIA national **indoor track** championships last weekend. The Cardinals, after coming off the finest performance of the season at the district meet last week, managed three All-Americans. The Lady Cards failed to score, in part due to a disqualification in the mile relay.