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DATeline-JAPAN: STERCHELE REPORT

Dr. Norman Sterchele, associate professor of education, is spending winter semester in Tokushima, Japan, as part of SVSC's exchange program with Shikoku Women's University. As he entered the eighth week there, he reported his impressions and experiences.

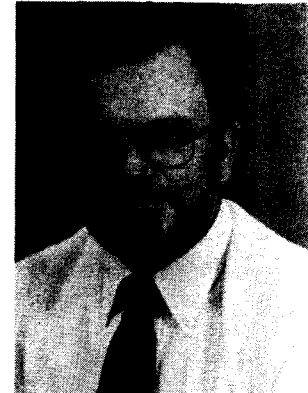
The transition was not without its degree of "culture shock," Sterchele said. "I left the U.S. a 'bright Ph.D.' and within 20 hours was transformed into an illiterate in a culture about which I knew very little. That was a difficult and at the same time a very exciting process to go through, because, along with the illiterate status, I also found myself an innocent for the second time in my life.

"I knew nothing of the wiles of (Japanese) culture, and everything was new and amazing to me. I saw new people talking with strange tongues and found everyone scurrying to get somewhere, but I didn't understand where. There was so much that was different from my experience that I was just in awe."

His limited knowledge of the Japanese language and culture did not keep Sterchele on the sidelines for long, he noted. "Within a week the S.W.U. had me delivering an address on America and American education. I soon found that I had given five addresses and had begun to teach a short term class in American Education and American Family. During those early weeks I attended at least twenty meetings with school (S.W.U.) and Tokushima personnel."

After the initial period of adjustment to new surroundings, Sterchele has settled into an academic routine. "I am writing materials to be used in my classes, helping to edit materials and books and preparing for a trip the English Department will take beginning March 5," he said. He indicated the trip

Dr. Norman
Sterchele



would include some eleven senior level students who will travel to Singapore, Bangkok and Hong Kong. Following that excursion, Sterchele plans to travel to Shanghai, Taiwan, Korea, and Okinawa -- "and perhaps the Philippines if the atmosphere there eventually cools down."

During his stay in Japan, Sterchele will investigate Japanese educational methods and study the outcomes, as well as interviewing school-related personnel about the strengths and weaknesses of the Mombusho-oriented system. "I am also getting some interesting material on the changes which are taking place in the Japanese culture today," he said.

"My overall impressions are that this is a culture of very fine people who have many of the same goals which we have, and that they work very hard to achieve them. The people I have met are very honest with me and are more helpful than I have ever experienced before. Every day that goes by increases my admiration for many of the qualities of this society."

Sterchele said he considers the exchange experience a privilege. "I know I have grown a great deal in tolerance since I have been here. This is certainly an experience every professor and person who works with people should have. I also think that the students who are able to make such exchanges must profit in proportion to the time they are able to spend in a different culture."

* * *NEWS FROM SPONSORED PROGRAMS* * *

SVSC RECEIVES WHITING FOUNDATION GRANT

Thanks to a \$2,750 grant from The Whiting Foundation, handicapped students with vision and hearing impairments will have access to a growing number of resources at the college. Items that will be purchased with the grant money include fitness equipment, a Porta Printer/Model 20 * (for printing messages from the telephone for hearing impaired persons), Braille Webster's New World Dictionary, and free weight equipment designed for the handicapped. The Whiting Foundation, located in Flint, responded to a request from Dr. Philip Beal, dean of students.

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CATHERINE MCMICHAEL JOINS VALLEY WOODWIND QUINTET FOR MARCH 26 CONCERT

The Valley Woodwind Quintet will perform an evening of French Chamber Music on Wednesday, March 26 in the SVSC theatre. Accompanying the Quintet will be noted pianist Catherine McMichael.

McMichael has appeared as a soloist and visiting instructor in Washington, New Orleans, Chicago, Columbus, Chautauqua, Little Rock, and London, England. She has presented chamber concerts at the University of Michigan-Flint, where she is instructor of piano and accompanying. In addition, she has performed on live public radio concert broadcasts, and with members of the Northwood Symphony. Also performing with the Quintet and McMichael will be several members of the Midland Symphony. Complimentary tickets for the 8:00 p.m. performance are provided to faculty and staff. For reservations call ext. 4389.

HISTORY DAY WINNERS ADVANCE TO STATE

Twenty area high school students will advance to state competition next month after successfully competing in the National History Day Northeast Michigan Competition held at SVSC on March 12.

The National History Day contest is designed to encourage young people to explore a historical topic. Theme for this year's event is "Conflicts and/or Compromises." Coordinating the competitions at SVSC were Thomas Trombley, curator at the Saginaw County Historical Society, and Dr. Thomas

RESOURCE LIBRARY AVAILABLE TO FACULTY/STAFF

The Office of Sponsored Programs has established a lending library of successful proposals available to all interested faculty and staff. Subject areas include arts and behavioral sciences, business, education, library resources, nursing, and science. Functional categories include research, fellowships, program development, travel, and equipment acquisition. Also available are copies of funded proposals from out-of-state institutions. The materials are housed in the Office of Sponsored Programs, located in the Administrative Services Building.

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Renna, professor of history. According to Renna, all first and second place winners will compete in the May 10 state competition in Detroit. State winners will go on to compete in Washington, D.C. this June. "I might note that we have had several contestants compete on the national level," Renna said. "Currently some 44 states participate in National History Day."

The students were entered in one of six categories: historical paper, individual project, group project, media presentation (individual or group), individual performance, or group performance. Next year's Northeast Michigan Competition will be held at SVSC in mid-March. The chosen theme will be "Liberties, Rights and Responsibilities in History." For more information on History Day activities call Renna at ext. 4363 or Trombley at 799-5125.

SVSC GALLERY DISPLAYING JAPANESE ART

An exhibit of contemporary Japanese Art is on display at the SVSC Art Gallery. The show runs through April 11.

Featured are the works of Maki, Chicko and Tsuchiya, all artists with an international reputation. These pieces are part of a major exhibit of Japanese prints now at the Troy Art Gallery in Troy, Michigan. "These works are typical of the innovative approaches used by Japanese artists, and represent some of the most creative art of our times," said Dr. Barron Hirsch, chairman of the Art Department. Admission to the Arts Workshop Gallery is free and open to the campus community. Call ext. 4159 for more information.

SVSC STUDENTS NAMED TO NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST

Thirty-six students from SVSC have been named to the National Dean's List. The criteria for selection includes achieving a 4.0 (A) grade point average for winter 1985 and fall 1985 while carrying 12 or more credit hours. Students on the list are: Andrew C. Atkari; Michelle M. Baillargeon; James A. Bays; Geraldine E. Broughman; Robert W. Cederberg, Jr.; Ann R. Clynick; Alexa R. Coombs; Kevin S. Cragg; Linda A. Dahn; Sheila A. Diberardino; Susan L. Divine; Carole A. Dodge; John R. Duyck; Marie E. Emmendorfer; Duane J. Englehardt; David M. Gould; Susan F. Groeger; Phillip W. Kerns; Annmarie G. Koleda; Cathy J. Laundra; Cynthia A. List; Trina M. Martinez; Patricia L. Naugle; Ricardo A. Pastor; Michael W. Pickell; Carol L. Piesik; John W. Pressprich; Joda C. Serbus; Clifford C. Suing; Joy A. Tessin; Leslie L. Tucker; Patricia E. Tucker; Susan K. Weisenberger; Peggy A. Witherspoon; Renee J. Witte; and Anne E. Zechmeister.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--Dr. Gene Hamilton still needs assistance from the campus community in securing transportation for a **visiting scholar** from the People's Republic of China. Ms. Gu Shaohua arrived in Saginaw on March 22 and expects to be here through June 30, 1987. Hamilton is asking employees from Bay City to consider offering this service. Anyone willing to help should call ext. 4068.

--**Handicappers Awareness Week** activities continue with a movie, "Coming Home," shown today at 2:00 p.m. in lower level Doan Center, and at 10:00 p.m. in Wickes Lecture Hall. Admission is free. A luncheon will be held in lower level Doan at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26. A limited number of tickets are available at the door for \$3.50 for those without reservations. Call ext. 4273 for more information on events.

--English professor Dr. Thomas Hearron will present "**May You Sleep in an Uncomfortable Bed: Reflections on Teaching in Rwanda**" Tuesday, March 25, at 4:00 p.m. in Wickes Hall faculty lounge. Refreshments will be served. Call extension 4473 for details.

--"**Increasing Your Assets through Tax Planning**" is the topic of a luncheon/lecture to be held in Doan Mall on Monday, March 31 from noon to 1:00 p.m. Guests may bring a lunch or purchase a carry-in meal from the

Snackbar. Guest speaker Al Gourdji, assistant secretary of Dow Corning, Inc., will draw on his own experience in tax and financial planning to discuss various incentives that enable businesses and individuals to save taxes and/or defer payment. He also will point out pitfalls to avoid. For more information call extension 4170.

--Dr. Jerzy Kutnik, assistant professor of American studies at Marie Curie-Sklodowska University in Poland, will present a lecture on Thursday, March 27. "**The Uprooted Generation: Young Polish Fiction of the 1970's**" will be the topic of the talk, held in Wickes Hall faculty lounge from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

--Deadline for submitting materials for **Student Recognition Day** is April 1. The sixth annual event will be April 14. Certificates for student employees are available at no cost by calling Campus Activities at extension 4170.

--SVSC will host the **Saginaw Valley Blood Drive** on Wednesday, April 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Wickes third floor north concourse. Call Gloria Hansen in Health Services at ext. 4272 for more information.

--The story of an impoverished laborer, his son, and the bicycle that is essential to their survival is presented in "**The Bicycle Thief**." This Valley Film Society program will be held in Wickes Lecture Theatre on Friday, April 4. Show time is 7:45 p.m. For membership information call extension 4154.

--Faculty and staff are invited to honor the senior class at the first annual "**25 Days Party**." The event will be held at Cinema & Suds, 4450 Fashion Square Blvd., Saginaw. The fun will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, with live entertainment and no cover charge. Please make reservations before April 1 by phoning extension 4170.

--SVSC Campus Dining Services is offering the annual Graduate/Alumni Buffet and Brunch on May 2 and 3 in Doan Center. Faculty and staff are encouraged to make reservations before April 21 by contacting Renee Karbowski by phoning extension 4162.

--According to Bookstore manager Betty Wineland, the deadline for submitting **textbook orders** for the fall 1986 term is Thursday, April 3. For further information contact Wineland at extension 4277.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Dr. Anna Dadlez, associate professor of Polish, served as a panelist for the Polish American Congress, Michigan Division, at Wayne State University on March 16. The topic of the discussion was "Jews and Poles: Co-victims of the Holocaust."

--Dr. Thomas Hearron, professor of English, recently returned from the Seventh International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. Hearron presented a paper, titled "Telemachus in Space: The Search for the Father in the Star Wars Trilogy."

EVENTWATCH

Mar. 24-27 ... Handicappers Awareness Week
Mar. 25 ... Lecture: Dr. Thomas Hearron
Mar. 26 ... Concert: Valley Woodwind Quintet
Mar. 27 ... Lecture: Dr. Jerzy Kutnik
Mar. 28 ... Good Friday
Mar. 31 ... Lecture: Tax Planning
Apr. 1 ... Lecture: Dr. Robert Herrera

For times & details see monthly calendar
or call Information Services

HIGH FIVE

--The SVSC softball team has departed for California for a seven-day excursion that features 13 games against a variety of strong competition. Yesterday the Lady Cards opened the season with doubleheaders against Saddleback CC and Victor Valley CC. Today's schedule includes a twin bill with NCAA Division III California-San Diego, followed by an afternoon doubleheader with Minnesota-Duluth. A six-team round robin tournament will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Wednesday. According to first-year coach Art Tolfree, SVSC plays all NCAA Division I schools in the tournament, including Utah State, Nevada-Las Vegas, U.S. International and the Japanese All-Stars.

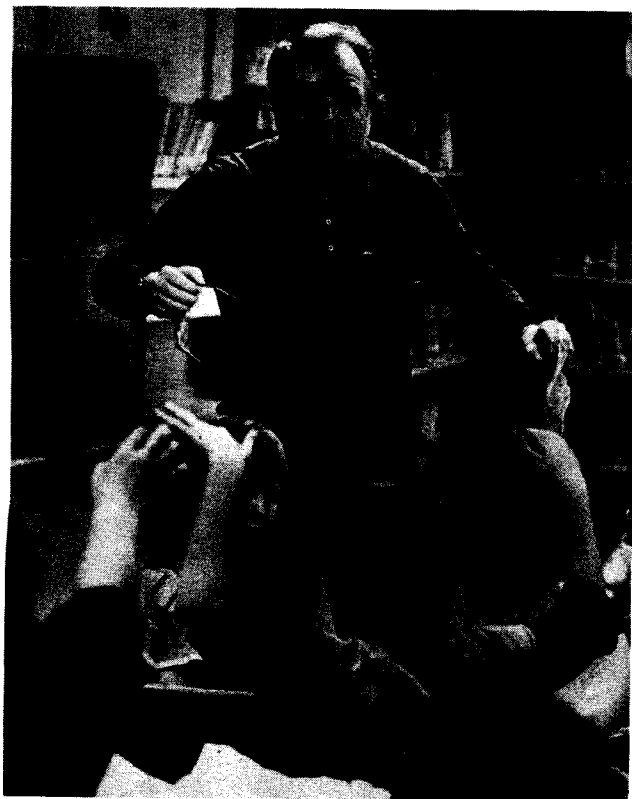
--Also on the road is the golf team. Coach Bob Becker has his Cardinals participating in two tournaments in the south, including the Max Ward Invitational at Elon College, N.C., and the Carson-Newman Eagle Invitational in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Senior All-American Kendall Kinsey, Tom Ham, Vic Morgan and Andy Bethune are among those who will be counted on to have a big season.

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Health Services is accepting orders for daffodils through Thursday, March 27. A bouquet of ten is \$3.50, and just one flower is 50 cents. Orders will be delivered anywhere on campus April 10. All proceeds will support American Cancer Society research. Call ext. 4272 to order.

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PLAYWRIGHT TEACHES KIDS TO PLAY/WRITE--"Arkansaw Bear" author Aurand Harris conducts a workshop for youngsters at Ling Elementary School in Hemlock. Harris explained to his young audience how to write and perform plays. In addition, Harris lectured at a pair of education classes at SVSC and attended matinee performances of the play. Harris represents the first guest artist hosted by the theatre department.



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