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THOMPSON RECEIVES FULBRIGHT

Dr. Gary Thompson, associate professor of English, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to the University of Gdansk in Poland, recently announced by the Board of Foreign Scholarships and the United States Information Agency.

Thompson, 36, joined the College in 1979. This is the second Fulbright grant he has received. In 1982-83, Thompson spent a year in Lublin, Poland at Marie Curie Sklodowska University.

Thompson is one of approximately 2,500 United States grantees being sent abroad for the 1987-88 academic year under the Fulbright exchange program. Established in 1946 under Congressional legislation introduced by former Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program is designed "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries."

Thompson's family will be accompanying him to Gdansk, which he said is his favorite Polish city. He said, culturally, it is a "very cosmopolitan" city.

Thompson described the trek (Please see page 2)

MUNOZ APPOINTED TO SVSC BOARD OF CONTROL

Ms. Carmen Munoz of Livonia has been appointed to the SVSC Board of Control. She was selected by Gov. James J. Blanchard to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Dr. Gutemando Salas, who was elected to the State Board of Education.

A graduate of Detroit College of Business, Ms. Munoz is president and owner of Munoz Machine Products in Livonia. The firm employs about 30 workers and supplies parts for Ford Motor Co., Chrysler Corp. and General Motors Corp. Munoz also is active in a number of state organizations, including the Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs. She serves on the board of directors of the Tri-County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Business Alliance and the Michigan Minority Business Development Council.

Her term on the SVSC governing board expires July 21, 1993.

Etceteras...

... Dr. Art Andrewes, chemistry professor, was the College's first Fulbright Scholar in 1982. He traveled to Trondheim, Norway.

... Dr. Thomas Hearron, English professor, received a Fulbright grant in 1984 to teach American literature at the National University of Rwanda, Africa.

... Dr. Lynn Herkstroeter, professor of French/German, received a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Germany the summer of 1985. She attended seminars in Bonn, Germany and Berlin.

... Most recently, Phyllis Hastings, associate professor of English, received a Fulbright to study a year in Africa. She will be at the University of Ahmadu Bello in Zaria, Nigeria, beginning in September.
(Continued from page 1) as a homecoming. "I am very happy to be going back," he said. "I know some students and faculty and we have friends there."

Individuals are selected on the basis of academic and professional qualifications, plus their ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences.

More than 155,000 "Fulbrighters," more than 54,000 from the United States and 101,000 from abroad, have participated in the program since it began 40 years ago. The program is administered by the U.S. Information Agency under policy guidelines established by the presidentially-appointed Board of Foreign Scholarships.

The U.S. Information Agency is an independent agency within the executive branch whose mission is to inform other nations about American society and to provide opportunities for Americans to learn about the rest of the world.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COURSE TO BE TAUGHT IN AUGUST

A non-credit archeology course designed for general interest will be offered August 5 through 21 at the Fletcher Site in Bay City.

"Field School in Archeology" will be coordinated with research being conducted by Michigan State University, under the direction of Dr. William Lovis.

Excavation will take place in Defoe Park.

The class will meet daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Class size is limited to 25. For further information, contact Joe Vogl in Conference Bureau, extension 4348. Cost is $76.50.

Continuing education units are available for the course. SVSC field work credits also are possible.

INCOMING STUDENT NETS BAY AREA SCHOLARSHIP

Incoming freshman Michele Behmlander of Midland was one of 10 Bay County high school students to receive scholarships from the Bay Area Community Foundation. The foundation awarded more than $10,000 in scholarships for the 1987-88 school year.

Behmlander netted the Bay City Kiwanis Scholarship for academic ability and financial need.

In addition, Behmlander received the SVSC Dean Award based on grade point average. Her twin sister, Colleen, received the SVSC Citizenship Award for service to the community.

The Behmlanders attended Bay City Western High School and are the daughters of Clyde and JoAnn Behmlander.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY INVITED TO HEAR 'THINKING CAMP' SPEAKERS

Two nationally-known educators will be speaking to campus audiences next week, and SVSC faculty, staff and students are encouraged to hear their messages.

Dr. Lionel Hampton Brown and Dr. Uvaldo Palomares are participating in a summer institute conducted by the Carrollton Public Schools and SVSC for educationally disadvantaged students. The project, funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Education, uses a three-pronged approach to supplement local educational programs.

First, 16 teachers from Carrollton, Flint Beecher, Arenac-Eastern and Saginaw City Schools will attend a two-and-a-half day training session. They will investigate teaching methods that help students develop thinking skills and a positive self image about learning.

The inservice session will be followed by a week-long "Thinking Camp" at SVSC, July 26-31. Fifty fifth grade students whose educational performance is not up to their potential will spend the week living on campus, attending classes and using College recreational facilities.

In addition, parents of the students, with area teachers and administrators, will hear presentations by Drs. Brown and Palomares.

Brown is principal of Withrow High School in Cincinnati. He has provided successful leadership to two major Ohio inner-city schools and will speak about his experiences and his belief that our children's education must become our top priority. His presentation is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, July 26.

Palomares will speak from 12:30 to 3 p.m., Friday, July 31. He is an educational consultant and co-creator of the Magic Circle Program, a curriculum for pre-school through high school children. He will discuss effective communication, problem solving, adult impact on children and advocacy for children's needs.

For information, call Dr. Doug Hansen, ext. 4119, or Carrollton Schools, 764-1475.
AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 The first class in a four-week course on "Harness Racing: A Sport, a Profession and an American Tradition," will take place from 9 a.m. to noon in a classroom to be announced. The class will open with an introduction to harness racing by instructor Bob Tice of Saginaw Valley Downs. Classes also will take place August 8, 15, 22 and 29 at area farms and race tracks. For more information, call the Conference Bureau at extension 4348.

3-7 A girls' basketball camp for seventh through 12th graders will take place in Cardinal Gymnasium. The camp is hosted by the Lady Cardinal varsity basketball team. For more information, call the athletic department at extension 4114.

4 Orientation for new and transfer college students will take place throughout campus. For more information, call campus activities at extension 4170.

8 The Saginaw Computer Club will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Pioneer Hall Room 224. For more information, call extension 4323.

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19 The Business and Industrial Development Institute is hosting a conference on "Pre-Award Surveys and Quality Control: The Government's Requirements," from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the large seminar room of the Administrative Services Building. For reservations, call BIDI at extension 4048.

26 Faculty/staff orientation for new personnel will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in locations to be announced.

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31 Classes begin for all SVSC students.

For information on these and other College events, contact Information Services at extension 4054.

SELECTED BOOKS FOR SALE IN SVSC BOOKSTORE

The bookstore staff encourages members of the campus community to stop by the store and browse through the selections.

CREDIT UNION AVAILABLE TO ALL COLLEGE EMPLOYEES

All SVSC employees are eligible to join Valley State Employees Credit Union, located at 2686 McLeod Drive, near Fashion Square Mall in Saginaw.

Membership is 25 cents and allows members access to all credit union services.

To become a member, contact Alice Cornejo in the Personnel Office, extension 4108.
PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

-- Bob Becker, director of athletics, recently was named to serve on the NAIA task force to examine academic standards. The task force reviews current academic requirements in the NAIA and considers possible legislation to strengthen those standards. The task force is studying admission and participation requirements of athletes, progression toward a degree and transfer eligibility.

-- Dr. Thomas Kullgren, dean of the school of science, engineering and technology, and Dr. Enayat Mahajerin, associate professor of mechanical engineering and technology, each presented two papers during the 1987 annual conference of the American Society for Engineering Education in Reno, Nevada, June 21-25. Mahajerin's papers were "Integrating the Boundary Element Method into a Design Course" and "A Simple Derivation of the Fast Fourier Transform." Kullgren presented papers titled "Independent Testing Laboratories -- A Case Study of a Successfully Adjunct to a College Engineering Program" and "Developing a New Faculty Internship with Industry Program."

HIGH FIVE

The NAIA-Sports Information Directors Association recently announced the final votes in its 1986-87 All-Sports competition.

The Cardinal men's teams posted 52 points to finish 21st among 182 scoring member institutions. The Lady Cardinals scored 47 points and finished 24th among 141 scoring schools.

Established in 1969, the contest measures the success of an institution's overall athletics program by the accumulation of points in postseason competition at the district, area and national levels.

SVSC men's teams scoring included 10th in cross country, 16th in golf, ninth in indoor track and 17th in outdoor track. The women placed fifth in basketball, seventh in softball, 17th in indoor track, 21st in outdoor track and 25th in tennis.

SVSC won the men's All-Sport title in 1981-82, while the women finished runners-up.

Construction crews on the site of the College's Health and Physical Education Center are making progress toward a February 1989 completion date. The $18.7 million center will encompass the current Cardinal Gymnasium.
From harvesting vegetables to gleaning grounds

Don Zorn's full-time job until 20 years ago was pulling roots. Today, his job involves establishing roots. At one time a vegetable farmer, the grounds worker now assures the continued growth of the College greenery.

Zorn, former head of the grounds crew in physical plant, has been with the College nearly two decades and witnessed its rapid growth from a two-building "schoolhouse" to an expansive college. Zorn recalled the days when "resident" students commuted from the Bancroft Hotel on Saginaw's east side. It wasn't until November 1968 -- one month after Zorn's arrival -- that students were moved into dormitories. At the time, the cafeteria was in the area that is now the art room and the physical plant property manager's office was the kitchen.

"Oh, there's been quite a change," Zorn said. "It changes so fast, you lose the closeness."

He added that SVSC has been a "fun" place to work. "I enjoy working with the students. I feel that's why we're here. I always look at what's best for the students."

Zorn also said as a foreman, and now as supervisor of student workers, he never asked his subordinates to perform work he would not.

Zorn's duties have altered to reflect other campus changes. He said live green plants inside buildings such as the IP-2 complex are new additions to his duty roster. Also, the addition of the football field in the mid-70s brought new obligations, as well as the expanded use of Cardinal Gymnasium.

Zorn said the faces and attitudes of students have changed as dramatically as his duties have.

Students now are more serious about school than in earlier days, he said. He believes increasing costs have forced parents to require their children's financial assistance. Zorn talked of the "streaking" days in the 1970s when one of his work-study students ran nude across campus in the chill of winter.

Zorn owns 80 acres of fertile land between Hemlock and St. Charles. As a farmer, he grew vegetables and maintained a greenhouse. Today, the land is leased and he and his wife, Sally, sustain a flower garden in a large yard.

Don Zorn oversees management of student workers on the groundskeeping crew of physical plan.
If questions about regional birds and chipmunks plague you, Dr. Gail Kantak may be able to ease your mind.

Kantak, assistant professor of biology, is in the midst of performing a census of birds attracted to the Tobico Marsh, adjacent to the State Park in Bay City. Beginning in the fall, she will start a study of the eastern chipmunk, the only critter of its kind native to the area.

Kantak has been involved with Tobico Marsh and the Jennison Nature Center since 1985 when SVSC and Delta began operating the center. She has been with the College since fall 1984. Also, Drs. David Dalgarn and Richard Trdan, biology professors, are extensively involved with the preserve and center.

The Jennison Nature Center is a building housing a nature display of birds, geology, a history of Michigan and two full-time naturalists. The preserve and the center have been state owned since 1956. In 1985, an agreement between the state and the two colleges was reached providing state funds and collegiate expertise to the center. The colleges provide people to operate the center and perform scientific research.

Through her bird census, Kantak is trying to compile a realistic list of the species and numbers of birds that frequent the marsh at different times of the year. She has been working the project since 1985 and has identified more than 120 species in the marsh.

"(The marsh) is ideally located," she said. "It is adjacent to the lake and has a natural woodland and marsh habitat. It is a good migratory point for birds returning north and good for birds that stay in the area and breed."

Since the bird study is moving along, Kantak soon will begin her research of the eastern chipmunk and its ecological system. She received an SVSC Foundation grant to start the research. Her project involves setting up live traps and ear marking the chipmunks. The animals are not injured in the traps.

Kantak's area of expertise and interest is animals and their ecology. She has done various research on birds and mammals in Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Wisconsin and Wyoming.