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POLAND: A PERSPECTIVE

Five years ago Dr. Gary Thompson, associate professor of English, taught in Poland through the Fulbright program. During the 1987-88 academic year he again is in Poland as a Fulbright Fellow. The following information is excerpted from a recent letter to Vice President Robert Yien.

"The most important change comes in political comparisons, since politics governs everything here. In spite of western optimism over glasnost, the changes since the fall of 1982 are mostly disheartening. In 1980-81 many people felt that, to a large extent, their affairs were in their own hands, that social and political change was in fact coming about by common action -- though there were considerable disagreements within Solidarity itself. When martial law was declared on Dec. 13, much of the country became united against the government ... everyone knew what to think, whom to blame.

"Some five years later, it seems that categories have been blurred, and matters are not so simple. Few people can be in opposition perpetually ... Lacking the commonality of 1980-81 and following, more people are understandably looking out for themselves ...

"In certain respects the press is freer now. Gorbachev's lukewarm 'revelations' about Stalin were given full play here. Official publishing houses are printing works that wouldn't have been mentioned until recently -- e.g. Orwell's 1984, which is soon to appear officially (Animal Farm is too controversial still) ...

"For the average Pole, economic hardship is more pronounced. ... A visitor here would see generally more goods for sale ... However, the prices are high: one kilo of bananas cost the same as 32 liters of gasoline, five kilos of sausage, 100 eggs, 65 loaves of bread ... Most of my university colleagues have to teach private lessons in addition to their classes to make ends meet. The 'haves' and 'have-nots' are becoming more widely separated ...

"Our situation this year is a bit nicer, owing to differences in the two cities: Lublin is smaller, situated in a part of Poland more like its traditional pre-war image, preserved by many Polish-Americans; Gdańsk is larger and more cosmopolitan, having been a Baltic trading center for centuries ...

"The university is of good quality, and I'm enjoying working with my colleagues here. Their research interests are not what I would have expected: my 'shepherd' has completed his habilitacja (second dissertation) on black drama and is now beginning work on a history of American culture, a project which is long overdue (the last was done in 1957, still in Stalin's shadow). Our newest colleague, a student hired just this year, did her master of arts thesis on black feminist writers. Probably the most eminent faculty member is Jerzy Limon, who has published two books with Cambridge University Press.

"... At the university I see mostly my students, not the faculty. I teach two lectures in history of American literature, one in modern and contemporary poetry, and two seminars. The students are generally quite bright -- better, in fact, than those I had at Lublin -- but rather cynical, and they don't work too hard. But there's no particular pressure to finish -- students receive stipends and (for the men) draft deferments."
J. Mapes can. And does.
The director of the New York Hypnosis Center, Mapes will
be on campus March 24. The
show begins at 8 p.m. in the
SVSU Theatre.

Mapes will hypnotize members
of the audience on stage as
part of his performance.
Audience members become prime
entertainers as they visit
strange planets and travel
back in time.

Admission to the show is $2
per person. Tickets are
available at the door.
Students will be admitted
free with identification.

Mapes' presentation is part
of Program Board's Five Star
Entertainment Series.

FIVE STUDENTS NOMINATED
FOR HISPANIC GRADUATE AWARD

Five SVSU students have been
nominated to receive the
Outstanding Hispanic College
Graduate Award. Statewide
recognition of the winners
will take place during the
1988 Hispanic Education
Conference April 22 and 23 in
Lansing.

Four of SVSU's nominees will
compete with other Hispanic
college graduates at the
bachelor's degree level. One
nominee will compete at the
post-graduate level.

Competing at the bachelor's
degree level will be Velia
Flores, a social work major
from Bay City; Pauline
Guerrero Krupp, a Spanish
major from Detroit; Yolanda
Gutierrez, an elementary
education student from
Saginaw; and Ramiro Munoz, an
electrical engineering major
from Saginaw.

Manuel Brenes, who is
majoring in education
administration and superv-
sion, is from Saginaw. He
will compete at the
master's degree level for
SVSU.

In addition, the SVSU
Hispanic Awards Committee
nominated Santiago Ruiz of
Bay City, under the
category of Hispanic
Advocate of the Year for
his lifelong contributions
to Hispanics in the tri-
cities.

Dr. Jose Valderas, director
of the Bilingual Education
Center, urges members of
the campus community to
submit letters of support
for any individual they
consider worthy of the
honors. The letters are
being collected in the
Bilingual Education Center
and will be sent to the
Office of Hispanic Educa-
tion in Lansing.

The finalists in each of
the categories will be
announced later this month
in Lansing, Valderas said.

UNIVERSITY CLUB PLANS
SOCIAL HOUR AT BAY VALLEY

The University Club will
host a social hour for all
SVSU employees on March 24
in Player's Lounge of the
Bay Valley Inn. Activities
will get under way at 4:30
p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres will be
available at no cost.

Reservations may be made by
calling Martha Smith at
extension 4201.

COLLEGE RINGS FOR SALE

The Herff-Jones College
Ring sales representative
will be in the Bookstore
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
March 21 and 22.
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
SEEK 'WORLD TRAVELERS'

The allure of France ... the intrigue of Austria ... the enchantment of the Orient ... All or any one of these opportunities can be had with minimal cost and plenty of interest. Benefits include acquired world knowledge and university credit.

If all this appeals to you, Dr. Eugene Hamilton has just the ticket to whisk you away on a fun-filled, fact-filled journey.

Educational opportunities as diverse as the countries themselves are available through the office of International Programs.

Several SVSU undergraduate and graduate students as well as guest students have seized the chance to study abroad through International Programs. Last fall, three education students fulfilled their student teaching requirements in England, and four students from England did the same in the tri-cities. Two SVSU students are there now. Also in the fall, one SVSU student studied in Mexico.

Hamilton said three students are preparing to spend a summer in Mexico and two will go to Vienna in the fall and four more in the winter 1989. During this semester, one student is in Sweden.

Female students opting for a shorter stay abroad can spend five weeks in Tokushima, Japan, at Shikoku Women's University. The program is not limited to SVSU students. Hamilton said one Delta College student is planning to participate.

The approximate cost of the five-week trip to Japan is $2,000, including round trip airfare. This will be the eighth year SVSU has sponsored the spring trip.

Hamilton said a similar short-term exchange program is being considered with institutions in Poland, Hungary and France.

Semester-long programs are available in most foreign countries. For further information, or to apply for any of the exchange programs, contact Hamilton at extension 4068.

LASER VIDEO EQUIPMENT POLICY ESTABLISHED

The newly-loaned computer/laservideo stations are now located on the first floor of the Zahnow Library. They are available for public use with library assistance.

According to the policy, SVSU personnel may reserve a station three days in advance by calling the library's Audio Visual Department, extension 4246. Anytime a station is not reserved, it is available for drop-in use.

Individuals interested in using "The Versatile Organization" must bring their own 3½-inch high density disk, available in the Bookstore for $5.25.

VIDEOTAPE PRESENTATIONS PUT ON 'PAUSE'

Due to increased circulation requirements in the Zahnow Library, requests for classroom videotaping are being limited.

According to Kirker Kranz, head of media/systems, during regular working hours requests for audiovisual work outside the Zahnow Library will be denied.

Kranz said negotiations are under way to purchase for campus-wide use portable units, which require no accompanying technician.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

-- Dr. Michael Flynn, of the Industrial Technology Institute in Ann Arbor, will present a lecture at 3 p.m., March 15 in Lower Level Doan. He will discuss "Nonmachine Technologies and Competitive Responses in the Domestic Automotive Industry." His speech is sponsored by the Honors Program.

-- A caricature artist will be on campus March 16 and 17 in the Brown Concourse.

-- The annual History Day competition will take place all day March 18. Regional high school students will compete in a variety of areas on the topic "Frontiers in History: People, Places and Ideas."

-- The annual Science Day for high school students will take place March 18. Events include demonstrations by faculty and students and hands-on opportunities.

-- Dr. William Hoffmann, professor of history and winter 1987 exchange professor to Suzhou University in the People's Republic of China, will discuss "China: An American Professor's Perspective," at 4 p.m., March 22 in Room 106 of the Arbory Fine Arts Center.

-- Cardinal Sins will sponsor an Arts Festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 23 in Lower Level Doan. The festival will feature a Michigan poet.
PERSONNEL

The following positions are open to all regular employees of the University:

GROUND SPECIALIST, fulltime, permanent (new). Main function is to implement specific grounds care programs for high maintenance areas, including the nursery and presidential residence. Requires strong knowledge of horticultural practices and plants; must have possession of Michigan driver's license and good driving record, and possession of pesticide applicator's license, or ability to obtain within three months of employment. Salary: $6.60 per hour.

All internal applications must be received in the Personnel Office by March 17.

MAILROOM DELIVERY CLERK, fulltime, permanent (replacement). Requires experience in a mailroom or delivery-type situation and/or postal work. Knowledge of postal regulations preferable. Salary: $6.40 per hour.

All internal applications must be received in the Personnel Office by March 16. For further information, call extension 4112.

SVSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

-- Dr. Anna Dadlez, associate professor of Polish, will present a series of lectures during May and June at the Institute of English, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland. The university is a major Polish institute, with a student population of 44,000. The university maintains contacts with institutions on all continents, including North America. Recently, the academic exchange program between Mickiewicz University and SVSU was revived by SVSU President Jack Ryder, through Dr. Eugene Hamilton, director of International Programs.

-- Dr. Basil Clark, professor of English, was vice-chair of the Medieval Section at the recent Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters conference. He discussed "Ecological Awareness in Tudor-Stewart England." At the same meeting, Dr. Thomas Renna, professor of history, presented "Paul's Letter to the Romans in the XII Century." Due to an error in the printed program, their names were omitted from last week's Interior.

HIGH FIVE

-- The men's baseball team got off to its best start ever, winning its first four games of the season. The Cardinals finished their spring trip with a 6-4 record, which included wins over two nationally ranked teams. SVSU started the season by beating NAIA 20th-ranked Atlantic Christian, NC, 3-0, and later split with previously unbeaten NCAA Division II West Georgia College, winning 8-3 and losing 8-2. The Cards also posted wins over North Carolina Wesleyan, 4-3, St. Andrews Presbyterian, NC, 5-3, and Pembroke State, NC, 11-8. Saginaw Valley dropped three games to Southern Tech, GA, 10-4, 11-0 and 7-3, and closed the trip with a 13-inning 8-5 win over Shorter, GA.

-- The Lady Cardinal softball team completed a successful southern trip with a 4-2 record. SVSU opened the season with a win over Valparaiso, IN, 4-0, then dropped a 5-2 decision at Huntington, AL. The Cards split a twin bill with NCAA Division I Georgia State, winning 2-1 and losing 7-4. They wrapped up the trip with a sweep of Columbus College, GA, taking 3-2 and 8-1 victories.

-- The women's basketball team is Kansas City bound after last week's win over Central State (Ohio). The team is seeded seventh in the NAIA Women's Basketball Tournament and will meet Dillard College, LA (22-9), in the first round March 18.