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Raquel G. Ontiveros Named KCP Professor

In 1975 Raquel Garcia Ontiveros earned a master of arts in teaching degree from SVSU. This year she returns to campus as Martin Luther King/Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks visiting professor.

The selection of Ontiveros for the 1988-89 academic year was announced by Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S.P. Yien. Ontiveros has been granted release time from her position with Saginaw Public Schools to take on the SVSU/KCP assignment.

A Saginaw resident, Ontiveros has been involved in classroom teaching and related activities since 1971.

Since 1983 she has held her present position as a Program for Creative and Academically Talented (PCAT) teacher and bilingual resource person with the Saginaw Public Schools system. In that capacity, she assumed responsibility as a bilingual education teacher and consultant in four elementary schools. She designed, developed and implemented the foreign language curriculum for students in grades K-6 and taught Spanish to 450 students in those grades.

From 1980 to June 1982 she was program assistant for the Coalition for Use of Learning Skills at the University of Michigan. She completed a stint as staff assistant to the U.S. House of Representatives’ Education and Labor Committee between August and December 1982.

Ontiveros holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Central Michigan University. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

She was appointed to the Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs for the State of Michigan by Gov. James J. Blanchard in 1985. Former Speaker of the House Bobby D. Crim named her to the Hispanic Advisory Committee to the State legislature in 1981-82. Ontiveros served on the State Task Force for Identification of Gifted and Talented Students in Michigan schools in 1980-81.

Locally, she has served on the executive board for the Rape Crisis Center, the executive board for Big Brothers of America in Saginaw, and the administrative board and as Parish-Council vice president for St. Joseph Parish.

She holds memberships in the N.E.A., M.E.A., S.E.A., League of United Latin American Citizens and Michigan Spanish Speaking Democrats. She is the author of several research papers dealing with various aspects of education.

In 1985 Ontiveros earned the M.E.A. Irma Ramos Bilingual Education award. She received the University of Michigan Minority Leadership award in 1983 and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Fellowship award in 1982.

As visiting professor, she will teach Spanish III and work closely with SVSU’s Bilingual/Bicultural Center, Yien said. She replaces Dr. Roosevelt S. Ruffin.

The King/Chavez/Parks program, initiated by the state in 1986-87, provides funding in three categories: visiting professorships, scholarships for graduate level minority students and programming targeted toward minority high school students. SVSU participates in all categories. Among its goals, the visiting professorship portion seeks to provide role models and encouragement for minority students.
SVSU to Sponsor Tip-Off Tournament in Ryder Center

History will be made when SVSU opens its new $18.7 million Jack M. Ryder Health and Physical Education Center this fall.

The Kochville Lions, recognized as one of the top 10 among the world's 38,000 Lions Clubs, have lent support to the University to start a small college basketball tournament on an annual basis. Hardee's Food Systems Inc. has agreed to underwrite the costs of the venture and the trio of groups will make history with the first collegiate basketball game in the new James E. O'Neill Jr. Arena.

The SVSU Tip-Off Tournament will take place Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, with four teams competing. The Cardinals will play Aquinas College in the first game at 6 p.m., Friday; Spring Arbor College will meet St. Xavier College, Ill., at 8 p.m. The consolation game will be played Saturday at 6 p.m., with the championship contest slated for 8 p.m. Saturday.

"We wanted to make sure our initial event in the new building was a showcase for the arena," said Bob Becker, athletic director, of the 4,000-seat arena. "We'd like to have a full house and with the assistance of the Lions Club we think we can accomplish that."

Perhaps of greater significance than the tournament itself is the cause for which it was created. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Shelly Maturen Memorial Fund, a project that has been a major emphasis of the Lions Club for several years.

Through contributions and community events, the Kochville Lions have donated more than $75,000 to area families faced with extreme medical problems. The fund was originated in 1984 as the Lions assisted the family of Shelly Maturen in costs related to a liver transplant not covered by insurance.

The fund has aided nine families during its five years.

"The joint efforts of these three groups for such a worthy cause should help make the event a success for everyone," Becker said.
AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11 Events International will host two performances of a Magic Show in the Jack M. Ryder Health and Physical Education Center. Show times are 6 and 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 895-5411.

16 A farewell reception for Japanese students from Shikoku Women's University in Tokushima, Japan, will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in Lower Level Doan.

22 "Saginaw's Heritage: The Story Continues" will be presented as part of the Humanities Series in Wickes Lecture Hall. The event will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Chrysallis Center at extension 4267.

23 New Faculty and Staff Orientation will take place from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in Lower Level Doan. Tours of various offices will be included in the orientation.

24 Faculty Orientation will begin with a department chairpersons' meeting from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Large Private Dining Room of Doan Center. A faculty lunch, with guest speaker Dr. George M. Dennison, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Western Michigan University, will be from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Doan Center Cafeteria. Individual colleges will meet from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. in Brown, Wickes or Pioneer halls. Committee meetings will follow on the third floor of Wickes Hall from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES,
Second Floor, Wickes Hall
Extension 4054.

Annual Thompson Golf Outing Set

The third annual Shannan M. Thompson Memorial Golf Classic is just around the corner. According to Jim Dwyer, event chairman and director of Admissions, last year more than 200 people golfed, dined and danced for the benefit of the Shannan M. Thompson Memorial Scholarship.

"Thanks to those who participated in the past two outings, close to $10,000 has been raised to support the scholarship," Dwyer said.

This year's outing will take place on Monday, Aug. 14 at the Owosso Country Club. Tee-off time for the four-person scramble is 10:30 a.m. The $65 entry fee includes dinner (choice of chicken or white fish) and is tax deductible.

Dinner for non-golfers is $20 per person and includes entertainment, dancing and opportunities to win door prizes. The dinner will begin at 5 p.m.

Donations also are being accepted. For more information, call Dwyer at extension 4200.

Briefly Speaking

-- The fourth annual Lady Cardinal Basketball Camp continues through July 28 in the new Jack M. Ryder Health and Physical Education Center.

-- The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, July 30.

Interior Schedule

The next issue of The Interior will be published on Tuesday, Aug. 8. All items to be considered for submission should be sent to the Office of Information Services by Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Directory Information

Personnel desiring any change in information in the 1989/90 Faculty/Staff Directory should contact the Personnel Office, at extension 4112, as soon as possible. This includes name, title, address and marital status alterations. The directory is due to be distributed during the early part of the fall semester.
Professional Profile

- Dr. Drew Hinderer, professor of philosophy, has been asked to serve as a consultant on Asian studies curricula by members of the philosophy department of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

- Members of the Valley Woodwind Quintet presented a 90-minute concert for 240 middle school students and their band directors during the Delta College Summer Music Camp on July 12. Composers represented in the performance included Ferenc Farkas, Scott Joplin, Malcolm Arnold, Anton Reicha and Julius Fucik. The response was such that the Quintet has been asked to perform again in 1990 and also to act as clinicians on their instruments, providing workshops for selected students. Members of the Quintet include Hinderer, bassoon; Loren Rongo, flute; Jane Bellen, oboe; and Linda Hargett, clarinet. Robin Von Wald, principal French horn for the Saginaw Symphony, substituted for Mr. Bill Wollner, associate professor of music.

Across Campus

- Congratulations are extended to Dr. Merlyn Mondol, professor of psychology, on the recent achievement by her daughter and SVSU graduate Raj Wiener. Wiener was named director of the Michigan Department of Public Health by Gov. James J. Blanchard on July 12.

- Congratulations to Dr. Harriet Tillock, professor of sociology, on becoming a great-grandmother. A daughter, Natalie, was born to Tillock's grandson and wife on June 5. Tillock believes she may be the first great-grandparent among the campus community. According to her, great-grandchildren are even more remarkable in their beauty and accomplishments than grandchildren. Is there anyone on campus who can confirm or deny that point of view from personal experience?

Personnel

The following position is open to all regular employees of the University until Tuesday, July 25:


For further information or to submit an application, contact the Personnel Office at extension 4112.

SVSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Around Town

- The flying Thunderbirds, the Air Force's air demonstration squadron, will perform at Wurtsmith's Air Force Base on Wednesday, Aug. 30. A tour of the planes and base facilities also is scheduled for the base's annual Visitor's Day.
Everyone has a 'Write' to Learn

To some it may appear that hope for good communications skills from today's "youth" is dismal at best. But to Dr. Kay Harley, professor of English, a star appears to be rising in the form of "Write to Learn."

Harley and Dr. Tom Hcarron, also a professor of English, began co-directing a "Writing Across the Curriculum" program for SVSU in February 1988. Since then, Hcarron relinquished his duties due to other commitments. Harley continues to direct the program's progress and work with SVSU faculty and K-12 regional educators.

The responsibility of teaching writing is not limited to English composition instructors, according to the program's philosophy. But the program does not limit itself to writing training.

"We also are focusing in part on writing to assist learning," Harley said. "Faculty will include writing in their own teaching as part of the project."

A trio of faculty members have worked with her to devise strategy to use toward "trouble-shooting" and implementing the program campuswide.

"Then (they'll) be in a position to (help) in their departments or as a resource for others."

Harley, Hcarron and Dr. Phyllis Hastings, associate professor of English, became involved with the program 10 years ago. In February 1988, Dr. Robert S.P. Yien, vice president for academic affairs, established the plan as a priority.

Harley said one of the problems with the program is faculty schedules.

"Faculty are so busy in so many directions. Just the resources to support the faculty and small class sizes are difficult to come by."

"Those faculty who have participated have been quite favorable toward the program," Harley added. "Faculty at SVSU need the chance to direct energy in that direction."

Off-campus, Harley conducts workshops for area teachers on teaching writing. She said some of the workshops follow the focus of graduate classes she has developed at SVSU.

The key ideas in workshops, Harley said, is to impress upon teachers the need to be writers themselves.

"It's an apprentice/coach or teacher/writer relationship."

Harley quoted one national statistic that states secondary students have spent just 3 percent of their time writing.

"Students are not being asked to compose more than a paragraph or so," she said. "We need to be giving students more practice writing for an audience other than the teacher/tester."

Harley served as a consultant with one group of K-12 teachers that now have published their work in the Language Arts Journal of Michigan. A group of seven are taking a leadership role in teaching others.

"It is one of the projects I am most pleased with," Harley submitted.

Harley is quick to add that students are not the only group experiencing writing difficulty. She also works with chemical engineers and researchers conducting workshops to assist them in clearly and effectively writing progress reports. "It's something they didn't learn in college and need and want. They're gearing their communication to a particular audience."

For Harley, there is fun in both working with teachers in the classroom and workshops.

"I enjoy it and have gotten a greater understanding. I am content with my own sense of teaching."
He may not have played so-called organized basketball in his youth, but Dale Irish is definitely not on the sidelines when it comes to basketball. He could be called a point guard of coaching.

And he does it for fun.

In high school, Irish was the team manager, right there next to the varsity coach rooting for Escanaba. Then, at Northern Michigan University his fraternity needed a coach and Irish was a (tennis) shoe-in.

Shortly after graduation, Irish went to Racine, Wisc. There, he became involved with the Optimist's Club "Small Fry" league and his coaching career blossomed.

Irish now coaches seventh grade basketball at St. Thomas Aquinas and a Saginaw Township summer basketball league.

In August, Irish will travel to Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, for the annual Can-Amera games. His Saginaw Township Can-Amera 12 and 13 year olds will play three games for international "bragging" rights. The group has been practicing a couple of times a week since June. Among the players is Irish's own son Darren, who has grown more than an inch since school ended in June.

In addition to his coaching history and watching the pros, Irish said he has acquired much game knowledge via his announcing at Cardinal games.

"I hear the words in the huddles," Irish said. "I get a different perspective on coaching ways and the ways (coaches) handle themselves."

Irish added that no coach talks faster than Northern Michigan's. "He gets two minutes' worth of words in in one minute!"

Irish's coaching philosophy varies slightly from that of his mentors. "Have fun," he tells his prodigies. Irish added that the coaching is "not like work ... it's fun or I wouldn't do it."

The young teen-agers are Irish's favorite group to coach, he said, because they are eager to learn and want so much to be the star player on their high school basketball team.

"I'll show them something, and they'll practice it," he said, adding that "maybe something I teach them will help them."

One of Irish's first and most memorable coaching experiences came during his "Small Fry" days. He recalled a small boy that had never before played basketball. "He had no self-confidence." Irish coached him three years in that league and when the boy was ready for junior high, his attitude had changed so much that his self-esteem had improved significantly.

"After the kid's last game, his father came up and hugged me and told me I'd done a lot for his son."

Irish believes if a student can excel in sports, he or she also has the potential to do well in academics. His older son, Kevin, is on the football and wrestling teams at Nouvel. Irish said they perform better academically when they are doing well in sports, Irish said. "It's a catalyst and it's good."
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At a special meeting today the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control reluctantly approved a tuition and fee increase for fall semester students. Both tuition and the required general service fee were raised, for a combined total 8.8 percent increase over 1988-89 undergraduate tuition and fees.

The new rates, effective for fall semester classes, are $64.75 per credit hour for a Michigan undergraduate student and $97.50 per credit hour for Michigan residents enrolled in SVSU's graduate programs. Non-Michigan residents will pay $136.75 per credit hour as undergraduates or $190.50 per credit hour if they are graduate students.

Comparable rates for 1988-89 are $60.20 for Michigan undergraduates, $127 for undergraduates from outside Michigan, $90.50 for Michigan graduate students and $177 per graduate credit hour for non-Michigan students.

In addition to the tuition hike, the general service fee required for all categories of students was changed to $4 per credit hour, a $1 increase from the $3 per credit hour rate that had been maintained since 1981. There also were increases in some categories of special fees, including a rise from $18 to $20 per course in laboratory fees.

A $30 matriculation fee, paid upon students' first registration at SVSU, will be dropped after the 1989 fall semester. However, prospective students applying for admission to SVSU will begin paying a $20 application fee in winter semester 1990. Until now, SVSU has not charged for this service.

Administrators said the proposed schedule of tuition and fees was necessary to supplement state appropriations expected to be below the university's request for general operating funds from the state. Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock said the tuition and fee rates were based on an expectation that SVSU would receive a 5.5 percent increase in state appropriations, exclusive of building start-up funds.

School officials had requested a 7.9 percent increase, he said, and would have kept tuition and fee increases to 6 percent if they were assured of receiving requested operating money from the state.

According to a matrix presented by Woodcock, a general fund appropriations increase of only four percent would necessitate a tuition increase of 9.9 percent and would result in a $364,000 budget deficit. If, on the other hand, SVSU were to receive a seven percent increase in appropriations for general operations (not building construction or openings), tuition increases could have been held to 8.3 percent.

"Definitely there is no possibility of getting the 7.9 percent (we requested)," he said.

If the actual appropriations increase for SVSU is lower than 5.5 percent, Woodcock and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S.P. Yien said it might be necessary to adjust tuition in mid-year when winter semester classes begin. Both said, however, that further attempts would be made to pare the budget before considering such an increase.

Woodcock presented data through a series of overheads. The first compared SVSU's 1988-89 state appropriations per full year equated student with other Michigan public universities.

During the recently completed fiscal year, the system average was $4,320 per student. Wayne State University received the highest appropriation per FYES ($7,522), while Central Michigan was low with $3,034. SVSU received $3,365 per student.

Woodcock noted there should be some differences because of the varied requirements of programs offered at the universities.

Despite getting less than the average number of state dollars per student for 1988-89, SVSU kept tuition below the state average of $2,121 for a full year's attendance. Michigan undergraduates paid $1,959.20 in tuition and required fees to take 31 credit hours at SVSU in 1988-89. Costs at other Michigan universities ranged from $1,729.45 annually to attend Northern Michigan to a high of $3,170.26 for Michigan undergraduates carrying 31 semester credits at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus.

Woodcock pointed out that the proportion students pay toward the cost of their education has been rising in recent years. In 1974-75
tuition and fee revenues at SVSU were 26.3 percent of general fund expenditures. In 1988-89 the proportion of tuition and fee income to general fund expenditures was 35 percent. He said changes in the ratio had occurred primarily during the recessions of the 1970s and early 1980s.

Even with the approved tuition and fee increases, administrators expect to present a deficit budget for Board of Control consideration at its August meeting. The $230,000 imbalance, they said, represents expenditures perceived as necessary, but for which revenue sources have not been identified at this point. He said administration would be monitoring the budget throughout the year, seeking ways to reduce expenditures without materially affecting quality or programming.

Woodcock said SVSU expects to receive state funds to open and begin operation of the newest campus facilities, including the Ryder Health and Physical Education Center. "Tuition and fee money will not be used to start up buildings," he said. He also indicated that 40 cents of the $1 per credit hour increase in required fees will go toward providing additional parking facilities. Approximately 90 percent of SVSU students commute to classes.

Student Government President Roger Powell said he could not support the tuition and fee increases. "I did not bring charts and graphs," he said, but indicated he and other students in the audience represented "real people with real problems." He said many SVSU students must work to help pay their college costs. Many are married and have family responsibilities; some may be laid off or face other economic hardships.

Some 700 cards had been received in response to a student survey on tuition. Most were against tuition increases and about half had added comments explaining why they believed tuition should be held in check.

Dr. Walter Rathkamp, professor of biology and outgoing president of the SVSU Faculty Association, called for a coalition of students, faculty and administration to work toward changing public spending priorities so education would be more adequately funded. "We need to work together to carry our message to state and federal government. We need to be investing more, not less, in our youth," he said, adding that the public needs to be better informed about the needs of the educational system. "If we unite to educate the public, then we can educate the legislators." He said SVSU should take a leadership role in such an effort.

John Richards, representing the Valley Vanguard, asked if other Michigan universities were considering fall tuition increases. Yien responded that Wayne State's governing board recently approved a 9.6 percent increase, and CMU has authorized a 9.67 hike. Indications are that other schools will approve increases ranging from six to nearly 10 percent.

Chairperson Florence "Jo" Saltzman noted that board members were reluctant to approve tuition and fee increases, but felt they were necessary to keep the institution viable and able to meet its obligations. "We are left with very few options," she said. "We have had children in school, so we know how difficult it is to meet rising costs."

"The trouble lies outside this room," noted board member Hugo E. "Ted" Braun. Alternatives to increasing tuition mean cutbacks in programs, offering fewer sections of courses, or taking other steps that reduce quality, he said. "These alternatives are less attractive."

"It is very frustrating and depressing," Saltzman said.

Action is expected on the appropriations bills within the next two weeks, according to Dr. John Fallon, assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Control. "The targets (for spending) have been agreed upon," he said, and indicated progress toward enacting the legislation should be rapid.

Tuition bills will be in the mail to pre-registered students later this week. Under the new schedule, a Michigan undergraduate enrolled full-time (31 credits per year) will pay $172.05 more to attend classes than last year. The average SVSU undergraduate takes 10 credits per semester, so will face an annual increase of $111.

Note: This is an unofficial report of Board activities. Official minutes are on file in the library.