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KCP Professor to Receive 1990 Distinguished Alumni Award

Raquel Garcia Ontiveros has a habit of returning to Saginaw -- and to Saginaw Valley State University. At its annual Commencement ceremony May 5, SVSU will recognize Ontiveros for her achievements and commitment by presenting her with the 1990 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Eligibility for the annual award is based on service to the community, the University and/or the SVSU Alumni Association, as well as an earned SVSU degree.

Ontiveros holds a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from SVSU. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Central Michigan University and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

In several respects, Ontiveros is typical of many "non-traditional" students who have graduated from SVSU. In the early 1970s she returned to Saginaw from a teaching position in California and began a career with the Saginaw Public Schools system. In addition to her work and responsibilities as a single parent of two sons, she entered SVSU's graduate education program. She completed requirements for the MAT degree in 1975.

A Saginaw resident, Ontiveros has been a teacher and bilingual resource person with the Saginaw Public Schools' Program for Creative and Academically Talented (PCAT) since 1983.

In 1989 Ontiveros returned to SVSU as KCP visiting professor. She was granted release time from her public school position to take on the one-year assignment.

Her duties include teaching a course in elementary school curriculum and a graduate course in multi-cultural education. She works closely with SVSU's Bilingual/Bicultural Center and supervises student teachers, and she is involved with various KCP projects sponsored by the Admissions Office.

Ontiveros was appointed to the Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs for the State of Michigan by Gov. James J. Blanchard in 1985. She was named to the Hispanic Advisory Committee to the state legislature in 1981-82 and 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/Big Sisters in Saginaw and the administrative board for St. Joseph Parish.

She holds memberships in the N.E.A., M.E.A., S.E.A., Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the governing board for the University of Michigan Alumni Association, the League of United Latin American Citizens and Delta Kappa Gamma sorority. 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.

"I can't just sit around and see a problem, then just complain or do nothing," Ontiveros says. "I like to be part of the solution."

Ontiveros is the fifteenth SVSU graduate to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.
A & BS Dean's Position Posted

Upcoming issues of the *Chronicle of Higher Education, Black Issues in Higher Education* and the *Affirmative Action Register* will carry announcements of the availability of the deanship for SVSU's College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences. The search committee approved a position description at its March 30 meeting, clearing the way to actively seek candidates.

The new dean, who will begin duties January 1991, will be expected to hold an earned doctorate in a discipline within the college, have a record as a successful teacher and scholar, possess excellent oral and written communication skills, provide positive leadership in faculty development and scholarly research, teaching and service, and have a strong commitment to participatory governance within the university. The search committee also will place a high priority on achieving cultural diversity as it seeks applicants for the position.

Leroy Hampton, director of affirmative action, will assist the search effort. "The decisions made by the committee will have a long-lasting impact on this campus," he said. Hampton will review finalists' files before the committee issues invitations for campus interviews.

The committee will meet again May 22.

Change Announced in CAPP Series

To accommodate a scheduling conflict, the final two seminars of the Career Adjustment Planning Program will switch places. The presentation by Diane Mckeyhan, "Role Changes in Career Adjustment," has been moved to April 14. Dr. Jennifer Bridges' presentation on "Fitness for Life" will take place May 1. Both will be from 6-9:30 p.m. in the seminar room, Administrative Services Building, as scheduled.

Two topics are scheduled this evening. Judy Spaner, from Region VII Area Agency on Aging, will discuss "Community Resources." She will be followed by Diane Perkins of Caldwell Banker on "Housing Options."

Worksite Health Follow-Up Meeting Set

Employees who are participating in the Worksite Health Promotion Program will attend a follow-up meeting Thursday, Apr. 26. The group will meet at noon in room C256 Ryder Center.

Participants will receive individual results of their testing. A presentation by a consultant from St. Luke's Wellness team will assist individuals to interpret test results. The consultant also will answer individual questions and provide suggestions and advice on ways to improve wellness and fitness.

Dempsey Allen (l), CEO of the First Ward Community Center, and Dr. Bobby Ann Robinson (l), Saginaw-Bay Substance Abuse Services Commission, carried a strong message to the audience April 4 as they discussed "The Impact of Drug Abuse on the Black Community." They focused attention not only on the results of substance abuse, but on the conditions that tend to make it prevalent in black and minority communities. Robinson shared data showing that a disproportionately high number of blacks require substance abuse services, and linked that to data showing higher unemployment, lower income, lower levels of education and fewer opportunities for blacks. Allen discussed methods of raising self-esteem as a means to prevent drug abuse and stressed the importance of education in breaking the poverty cycle. "We need to get kids out here (SVSU campus) and when they get here they need to see themselves mirrored here."
Rock Collection to Aid SVSU Geology Instruction

A collection of rocks and minerals accumulated from trips throughout Canada and the U.S. has been contributed to Saginaw Valley State University, where it not only will be on prominent display, but will be used to support a new course in geology. The collection, which contains over 5,000 specimens, was transferred to the university March 21.

"The collecting of rocks and minerals was a life-long passion for Alice Watson Kramer. She was meticulous about recording the origin of species, which makes it a particularly important collection," said Dean of Science, Engineering and Technology Thomas Kullgren. "We are delighted to receive this collection," he said.

Alice L. Watson was born July 21, 1907 in Durham, New Hampshire. She earned her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at the University of New Hampshire in 1928, where she was fondly nicknamed "Engineering Alice." Watson continued by earning her master's degree in agricultural and biological chemistry from New Hampshire. She then became a candidate for a Ph.D. in biochemistry at Purdue University.

In 1933 she married Walter Kramer and in 1935 she became the first woman to receive a doctoral degree in biochemistry from Purdue.

For most of their married life, the Kramer family lived in Midland, where Walter was an analytical chemist with the Dow Chemical Company. The Kramer's, including daughter Ethanie "Sue," travelled extensively on vacation and business trips. On each trip they gathered rock and mineral samples and cataloged their growing collection.

Alice shared her talents and enthusiasm by introducing young people to rocks and minerals in over 200 lectures to classroom, scouting and other children's groups. In 1958 she authored and published a booklet titled Rocks Where You Step for beginning collectors.

Alice L. Watson Kramer died March 18, 1983, but her memory lives on in the Kramer Rock and Mineral Collection, which is exhibited on the first and second floors of the SVSU Science Building and is maintained by the SVSU physics department. The collection was donated by Walter Kramer, who now resides in Frankenmuth, and his daughter Sue VanMaastricht, a resident of Rockefeller, Michigan.

Briefly Speaking

-- The 1990 Seminar Series will host a discussion of "Waste Management" by Lisa Kapp, environmental quality analyst for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The lecture takes place at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Apr. 11 in 109 Brown Hall. This is a rescheduled date for a lecture originally planned for March 29.

-- The Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club will meet in lower level Doan Center Wednesday, Apr. 11. The meeting begins with a 6 p.m. social hour.

-- The Valley Wind Quintet will present "A Night at the Symphony (with no Strings Attached) at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Apr. 11 in the SVSU Theatre. Call ext. 4159 for ticket information.

-- Honors Thesis presentations by Diana Czolgosz, Carla Engelhardt and Amy Rogers will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Apr. 17 in 109 Brown.

-- Alpha Mu Gamma will conduct its 15th annual spring initiation ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 22 in lower level Doan Center.

Mrs. Sue VanMaastricht (l) and her father, Walter Kramer (c) and Dr. Albert Menard pose near a display exhibiting part of a rock and mineral collection the family recently donated to SVSU.
Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred during March. Please make changes in your Faculty/Staff directory.

Transfers/Promotions

-- Ms. Claudia Anderson (ext. 5697), position reclassified as Lead Programmer/Analyst, Computer Services.

-- Ms. Cyndi Bala (ext. 4213), promoted to senior grant accounting clerk, Controller's Office.

-- Ms. Karen Hollenbeck (ext. 4224), position reclassified as senior programmer/analyst, Computer Services.

-- Mr. Mark Miller (ext. 4146), promoted to instructional programmer/analyst, Computer Services.

Correction

It was previously reported that Ms. Beth Robb, senior secretary, College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences, was departing. Instead, she is on a leave of absence.

Professional Profile

-- Jessie Federspiel, administrative library assistant in the Technical Services Department of the Zahnow Library, is featured in the March/April issue of Library Mosaics.

-- Dr. Anna Dadlez, professor of Polish, received an invitation from Professor Jacek Fisiak, University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznan, Poland to conduct her research there with the view of publishing a book on Polish history and culture.

-- Dr. Jean Brown, professor of teacher education, participated in the leadership conference sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

-- Dr. Jose Valderas, director of the Bilingual/Bicultural Center, was a presenter at the annual Michigan Bilingual and Migrant Education Conference March 29-31. He and Joe Gonzalez, deputy superintendent of Bay City Public Schools, conducted a session on "Effective Discipline for Students through a Collaborative Effort of School and Home."

Valderas also received the President's Award from the Michigan Association of Bilingual Education for service as 1988/89 president.

-- Dr. Crystal M. Lange, dean of nursing and allied health sciences, was elected to a two-year term on the board of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The organization seeks to advance the quality of baccalaureate and graduate programs in nursing, promote research and provide for the development of academic leaders in nursing.

-- Dr. Jill Wetmore, associate professor of finance, presented a paper at the Midwest Finance Association Conference in Chicago March 29. Titled "Balance Sheet Effects on Commercial Bank Income and Risk: An Empirical Study," the paper was co-authored by John R. Brick of Michigan State University.

Dr. Wetmore also served as discussant for a paper titled "Evaluating the Effects of Bank Entry into Discount Brokering: A Q Approach" by L.C. Rose and D.G. Smith.

-- The Department of Communication and Theatre reports that more than 4,000 children and adults attended school and public performances of OPQRS, ETC.

Across Campus

-- Jennifer and Mike Holliday are the proud parents of a son, born Wednesday, Apr. 4. Michael James Holliday Jr. weighed in at 9 lbs., 3 oz. Jennifer is an administrative secretary in the President's Office and Mike Sr. is microcomputer software and hardware technician in Computer Services. Congratulations!

High Five

-- The Cardinal baseball team (10-10, 3-1) broke in its new field by taking three of four games from pre-season GLIAC favorite Oakland University. SVSU won 3-0 and 12-11 Saturday, and 3-1 in eight innings Sunday before losing 13-7.

In the outdoor track opener, senior Marcia Killian broke her own school record in the high jump with a winning 5-7¾ leap at the Grand Valley Invitational.

The NCAA II No. 8-ranked SVSU softball team (15-4) initiates its new field by hosting No. 3-ranked Wayne State Wednesday.
We've grown accustomed to her face -- and to her quiet, competent service. Marlene Gotham's gentle smile and her pastel smocks are a familiar sight on campus.

And no wonder. For some 12 years she has been part of the custodial crew that performs the services necessary to keep our offices, classrooms and other public spaces spruced up and operating smoothly.

During that time she's had assignments that range from third shift coverage of the '66-'68 Building to tidying up the Presidential residence. Today she literally is cleaning up around campus. Her daily rounds include the Public Safety Office, the Bookstore, the offices of President Gilbertson and Vice President Yien, other stops in Wickes Hall, Physical Plant and Engineering Services offices in the Administrative Services Building and women's restrooms in Wickes and Brown.

Gotham also carries a pager, just in case there's a spill or other emergency to cope with at some campus site.

Is all this concentration on tidying up reflected in her own home? "Not really," she laughs.

Instead, her home is a comfortable spot where she's raised five children. The youngest, a daughter who will graduate from high school this year, still lives with her.

Others have flown the nest to create their own homes. Thus far Gotham has eight grandchildren -- five girls and three boys. "They range in age from two to 13," she says. "I love them all."

The grandkids are the beneficiaries of, and motivation for, one of Gotham's hobbies. "I love garage sales, she says. "I go to them all." Among her favorite finds are clothing and toys for the grandchildren.

Grandchildren -- the two who live in Texas -- also are the inspiration for much of Gotham's vacation travel. She has made the trip four times already, and plans to go again this summer.

Another of Gotham's interests is demonstrating products for House of Lloyd. The company uses a home party approach to selling home accessories and toys.

Although she doesn't intend to publish White House-type memoirs about her SVSU custodial experiences, Gotham has witnessed occasional domestic disasters.

Several years ago, while former President Ryder and his family were away, a malfunctioning second-floor humidifier caused a troublesome flood. By the time Gotham arrived on the scene, there seemed to be water everywhere. "We had to bring in machines to suck up the water," she notes. "All the wallpaper came off in the foyer and hall. It was a big mess; lots of inconvenience."

Gotham also learned early on that a desk, like a home, is a man's castle; not to be disturbed. "I don't pick up anything on desks," she laughs. "I did that once when I first came here -- stacked everything up neatly. I thought he would be happy. He wasn't! I learned in a big hurry!"

Presumably the unidentified desk-owner has long since recovered from the shock of unexpected tidiness.
Steve Barbus is a man with a mission. An assistant professor of teacher education, Barbus has responsibility for designing special education teacher training programs at SVSU.

"I was brought on board to help fulfill a regional need that has existed for several years," he says. His training and experience as a special educator prior to joining the SVSU faculty two years ago are put to use in executing this pioneer work for the University.

Approximately 10 percent of all school age children will need special services because of physical, mental or emotional impairments, he notes. However, the Saginaw Valley currently has no teacher training institution offering programs in special education.

Changes in public attitudes and state regulations are increasing the pressure for more classroom teachers with skills in special education techniques. While children with special needs once were taught in separate facilities, the trend now is to place them in integrated settings whenever possible.

This means that "most special education students will spend at least part of the day in regular classrooms" Barbus says. "The 'least restrictive environment' theory brings the program to kids, instead of taking kids to the program."

The change can be intimidating for classroom teachers, Barbus notes, because they typically have little preparation for dealing with special needs. Presently, area teachers must travel to CMU, Oakland or EMU to add special education endorsements to their certification, and that can be a daunting journey after a full day of teaching.

Developing a training program to meet these needs is no easy task. Barbus began by conducting a needs assessment through the local intermediate school districts. He studied the recently rewritten administrative rules from the State Department of Education.

"We must show that the skills required (by the state) will be addressed by our proposed program," he notes. The Department of Education also requires an evaluative program to measure outcomes and evidence of resources to support the proposal, he adds.

State approval is required for SVSU to offer endorsements to certified teachers, or for an undergraduate program leading to certification in special education. "We anticipate approval for our proposal in time to offer endorsements in learning disabilities and emotionally impaired training this fall," he says.

Now he is turning his attention to developing an undergraduate program in special education. He hopes to have the program in place by winter semester 1991.

"Because we are beginning with a new program, we are in a good position to deal with integrating impaired (students) into regular classrooms by training both special and regular classroom teachers," Barbus notes.

He points out that secondary education programs for special education students are changing in focus from remediation to preparation for life outside the classroom. "There is emphasis on helping with the transition to the work world. Vocational training, life skills, citizenship, family responsibility are part of the curriculum. A lot of this is reflected in the new (state) rules."

Barbus maintains his home in Cadillac, a 200-mile round trip from SVSU. His wife is a pediatrician there, and they enjoy skiing and gardening. While his two daughters often watch the TV series "Life Goes On" (which stars a Down's Syndrome actor), Barbus says he has only seen brief segments of the show. It appears to deal realistically with a high functioning Down's youngster, he says.
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The SVSU Board of Control met in special session Monday to approve recommendations for faculty tenure and promotions and to reappoint two members to terms on the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Board. Following these actions, board members recessed to executive session for a personnel-related discussion.

Promoted to the rank of associate professor were Dr. Deborah Bishop, management and marketing; Dr. Jennifer Bridges, physical and health education; Dr. Kenneth Gewerth, criminal justice; and Dr. William Welch, economics.

Dr. Richard Leininger, management and marketing; Dr. Enayat Mahajerin, mechanical engineering and technology; and Dr. Norman Sterchele, educational leadership and services, were promoted from associate professor to professor. All promotions are effective July 1, 1990.

In announcing his support for the promotions, President Gilbertson noted that all candidates had been reviewed at the department level, then by the Professional Practices Committee before being submitted to Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S.P. Yien for his recommendation. Yien in turn passed his recommendations to the president.

"Vice President Yien and I accepted in full the recommendation of the PPC," Gilbertson said. "The committee applied fine standards and made good and critical recommendations.

"We have few opportunities to reward faculty," he continued. "We should see that rewards are saved for those who deserve them."

Faculty eligible for promotion are evaluated in the areas of teaching performance, scholarly activities, university service and leadership in student activities.

Sr. Rachel Wallace, associate professor of nursing, was granted tenure status by the board. Gilbertson noted that the process for recommendation for tenure is much the same as for promotions.

Faculty tenure provides continuous employment of at least a basic two-semester appointment during each fiscal year. Approximately 70 percent of SVSU's 159 full-time faculty members are tenured.

Reappointed to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Board were Yien and Ms. Barbara Heller. The pair are completing two year terms that began in 1988. "Both people have strong interest in the gallery because of their role in its development and their ongoing concern for the facility," Gilbertson said. The gallery board advises the president and the Board of Control regarding major decisions of the gallery.

Following the motion to move to executive session, board chairperson Florence "Jo" Saltzman indicated members would be discussing a personnel matter.

Prior to the action agenda, Faculty Association President Basil Clark informed board members that the first contract negotiating meeting was held Thursday, April 5. Additional sessions are scheduled Friday, April 13, Friday, April 20 and Thursday, April 26.

Clark also noted that SVSUFA elections had been conducted recently, and names of the new officers would be made available to board members in the near future.