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Students, Faculty Travel Two-way International Routes Between SVSU and Foreign Learning Centers

"The University has more people involved in international summer programs than we've ever had," said Dr. Robert Braddock, professor of history and director of International Programs.

When Braddock finished recruiting students for the summer and year-long exchange programs in April, the results showed a continuing high interest among SVSU students wanting to know more about the cultures and languages of Japan, Latin America and Europe. This summer 20 students are studying abroad.

"If you want to study overseas, you shouldn't let money stop you," Braddock tells students. "If you really want the experience there are a number of financial aid packages, including grants and student loans that are available."

Braddock ticks off the locations where SVSU students are studying. One student, Douglas Seward, is spending a full year at the Japan Center, in the Shiga Prefecture, where he and a Japanese roommate will exchange tips on English and Japanese languages, customs and culture.

Seward, who will be a junior next fall, started school at SVSU, then served a tour of duty in the Navy before coming back to resume undergraduate studies. While in Japan, he's studying written and spoken language and culture.

For the price of tuition, room and board paid at SVSU, another student, Katherine Sterchele, is studying at the Kansai Gaidai near the city of Osaka.

Seven students are enrolled in spring semester classes at Shikoku Women's University (SWU), located in Saginaw's Sister City, Tokushima.

During the five-week semester, they will share dormitory space with Japanese students. Later, in mid-July, when 37 SWU students arrive on the SVSU campus for a five-week semester, the seven SVSU students already will have established some rapport with the Japanese women and will be able to offer help with language and local customs.

The group of 37 is by far the largest ever to enroll for SVSU summer exchange offering. Eleven of the SWU students have enrolled for a full year's study at SVSU.

Interest in learning more about Japanese culture and language got a boost during the 1990-91 academic year when visiting professor Toshi Okamoto taught Japanese to 20 SVSU students during the winter semester.

For a better understanding of Spanish and Latin American culture, SVSU student Carrie Brown is pursuing a full year's study at the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico. In June, six other students begin a seven-week summer language program.

Europe, too, still is attractive to SVSU students wanting to study abroad. Seven are enrolled in the summer language program at the Polytechnicum de Lille in Lille, France, where students can continue studies in engineering, business and the arts.

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Four Polytechnicum engineering students are expected to study on the SVSU campus this year. In the past, Polytechnicum students have helped General Motors Saginaw Division make plans for development of a new manufacturing facility in Stasbourg, France.

Elsewhere in Europe, one student is spending a full year's study in Finland under the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP).

Another ISEP student from SVSU is spending a year studying in the Netherlands.

Other indications of student and faculty interest in international study is the Fulbright Teaching Fellowship award, which Dr. Albert R. Menard III, professor of physics, will use during the 1991-92 school year to teach at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

Later this summer, the College of Business and Management will institute a new 29-month international M.B.A. program. SVSU faculty will teach groups of Taiwanese mid-level business managers who will be dividing studies between the SVSU campus and the Avante Center in Taiwan.

Participation in the exchange of cultures and ideas isn't restricted only to SVSU students and faculty.

Families wishing to host Japanese students for two weekends in July and August are being invited to contact the International Programs Office for more information at ext. 4473.

Braddock says SVSU's efforts to offer opportunities for international study provide a fundamental truth to students.

"They learn that the rest of the world can do things differently from us and still not be wrong," Braddock said.

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Thanks to the efforts of Triskelions members, several SVSU students will receive scholarship assistance with educational expenses. The Triskelions, a volunteer organization, annually contributes scholarship funds generated through sales at their Midland Consignment Shop. At a May 21 luncheon, Shop Chairperson Pat Sanders presented a $6,000 check from 1990-91 proceeds to Dr. Albert Beutler, SVSU Foundation Executive Director. The contribution raises total donations by the group since its inception to more than $250,000.

"We appreciate all the work you have done over the years," said Beutler in accepting the check. "Over a quarter of a million dollars have been donated to students at SVSU in scholarship aid as a result of your dedication." Beutler noted that Gloria Seney, senior financial aid officer, was among the many SVSU graduates whose education was made affordable by Triskelion scholarship aid.

The group also took time to honor some of its most devoted workers, including the shop manager and her assistant. Four Triskelions, Jerri Wagar, Louise Forbes, Priscilla Gorman and Jane Reubens, were recognized by Dr. Michael Panhorst, director of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, for their service as docents.

Triskelions officers for 1990-91 were: Marjorie Madden, president; Shirlee Hampton, vice president; Mildred Irons, secretary; and Audrey Harding, treasurer.
Congressional Pages Selected for 1991-92 School Year

Two 16-year-old area high school students have been appointed to serve as congressional pages in the nation's capitol during the next school year. The students were selected by a four-member faculty committee chaired by Dr. David R. Weaver, professor of political science.

Congressman Bob Traxler (D-Bay City) announced the selections during a May 23 news conference in the Board of Control Conference Room on third floor Wickes Hall.

Michael Demetriou, of Saginaw, and Marita Etcubanez, of Bay City, were selected to work for a semester on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Their duties will include delivering correspondence and small packages, answering phones or relaying messages from the House floor for the Eighth District Congressman.

The students, who will be high school juniors next year, will attend the Page School in the Library of Congress during their appointments. Pages usually begin their school day at 6:45 a.m. before assuming their duties when Congress convenes in the Capitol at noon. A Page's work day ends about 5:30 p.m.

The Pages have the option of studying independently or contracting to do additional work in a specific course, which could qualify them for credit in an honors course.

The first semester runs through the end of January. The second semester begins in February and continues through mid-June. Pages are required to maintain at least a 2.75 grade-point average while attending Page School.

Traxler also named alternate Pages to serve in the event the first appointments are unable to participate. The alternates are Kissi Rhoden and Scott J. Nowak, both of Bay City.

Pistons, SVSU Announce October Training Camp Agreement

Detroit Piston General Manager Jack McCloskey and SVSU Athletic Director Bob Becker confirmed an agreement to hold next October's six-day, pre-season training camp in O'Neill Arena. The training camp is scheduled to open with a "Media Day," Thursday, Oct. 3, followed by six pre-season practice sessions Oct. 4-9.

Computer Services Offers New Services and Training Classes

Campus microcomputer users are being offered access to a Hewlett Packard IIID laser printer with an envelope feeder. Campus departments that need to print high quantities of envelopes should follow these procedures:

- Create a merged envelope list and save it onto a floppy disk. Fonts in the HP IIID are compatible with other laserjet fonts. It is recommended that a backup of the envelope list be saved on your hard drive.

- Call the Computer Services Help Desk at ext. 4225 to check on availability.

- Bring the diskette and the required amount of envelopes to complete the job to the Help Desk, located in Wickes Hall, room 216.

The Computer Services Department also has scheduled a User Group meeting on Friday, June 28, at 11 a.m. in Wickes 226. This meeting will address basic questions from people who use computers at home as well as at work. The experiences of group members sometimes helps to enhance the skills of others in attendance. The formation of an SVSU User Group will depend upon the number of people interested and willing to commit themselves to attending future meetings.

A question and answer (Q & A) session designed to improve effectiveness and increase efficient use of office computers will take place on alternate Fridays beginning June 28. A temporary support office will be located in Wickes 264. This service will be offered on a trial basis. For information or to set up an appointment, call ext. 4225.

A series of classes for faculty and staff will be offered during June and July (see box, right). Each class will have practical exercises to learn the material covered. Class size is limited. Call ext. 4225 to register. Additional classes will be offered in the fall.
Professional Profile

- Following last month's Law Day presentation to the Saginaw County Bar Association, President Eric Gilbertson traveled to the People's Republic of China, June 6, to deliver a formal lecture to the faculty and students of Shanghai International University. His lecture on the Chinese mainland was part of a five-day trip to the Far East where Gilbertson represented the University in a series of meetings, including the opening of SVSU's Master of Business Administration Program in the city of Taipei, and subsequent discussions with high-tech industry leaders in Hsingchu City. From Taiwan, Dr. Gilbertson traveled to Shanghai by way of Hong Kong for the lecture.

- Dr. Michael W. Panhorst, director of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, recently was nominated for the All-Area Arts Award. The award, which is presented by the Saginaw Community Enrichment Commission, recognizes individuals, businesses or organizations who have made a significant contribution through the arts in Saginaw County. The Commission recognized Panhorst specifically for making "the gallery and the art it contains exciting and accessible to the public, including a successful outreach program for area school children."

Across Campus

- Congratulations to Lori Williams, senior faculty secretary for third floor Science Building, and her husband, Mike, on the birth of a daughter. Abigail Rose was born June 4, 10 days ahead of schedule. She weighed 71/2 pounds and was 191/4 inches long.

- Best wishes are extended to Shelly Reminder, senior transcript clerk in the Office of the Registrar, and her husband, Ed, on the birth of a boy. Jacob Edward was born May 21 at 3:52 p.m. He weighed nine pounds, one ounce and was 21 inches long.

- The campus community extends condolences to the family of Jeffrey Calhoun, a full-time sophomore majoring in political science/public administration, who died from injuries suffered in an automobile crash. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 21, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

High Five

- SVSU will host the 1992 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in the James E. O'Neill Jr. Arena, Friday and Saturday, March 13-14. "We're happy to get the opportunity to bring another national event to the area, and proud to be able to show off our facilities," said Athletic Director Bob Becker. While SVSU has hosted national events in golf, football and softball, the track meet will be the first actually held on the SVSU campus.

- College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) recently announced the naming of SVSU junior Brian Miller to the 1991 National GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Baseball Second Team. Miller has an unblemished academic record at SVSU as a pre-business major. He has made the President's List for all six semesters. Miller has distinguished himself on the baseball field, starting all three years under Coach Walt Head. A career .274 hitter, this season Miller belted a career-high five home runs, led the team with 33 runs scored and 36 bases on balls. In high school, Miller was class Valedictorian with a 4.0 grade point average at Swartz Creek.

- CoSIDA's 1991 National GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America Softball Second Team pick was senior Beth VandenBrooks. A criminal justice major with a 3.38 grade point average, VandenBrooks has made the Deans' List three times. She also was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. VandenBrooks holds the career records at SVSU with 638 at bats and 74 stolen bases. She is second in career hits with 223, 146 runs scored and a batting average of .350. As a junior, VandenBrooks was 33rd in hitting in the NCAA Division II. She has tied the NAIA record for most hits in a game (4), and in 1988 set a new standard for most hits in a national tournament (11).
Ann Garcia

Ann Garcia thrives on activity. In fact, she finds the more leisurely pace of summer semesters just a bit boring.

"I like the traffic (during fall and winter semesters)," she says. "I like the confusion."

Garcia, a five-year veteran in the Office of Evening Services, is energized by the sometimes hectic pace in the center that serves as haven for the many students and faculty populating SVSU's campus during evening hours. She maintains 1 - 9 p.m. hours Monday through Thursday, shifting to an 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. schedule on Friday.

Since many other administrative offices close at 4:30 p.m. weekdays, Garcia is the link to services for those who attend late classes. Located at a key intersection of the Brown Hall-Zahnow walkway, her office is a source of information and assistance. Afternoon students also frequent the area and find Garcia friendly and helpful.

She has stepped beyond the requirements of her position to act as staff adviser for the Zeta Phi Beta sorority. While the campus group is small, it is linked to a larger organization in the community. The group focuses on service and raises funds to be distributed to worthwhile causes in the community.

Garcia also volunteers as director of manuscripts and publication for the student-run Cardinal Sins magazine. "I get information from the author and accept the manuscript that is being submitted," she notes. Copies without identification are presented to the review committee. Garcia then supplies authorship information for the work chosen for publication. She also offers revision advice to those whose works were not chosen. "There is a lot of interest in the Sins," she notes. "People want the publication to continue."

The heart of Garcia's work, however, is smoothing the way for evening students and adjunct faculty. She provides secretarial support, such as preparation of course outlines and class materials, for the instructors and publishes a handbook designed to answer questions part-time faculty may have about SVSU and its procedures.

But she goes beyond the routine to provide supplies such as markers and chalk that may be missing from classrooms. She also keeps pens, pencils, bluebooks and a first aid kit on hand for those minor emergencies that can loom large when other facilities are closed. Garcia delivers messages when necessary, or monitors exams for students whose schedules necessitate a make-up.

In addition, she is active on numerous campus committees. She helped initiate the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Dinner, the Festival of Unity and the Fiesta Hispanica. And she provides secretarial support to the Lifelong Resource Center.

Noted for greeting new challenges and assignments with enthusiasm, Garcia has earned expressions of appreciation from many staff and students.
June 10, 1991

Students, Alumni, Hispanic Community Seek Control Board Support for Bilingual, Bicultural Program

About 40 students, alumni and members of the tri-county Hispanic community attended the June 10 Board of Control meeting to show support for continuation of SVSU's Bilingual, Bicultural Education in Spanish Program. Earlier the group had asked to address the Board.

Serving as spokesperson, Dawn Kelly-Ayala said, "as education students and educators we are here because we are concerned about the future of the program, and the future depends on decisions that are made now." A 1989 SVSU graduate, Ayala is an elementary education teacher in the Bay City Public School system.

Doubt about the future of the program apparently arose after the College of Education search committee did not select a candidate to replace Dr. Raquel Ontiveros, who had served as the program's acting director during the past year. Ontiveros applied as a candidate for the job but later withdrew from consideration, citing a salary of $38,915 as "far below that of my previous position with the Saginaw City Schools."

Kelly-Ayala said the new director should be "dedicated to excellence, sensitive to educational needs of individual students and able to communicate effectively on the issues and challenges of our target population, Mexican-Americans of migrant ancestry." Dr. Robert Yien has reconvened the search committee, which will resume a nationwide hunt for a permanent director.

Board Chairperson Joyce K. Woods and President Eric Gilbertson thanked the group for making their concerns known and promised to work closely with them to see that those concerns are properly addressed.

In other actions, The Board approved a resolution to reappoint Mr. and Mrs. Ned Arbary to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Board; it authorized the University to continue general fund budget expenditures for 1991-92 past the June 30, 1991 fiscal year end, and approved appointment of three new members of the Board of Fellows and reappointment of 11 others.

Three New Appointments to Board of Fellows, Eleven Others Returned

Three new members were appointed to the SVSU Board of Fellows and 11 others reappointed by unanimous vote of the SVSU Board of Control during its June 10 meeting.

The new members include David M. Hall, Larry A. McDermott and Jean S. Nichols. Those reappointed were James G. Bandeen, Gary E. Bosco, Frederick D. Ford, Stuart Gross, D. Brain Law, Thomas O. Lohr, Kenneth Selzer, Ricardo Verdone, Harvey Walker, Earl Warrick and Curtis White.

The appointments bring membership in the Board of Fellows to its maximum complement of 36.

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