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Sohed Rodriguez Appointed KCP Visiting Professor

Growing up in Bogota, Colombia, Dr. Sohed Rodriguez remembers her hometown as the "Athens of South America" because of its cultural centers.

"Every year the city would sponsor a large cultural festival, drawing people from all over the country to attend the festivities," she said.

Because of her multi-cultural upbringing, Dr. Rodriguez said she feels at ease with people of other cultures and religions, which should help her as SVSU's 1991-92 King-Chavez-Parks (KCP) Visiting Professor in the College of Education.

Her responsibilities will include supervising student-teachers and speaking on multiculturalism at student-teacher seminars. Her professorship runs from August 26, 1991 through August 24, 1992.

Dr. Rodriguez said she is interested in studying methods to improve the educational system to more effectively meet the needs of diverse groups in our society. As supervisor of the student-teachers, one of her objectives is to teach students how to conduct a research project.

Among her accomplishments is a two-year ethnographic research project, conducted in 1989, in which she studied a Hispanic female administrator and the organization of a university. Dr. Rodriguez said she learned a great deal from this study and wrote a publication entitled *Candid Camera in the Life of a Hispanic Female Higher Education Administrator*.

"I'm impressed with the diversification of the faculty at SVSU and I'm excited to be part of

the visiting professor program," Dr. Rodriguez said. She also said the staff and faculty are very friendly and SVSU offers an excellent education program for all its students.

In 1960 Dr. Rodriguez came to the U.S. and attended Hunter College in New York. Since then, she has earned a B.A. in Spanish and French Literature; two master's degrees, one in Spanish Literature and Philosophy and the other in Adult Continuing Education; and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. All degrees were earned from Michigan State University.

From 1976 to 1991 Dr. Rodriguez served the Hispanic community through the Red Cross Language Bank in Lansing. In 1989 she was appointed to the Advisory Committee Council on the Review of Research and Graduate Education (CORRAGE) at MSU. She also served on the Capital Area Literacy Coalition and the Ingham Medical Auxiliary.

Dr. Rodriguez said she is hopeful of becoming involved in Saginaw's Hispanic community like she had been during her years in the Lansing area.

Dr. Rodriguez's previous positions include Field Instructor in the MSU College of Education and foreign language instructor at Lansing Community College. Among her many awards and honors are the Good Citizen Award; Martin Luther King/Chavez Fellowship; and Ford International. She is a member of Sigma Delta Pi, a Hispanic and cultural education organization.

Dr. Rodriguez is called "Dr. Mom" by her three children and three grandchildren.



Dr. Sohed Rodriguez

Exchange Professor to Bid Farewell at Tree Planting Ceremony

The President's Office invites the campus community to participate in a "Tree Planting" ceremony in honor of Toshihiko Okamoto, an SVSU exchange professor from Tokushima, Japan. The activities are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 2.

Okamoto, who will be leaving SVSU at the end of August, has purchased a Red Sunset Maple as an expression of appreciation for his eight-month stay on campus and for the interaction that he has had with students and colleagues.

The tree will be planted next to the reflecting pond, located to the north of the Arbury Fine Arts Center. Following the ceremony, a reception will take place near the north entrance of Arbury Center. Refreshments will be served.

Classroom Learning Component Added to Minority Student Retention Program

A minority student retention program ("4-S") funded by the State of Michigan Department of Education will have an added focus for the coming academic year.

A major focus of the program will be to enhance classroom learning for students who are academically at risk. Dr. Kerry Segel, associate professor of English, is coordinating the classroom learning component, which will provide support for faculty as well as students.

According to Segel, the classroom learning component consists of two major aspects: 1) faculty resource development; and 2) supplementary instruction.

Faculty resource development will provide opportunities for faculty to develop expertise in promoting learning in the multicultural classroom. Meetings with specialists in minority retention and multicultural education — as well as with colleagues at sister institutions confronting these issues — will be among the activities planned.

The other major aspect of this classroom

learning project — supplementary instruction — will provide at-risk students with regular assistance in understanding course content and in developing effective learning strategies.

Academically successful students, who will receive extensive training in learning and counseling skills, will be available to meet with at-risk students on a weekly basis.

During their training, as well as in their work with at-risk students, these "supplemental instructors" are to work closely with both program staff and faculty who are involved in the program.

Faculty members wishing further information on either aspect of this classroom learning project should call Dr. Kerry Segel, ext. 5611.

National Academic Honors Expected for SVSU Students

Fifty-four SVSU students have been selected as candidates for the 14th Annual Edition of *The National Dean's List*.

Students selected to the list also will be eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship through the Educational Communication Scholarship Foundation.

At least 25 scholarships will be awarded for the 1990-91 academic year.

To be eligible for the honorary award and the scholarships, SVSU students must have been selected to the University's President's List with a 4.0 grade point average during two of the most recent semesters. In addition, the students must have distinguished themselves in leadership positions in voluntary or community service activities either on campus or within their community.

Letterhead Orders Due

The Graphics Center will be printing SVSU letterhead in July. Departments and offices are asked to place letterhead orders through Information Services as soon as possible, as letterhead will not be printed again until January. For more information, contact Marie Rabideau in the Office of Information Services by calling ext. 4039.

In the *Board Report* section of the June 11 edition of the *Interior*, a misstatement was printed indicating the College of Education search committee did not select a candidate to fill the position of Director of the Bilingual, Bicultural Education in Spanish Program. The committee did, in fact, recommend a candidate to fill that position; however, the administration chose not to accept that recommendation and the search committee has been reconvened.

Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Makes Docent Training Tour

Dr. Michael W. Panhorst, director of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, led a group of volunteer docents on a training trip to Detroit on June 4.

The docents, who assist with guided tours through the gallery, visited several sculptures by Fredericks, as well as his home and studios. According to Panhorst, the group viewed the *Ford Empire*, a 145-foot-long metal relief that is located inside the Ford Auditorium.

"The *Ford Empire* is not generally accessible to the public since the Ford Auditorium is currently closed," Panhorst said. "The futures of both the relief and the auditorium are in jeopardy, since the building may be rezoned, demolished and replaced by a high rise commercial structure."

The docents ventured across Jefferson Avenue to see Fredericks' *Spirit of Detroit* and his reliefs at the Veterans Memorial Building, which is just down the street.

Boarding a shuttle, the tour continued to Elmwood Cemetery for a look at the funeral memorial of Alvan Macauley, another sculpture by Fredericks. This was followed by a stop at Belle Isle to study the Levi Barbour Memorial Fountain, near the Conservatory.

"The Barbour Fountain is a landmark work in Fredericks' career," said Panhorst, "coming in 1935-36 at the very beginning of his career."

Fredericks, his wife and his assistant, Molly Barth, met the group for lunch in Birmingham before concluding the tour with visits to Fredericks' home and studios.

The visit to Fredericks' garden included a brief recognition ceremony at which Panhorst presented awards to four volunteers who have contributed to the success of gallery programs over the past year or longer.

Awards of merit went to three individuals who have served in the gallery an average of one afternoon per week for the last year: Myrna Adelman, Jean Nichols and Jerri Wagar.

An outstanding docent award was given to Louise Forbes. The award consisted of a

bronze medallion minted for the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery and Arbury Fine Arts Center.

Others who made the trip were Lu Allard, Jo Roberson, Jackie Stubbs, Pricilla Gorman, Barbara Roberts, Dorothy LaBlanc, Fay Wilder and Alan Reisinger. Jennifer Lentz, a summer intern in the gallery, also joined the tour.

"Trips such as this are a regular part of the training program for gallery docents," Panhorst said. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for the gallery should contact Dr. Michael W. Panhorst at ext. 5667. Training sessions will begin this fall.

Endowed Scholarships Receive Foundation Board Approval

The SVSU Foundation Board of Directors have authorized the endowment funds for two scholarships.

The Herbert H. Lyon Scholarship recognizes this Midland native who was vice president of The Dow Chemical Company. For several years Lyon was director of corporate administration, where he exhibited unique administrative skills.

An active community citizen, Lyon willingly shared his knowledge and unusual leadership abilities in the areas of administration and finance with a number of organizations in the Tri-County area.

He served as director on the boards of The Dow Chemical Company, Chemical Financial Corporation, Wolohan Lumber Company and the SVSU Board of Fellows.

An Honorary Doctor of Laws was conferred on Lyon by SVSU in 1983.

Also approved was the Samuel D. Marble Memorial Scholarship, which is designated for Delta College transfer students as a lasting tribute to Marble's service to both Delta College and SVSU. Marble served as the first president of each institution — at Delta from 1958-64 and at SVSU from 1964-74.

For information on how to apply for these scholarships, contact the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid at ext. 4103.

The Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery hosted tours during the month of May for more than 1100 people representing 30 different special groups. The gallery also welcomed more than 200 walk-in guests. Since May of last year, almost 21,000 visitors have come to campus to see the gallery.

Personnel

- **Delivery Clerk, Central Stores** — Full-time (replacement) position. Rate of pay is \$6.73 per hour. Requirements: physical ability to lift and transport deliveries; ability to deal effectively with people; driver's license in good standing.

All applications must be received by the Personnel Office no later than Friday, June 27, 1991. For further information, call the Personnel Office at ext. 4112. SVSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. SVSU does not discriminate based on race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical impairment, disability or Vietnam-era veteran status in the provision of education, employment and other services.

Professional Profile

- **Dr. Roosevelt S. Ruffin**, director of multicultural programs/affirmative action, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Council for the Humanities. He will serve with the newly-elected chairperson, Dr. Marilyn Williamson, deputy provost at Wayne State University, and with the vice chair, Dr. Robert C. Ferguson of the department of languages and literature at Ferris State University.

Across Campus

- The campus community congratulates MaryAnn P. VanDusen-Bothe, senior data entry clerk in the Office of Computer Services, and her husband, Ron, who were wed June 8, 1991.

Did You Know? ...

- Starting the last week of June 1991, **Pepsi-Cola** will be the new soft drink vendor and **AVI** will service the snack machines across campus. The price for canned carbonated beverages will increase a nickel to 65 cents, marking the first price hike in soft drinks since August 1985.
- **Central Stores** will close for inventory on June 27 and 28. No orders will be filled or delivered on these dates.

High Five

- After rebounding from another winning season, SVSU's head basketball coach Claudette Charney will direct this summer's **Cardinal Girls' Basketball Camp**.

Athletes in grades five through 12 will be able to gain valuable individual and team skill instruction from current collegiate coaches and players during the camp, which runs July 8-12. Registration will take place Monday, July 8 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Instruction will start immediately following and will run until 9 p.m. Daily camp instruction will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. until noon on Friday.

Athletes will receive over 40 hours of instruction, stressing offensive and defensive fundamental skills, along with advanced techniques. Locker room and shower facilities will be made available.

Cost for the camp will depend upon choice of two option packages. A commuter package is available for \$125, which includes a daily lunch from the campus cafeteria. The cost for those staying overnight on campus is \$190, which includes housing in the SVSU residence halls, towels and bed linens, three meals per day and supervised nightly activities. All athletes will receive a camp t-shirt. Children of SVSU employees are being offered a \$15 discount on this and all other Summer Sports Camps at SVSU.

For information on how to register, contact Jerry Lutri, camp coordinator, at ext. 7300.

- The Computer Services on-campus **softball** squad hammered "Swat Team," 18-12, on Wednesday, June 19. Swat Team members included Maureen Kozumplik (who had no hits but did advance the runners once), Pam LaDouce, Don Bachand, Dick Prieh, Brad Miller, Steven Erickson, Perry Toyzan, Dave Jerome, Sue Welke and Kari Harrington. Computer Services' next opponent will be a team from the physics, chemistry and biology departments (hence the name, "PCBs"). The two teams will square off Thursday evening, June 27. Anyone interested in challenging the Computer Services Office team to a game should contact Claudia Anderson at ext. 5697.

Campus offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

The Campus Snackbar will be closed July 4 and 5.