SVSU Staff Member Poses for Body Cast Model

Tracy Pryor, a 1991 SVSU graduate and 4-S coordinator in the Office of Minority Services, is modeling for a body cast sculpture titled "Modern Woman."

The figure is of a woman sitting at a computer terminal. It will be included in the St. Louis Science Center's "Ecology and Environment" exhibit, which opens September 1.

Dennis Ullrich of Design Craftsman will be making the body cast. The Midland-based company designs and fabricates educational museum exhibits. Ullrich had served as staff photographer in SVSU's Office of Information Services from 1981-84. Ullrich said it will take about two weeks to complete the figure from start to finish. However, Pryor will be modeling for only an eight-hour period.

"This is all new to me," Pryor said. "I'm really excited about being a body cast model, plus I get paid."

While she admits her background in body sculpture is not extensive, she hopes this experience will give her new insights in the area of art.

"I have to wear shorts and a t-shirt," Pryor said, adding that her whole body, excluding her face, will be wrapped in Saran Wrap. On her head she will wear a rubber cap. Her face will be greased with vaseline.

Pryor explained the casting procedure begins by smoothing a putty-like mixture over the head, face and ears, leaving openings for the eyes, nostrils and mouth.

Next, strips of gauze are layered over top of the putty, which dries as hard as cement. The cast is formed in two sections, front and back, so that it easily can be removed. The cast requires about an hour to dry, then is reassembled. Pryor said the same procedure is used for the rest of the body cast, which is divided into four sections — hands, torso, legs and feet.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw my face cast," Pryor said. "Every imprint of my face showed even the pimple."

The St. Louis Science Center exhibit is a visual depiction of how human energy has been used throughout time. There will be a total of four figures in the ecology exhibit. Three will be in the Gallery of Peoples of the Earth and one in the Greenhouse Gallery.

The figures in the Gallery of Peoples of the Earth include a hunter flint napping, which represents hunting for food; a pastoralist planting seeds in the ground, which shows the advancement of raising and growing one's own food; and a computer operator sitting at a terminal, which is one example of how human energy is used today.

The figure in the Greenhouse Gallery, titled "Alien Archaeologist," is representative of a person from the future on an archaeological dig in a landfill.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: SVSU'S ENGINEERING PROGRAMS RECEIVE ACCREDITATION BY THE ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY
WATCH FOR DETAILS IN JULY 30, 1991 ISSUE OF THE INTERIOR
SVSU Welcomes Students From Shikoku Women’s University

SVSU will host 35 students from Shikoku Women’s University for a five-week course in English language and American culture. They are schedule to arrive July 15.

The SVSU community will have an opportunity to meet and welcome the visitors at a reception Wednesday, July 17 at 4 p.m. If weather permits, the event will take place outdoors in the Sculpture Garden near Arbury Center.

Host families also are being sought for the weekends of July 27-28 and August 10-11, and the week of August 19-23. Those interested in participating should contact International Programs at ext. 4473.

CAMPUS BIDS FAREWELL TO JAPANESE VISITING PROFESSOR — Toshihiko Okamoto holds a gift presented to him by President Gilbertson at a “Tree Planting” ceremony, held July 2 near Owsley Grove, northwest of Arbury Center. The Red Sunset Maple presented to the University by Okamoto represents the growing ties between SVSU and Shikoku Women’s University in Tokushima, Japan, where Okamoto teaches English. The photograph that Okamoto holds in his hands will remind him of his view of the campus from his apartment window in Pine Grove.
STUDENTS EXPERIENCE SUMMER FUN AT SAGINAW VALLEY — Even though temperatures during July hover from the mid-80s to low 90s, large numbers of young people are visiting SVSU for a variety of activities. Among the events staged outdoors are pom pom camps for high school girls [right and middle]. Indoors, meanwhile, new students participating in orientation organize their schedules for fall semester [bottom]. Summer outreach activities like camps and orientation expose the campus to hundreds of students from the Saginaw Valley region.
Dean Lange Elected to Serve on National League for Nursing Committee

Dr. Crystal M. Lange, dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, recently won election to the office of Nurse Educator Member of the Executive Committee for the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs. She will serve a biennial term through 1993. The announcement came at the National League for Nursing's convention in Nashville, Tennessee, in June 1991.

Transitions

The following personnel changes occurred since May 21. Please make changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory.

New Staff
- Dennis Feinauer (ext. 4316) grounds/athletics, Physical Plant.
- Raymond Foster (ext. 5653) science and engineering outreach coordinator/assistant test laboratory supervisor.
- Patricia Gomez (ext. 4212) part-time cashier, Controller's Office.
- Judith B. Kerman (ext. 4062) dean, College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences.
- Matthew Saeger (ext. 5619) electrical engineering technician, College of Science, Engineering and Technology.

Departing Staff
- David Brumfield, formerly police officer, Public Safety.
- Carla Chavez, formerly teacher, Children's Center.
- Clifton Jones, formerly director of Zahnnow Library.
- Raquel Ontiveros, formerly acting director of Bilingual/Bicultural Education.
- Kimberly Wagener, formerly teacher, Children's Center.

Across Campus

- Congratulations to Dr. Garry Johns, assistant professor of mathematical sciences, and his wife, Cindy, on the June 21 birth of a daughter. Erin Elisabeth weighed 7.5 lbs. and was 19.5 inches long.
- Mr. Ted Nitz, personal counselor and coordinator of Handicapped Services, expresses his appreciation for all the kindness shown following his June 29 bypass surgery. He is recovering at home.
- The campus community extends best wishes for a quick recovery to Mr. Richard P. Thompson, dean of student affairs, who is at home after sustaining injuries in a fall.

High Five

- A Sports Injury Management Workshop, sponsored by Athletic Trainer David Bertie, will be held July 22-25. The workshop will consist of four three-hour sessions involving guest speakers, lab sessions and lectures. Register in advance by calling ext. 7300.
- Basketball Coach Robert Pratt is sponsoring a Boys' Basketball Camp in O'Neill Arena July 22-26 for boys age 8-16. Focus will be on fundamental basketball skills, ball handling, shooting and offensive and defensive techniques. Call ext. 7300 for registration details.
- Another summer sports camp scheduled at SVSU is being conducted by Cheerleading Coach Belinda Cain. The camp will focus on all aspects of cheerleading, from crowd control to cheers, chants, dance routines, tumbling, safety guidelines, jumps and spotting techniques. To register in advance, call ext. 7300.
- The Yes I Can Volleyball Camp will be held July 28-August 1. Coach Chris Bertie will teach youngsters in grades seven through 12 how to develop peak performance, game confidence, relaxation, concentration, motivation and aggressiveness. Registration information is available by calling ext. 7300.

Note: Children of SVSU employees will receive a $15 discount for all sports camps.
Thanks to Claudia Anderson, July Staff Member of the Month, the administrative computer systems at SVSU can be relied upon to capture and analyze data and produce a variety of useful reports.

Anderson, a 1982 graduate of SVSU’s data processing major, is a member of Computer Service’s administrative computer programming team. She has been instrumental in developing many of our current computer information systems, including those used by Scholarships and Student Financial Aid and the Alumni Relations offices.

She was a member of the team that worked out programming to track students’ academic progress and their completion of General Education requirements. Enrollment reports showing such information as number of students admitted and number registered for classes in various categories also are a product of her effort.

Anderson is quick to credit fellow employees with assistance in solving knotty programming problems. "One thing I like about my job is all the co-workers," she says. "They are all great people to work with."

While some of the programming projects Anderson works on are one-time efforts, other administrative programs have to be updated annually. She cites payroll systems as an example. Changes in regulations, such as reporting Medicare separate from FICA, require adjustments to the program. Frequent changes in Federal financial aid guidelines also have to be accommodated within the system. Likewise, new reporting regulations confronting the Office of Institutional Research require updates to the system.

"Something we are working on is completing a (computerized) degree audit system," she says. "We have most of the components — Basic Skills, General Education; the only thing we really need is a system to check the major and minor to make sure all requirements are met."

She notes that SVSU now has "a very nice transcript system." Students can very quickly obtain a transcript from the Registrar’s Office. "All the information is on the Prime, and it is readily available."

In Anderson’s estimation, maintaining consistent programming standards and meticulous documentation are keys to a successful administrative computer information system. According to co-workers, her concern has resulted in SVSU documentation being regarded as among the best in the state.

Anderson began working in Computer Services while enrolled as a student. After graduation she took a one-year temporary position with the department. When that assignment was complete, she was employed in Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company’s data processing department until returning to SVSU in 1984.

"Having been here these past seven years, I have been able to see this school grow," she notes. "It was interesting to watch the construction of I.F. #2. We never left Wickes Hall during construction, but we moved several times." She recalls a time during 1986 when there was no glass in the windows on the second floor perimeter. "We were lucky it was not a bad summer," she laughs.

Anderson serves on the campus recycling committee and is treasurer of the volunteer "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" program in Frankenmuth. She also serves on the Saginaw County management team for Special Olympics.