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Crystal Lange to retire from dean's post

Twenty years ago Crystal M. Lange came to SVSU to establish the college's nursing curriculum. After building a program regarded as one of the best in the nation, Lange is stepping up from her role as dean to devote full time to her responsibilities as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Lange announced her decision to the nursing and the occupational therapy faculties on June 3.

Lange came to SVSU in August 1976 after serving for 13 years in Delta College's division of nursing. Under her direction, SVSU's College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences has graduated 32 classes of nursing students, with 848 persons earning Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees through the program. In addition, some 37 students have earned degrees through the recently established Master of Science in Nursing program. Occupational Therapy, the most recent program initiated during Lange's tenure, has graduated two classes with a total of 72 students earning credentials.

SVSU's nursing program has been accredited by the National League for Nursing since 1982, and the occupational therapy program received accreditation from the American Occupational Therapy Association since 1995, attesting to the quality of the programs.

In 1990 Lange assumed duties related to the Academic Affairs division on a part-time basis while continuing to supervise the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. She has regularly taught classes in the nursing program.

In addition to her administrative and teaching roles, Lange has served on numerous campus committees. She chaired the NCA Accreditation Steering Committee, which successfully concluded its work in 1994 when the University was granted a 10-year renewal of accreditation.

Lange also chaired the committee that developed the successful program statement leading to state approval for the construction of West Complex. She continues to serve on a variety of committees related to furnishing and occupying the facility.

Active in the community as well as the campus, Lange has served on numerous regional and state groups as an expert on nursing in relation to current issues facing the profession. She was a member of the Michigan Department of Public Health Advisory Task Force on Nursing Issues, which in 1990 reported to the Michigan Legislature on "Meeting the Needs for Nursing Care in Michigan." She also served on the national board of directors for the American Association of Colleges of

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Nursing, and on the editorial board of the Journal of Professional Nursing. She was elected to the American Academy of Nursing in 1976, and she served on the Michigan Ethics Information Network. In 1991 she won election to a National League for Nursing executive committee for baccalaureate and higher degree programs.

Lange was honored by the Michigan Association of Activity Professionals in 1995 for her efforts in designing a program and teaching in a course for geriatric activity specialists. During women's history month in 1994 she was honored by her SVSU colleagues for her achievements and her concern for the welfare of women.

Lange holds a baccalaureate degree in nursing from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in nursing from Wayne State University and a Ph.D. degree in education from Michigan State University.

The search for a new dean of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences will begin immediately, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S.P. Yien.

SVSU hosts award-winning author

The Flint-born author of a highly-acclaimed novel will be appearing at SVSU on Thursday, June 20.

Christopher Paul Curtis, author of The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963, plans a 1 p.m. presentation in SVSU's Founders Hall. Following his lecture, Curtis will be signing copies of the highly regarded novel for young adults. Books are available for purchase at the SVSU Bookstore and at Media Play in Saginaw.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963 presents the comic antics of a Flint family from the perspective of their middle child, 10-year-old Kenny. But the Watsons are changed when, as Curtis says, "[they are] a family caught in an important moment in American history." The book powerfully combines warm humor with stark realities of a painful chapter in this country's struggle for racial equality.


"I believe that young people often are blessed with the best ears for detecting what rings true or what feels right in a particular piece of writing," Curtis said. "To me the highest accolade comes when a young reader tells me, 'I really liked your book.'"

For more information about Curtis' appearance, contact Jean Brown or Elaine Stephens, both professors of teacher education, at ext. 4073 or 4317 respectively. Professors Brown and Stephens are coordinating the event in conjunction with Craig Tatum, director of multicultural programs at SVSU. Curtis also will be signing books at Media Play from 4-5 p.m. on June 20. Both events are open to the public free of charge.

SVSU adds options to electrical engineering program

The increasing significance of computer engineering as a speciality has prompted SVSU faculty to broaden the electrical engineering program. Beginning this fall, students can choose to concentrate in one of two areas: electrical systems engineering or computer engineering.

Reflecting the change in curriculum focus, the Department of Electrical Engineering has been renamed the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Department chair Mohamed A. El-Kasabi noted that there is a national trend to include computer engineering as an important part of electrical engineering programs at U.S. colleges and universities.

SVSU also has a Department of Computer Science that offers programs in computer science and computer information systems. Those programs concentrate on computer software and the management of data, while the computer engineering program focuses on engineering and development of computer hardware.

Currently about 130 students are enrolled in SVSU's electrical engineering program, with about 16 graduating each year. With the addition of the computer engineering speciality, enrollments are expected to climb. While many students are employed and attend University classes part-time, the engineering programs also attract area high school graduates, said Thomas Kullgren, dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology.
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SVSU Board adopts ’96-97 budget, sets tuition, acts on PSA matters

With the 1995-96 academic year nearing its close, Saginaw Valley State University’s governing board focused attention on the 1996-97 fiscal year at their June 17 meeting, adopting a budget for the upcoming year and taking action on several matters related to public school academies.

Due mainly to a 15.39% increase in state appropriations, the general fund operating budget approved by the Board anticipates revenues slightly more than nine percent above the current year budget. The state funding increase recognizes enrollment growth that has occurred at SVSU during the past several years.

Tuition and fee increases were held below the state-calculated CPI of 2.8%, qualifying students or their parents for Michigan’s tuition tax credit. Michigan undergraduate students, which represent the largest component of SVSU’s enrollment, will see a tuition increase of $2.70 per credit hour, from $97.05 to $99.75. The general service fee will rise from $8.10 per credit to $8.30, for a combined increase of 2.76% in tuition and required fees.

President Gilbertson noted that SVSU’s tuition and fees are among the lowest of Michigan’s public universities.

Michigan undergraduates in upper division courses of professional programs (engineering, nursing, occupational therapy and education) will see tuition rise by $2.90 to $109.10 per credit hour. Graduate courses for Michigan residents will rise to $147.05 per credit hour, up from $143.10 in 1995-96.

1996-97 credit hour tuition rates for out-of-state students will be $208.70 for undergraduate courses, $218.70 for undergraduate professional program courses, and $288.70 for graduate courses.

The approved general fund budget projects total revenues and expenditures of $40,190,150. Corresponding figures for 1995-96 are $36,817,023.

Board members also adopted a set of goals and objectives for 1996-97 that reaffirm many of the items approved in earlier years, while modifying some and adding others. Revisions include an objective of increasing full-time faculty staffing in disciplines where growth has occurred and future growth is most promising. Nine new faculty positions are anticipated.

Other revisions address completing negotiations with SVSU bargaining units, completing construction of new campus housing units, increasing support to area K-12 schools, and expanding the international student population through recruitment and improved services.

Additional 1996-97 objective revisions call for increasing permanent budget support for technology and equipment improvement and replacement; completion of design and fundraising for the Bell Tower project; and addressing deferred maintenance issues.

New objectives for 1996-97 are the implementation of a transaction card system for students, faculty and staff; and development of plans for Instructional Facility #3 in preparation for the bidding and construction process.

In accord with 1993 and 1994 legislative acts providing for the establishment of public school academies, Board members approved applications for two schools and endorsed nominations for board members to four schools previously chartered.
The new schools are the Cesar Chavez Academy and the Grattan Academy. Located in metropolitan Detroit, the Cesar Chavez Academy for grades K-5 seeks to provide a safe, caring, positive, fair and challenging environment where the individual differences of students are respected and valued and their multiple gifts are used to enhance their lives and the lives of others. Organizers plan an innovative curriculum with strong parental involvement in all school aspects.

In contrast, the Grattan Academy will serve a rural area with a significant population in economic need. Through smaller class sizes, multi-age grouping, team teaching, individualized instruction and other techniques, organizers will seek to raise academic achievement of students in grades K-6. The academy, located in the Belding/Grattan area, plans to use “The Modern Red Schoolhouse” model to implement its educational programs. The model, successfully emulated in other school districts, originated in Indianapolis in 1992.

In other action related to public school academies, Board members approved nominations of five people to the Traverse Bay Community School board, expanding its membership to nine. They also approved nominations of parent members to the boards of Northwest Academy, Lake Bluff Academy, and the Creative Learning Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Humanities. Also approved were the addition of grades K-3 to Traverse Bay Community School and revision to SVSU’s policy statement on public school academies, bringing it in conformance with recent amendments to Public Act 363, which authorizes the establishment of the academies.

The Board approved reappointment of three members to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery Board and appointed Carl M. Fredericks, Alma (Mrs. Richard) Gilmore, and Carole (Mrs. William) Casseo as new members on the body. Board members also adopted a resolution commending the 1996 SVSU golf team for winning the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship under the direction of coach Joe Vogl, who was named GLIAC Coach of the Year.
Projects SOLVE and MOLVE offered again this summer

The SVSU Regional Mathematics and Science Center announces its teacher summer workshop schedule for 1996. All workshops will be held on the SVSU campus and can be taken for graduate credit.

Project SOLVE, the highly successful science content and hands-on upgrade workshop, will once again be offered for teachers K-8 during July 8-19. Subjects covered include biology, chemistry, earth science (astronomy), physics, and higher level thinking skills. Participants may choose from the K-4 or 5-8 component and work directly with experienced SVSU faculty and K-12 teachers.

Project SOLVE for 9-12 also is being offered. Interested teachers will work on selected areas of research in biology, chemistry, geology, and physics. Call the Center for specific titles and workshop dates.

Project MOLVE, for 5-8 and patterned after the SOLVE model, is the mathematics portion of the workshop tandem. Participants will be introduced to the latest manipulatives and techniques for employing them in their classrooms. This eight-day workshop will run June 17-26 and will cover the topics of algebra, measurement and geometry, statistics and probability, calculators and computers, and higher level thinking skills.

“A Week with AIMS” will be offered August 12-16. The nationally-renowned AIMS Education Foundation will use the SVSU campus to host a Series 2 MEAP workshop with emphasis on matching the AIMS science and math activities to the Michigan Essential Goals and Objectives for Science Education (MEGOSE).

For further details contact the Regional Mathematics and Science Center at ext. 4114.

Students participate in Math Olympics

Some 680 students from 23 area schools participated in the annual Math Olympics Contest held April 29 at SVSU. At the opening ceremony students were welcomed by Robert Yien, vice president of academic affairs. Thomas Kullgren, dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, presented awards to the top students and schools at the afternoon awards ceremony.

Awards were given for individual achievement, as well as for team achievement, on two levels. Seniors participating in the upper level (level II) competition were competing for two all-tuition scholarships to SVSU. The scholarship winners will be announced at a later date.

The level I exam was taken by 388 students and the level II exam by 292. Twenty-one teams competed in level I and 17 in level II.

For more information contact Tom Zerger at ext. 4334.

Across Campus

• The campus community extends sincerest condolences to Dave Jerome, duplicator operator in the Copy Center, and his family on the loss of his father-in-law, John A. Simons, who passed away Sunday, June 9. Funeral services were held in Mt. Pleasant. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the Sacred Heart Academy Foundation or the Andy Simons Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Have You Heard?

• Mail delivery will not take place on Friday, July 5, 1996.

• Health Services and Personal Counseling will be closed from June 28 through August 9. Limited services will be available August 12-23, with regular hours resuming August 26.

• Central Stores will be closed for inventory June 27-28. Any orders received by Tuesday, June 25 will be delivered and charged to 1995-96 budgets. All orders received starting Wednesday, June 26 will be charged to 1996-97 budgets. Deliveries will resume on Monday, July 1.
Professional Profile

- Jean Brown and Elaine Stephens, professors of teacher education, represented the Michigan Council of Teachers of English while serving as English language arts judges for the Detroit News competition honoring the top 20 Michigan high school seniors. The two recently attended the banquet at the Henry Ford estate where the students received recognition. Brown has judged the competition since it began 11 years ago; Stephens has judged the event for the past seven years.

- Jim Hamrick, assistant director of International Programs, attended the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference in Phoenix early in June. Hamrick presented “Transitioning from Teaching to Administration,” which was designed to assist new ESL program administrators. Co-presenters were Nancy Centrella, Virginia Commonwealth University; Barbara Sayers, University of Toledo; and Mark Porter, University of South Carolina. Hamrick also participated in a report on the work of the TESOL Accreditation Advisory Committee on the development of a program of accreditation for Intensive English Programs.

- Gloria Hansen, coordinator of Health Services, presented a workshop titled “How to Have an Indispensable College Health Service” at the Annual Meeting of the American College Health Association, May 29-June 1 in Orlando, Florida.

- Michael Panhorst, director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, had an article titled “Memorial Art at Gettysburg” published in Civil War Art (Summer 1996, pp. 60-64). He also made the eight photos that illustrated the essay. Civil War Art is a special publication from the Cowles History Group, publishers of America’s Civil War and Civil War Times Illustrated.

- Stephen J. Yanca, assistant professor of social work, presented a workshop at the annual conference of the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers May 10 on Mackinaw Island. The workshop, titled “Developing an Ethical Culture for Community-based Practice,” identified the increased risks of dual relationships associated with social work practice in the community and provided participants with a process for agencies to assist their staff in maintaining healthy boundaries to prevent exploitation. Experiences in developing programs with

Midland-Gladwin Mental Health were shared.

- Matthew Zivich, professor of art, has had two works on exhibit at the Midland Center for the Arts in the recent Great Lakes Regional Art Exhibition. The two works are bas-reliefs titled “Scenes from a Mall” and “The Battleship Potemkin.” Roberta Lieberman was juror for the show, which ran from May 14 to June 16.

Zivich also has had one photographic work accepted in the Art Center of Battle Creek’s “Midwest Focus ’96.” This is a juried exhibition for photographers of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Therese Mulligan, curator of photography at the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography in Rochester, New York, was juror. Zivich’s accepted work, titled “The Married Woman,” is an assemblage of 16 photographs named after a Jean-Luc Godard film as part of a series in tribute to that film maker. The show runs from June 14 through July 28.

Transitions

Please note the following personnel changes in your Faculty/Staff Directory:

Same Face, New Place

- Nick Badalamenti, maintenance, working foerman, Physical Plant, ext. 4274

- Tamie Grunow, administrative personnel assistant, Personnel Office, ext. 4112

- Nancy A. Samolewski, microcomputer lab coordinator, ext. 5636

- Gordon Wolf, maintenance I, Physical Plant, ext. 4274

Moving On

- Ray Foster, science & engineering coordinator/assistant lab supervisor

Accent on Alumni

- G. Benson Lange (B.S.E.E., 1984) currently is serving Omega Productive Services as engineering manager where he is conducting energy feasibility studies at Ford Motor Plants in England, Spain and Germany. His assignment is to discover new techniques for painting cars that are less expensive and provide greater quality. The study also includes 10 plants in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

- Linda Ferguson (B.B.A., 1994) of Bay City has joined the staff at Data Transfer Corporation as office administrator.

- Gary Bosco (B.A., finance, 1972) has been elected to the board of directors at Bay Medical Center.