Endowed Executive-in-Residence to promote business leadership

The Arnold and Gertrude Boutell/Citizens Bank of Saginaw Endowed Executive-in-Residence was established to support teaching and professional service by an “Executive-in-Residence” in the College of Business and Management. The endowment is supported by grants in the amount of $190,500 from Citizens Bank of Saginaw and trusts under its administration, together with gifts from offices and employees of Citizens Bank.

The purpose of the award is to “recognize the need and opportunity for experienced business leadership to contribute to the education of future business leaders,” and a desire on the part of the donors “to support a program for this purpose.”

The individual selected for the appointment will be an experienced and distinguished business leader appointed to SVSU’s College of Business and Management.

The income from the endowment will go to support the development and improvement of programs and activities by the Executive-in-Residence and within the SVSU College of Business and Management, those programs and activities that bring students and faculty into learning and working relationships with regional business leaders and firms.

Citizens Bank and its executives have a considerable history with SVSU. Citizens Bank and its employees have been generous donors for years and its executive officers have served in SVSU leadership roles, including on the Board of Control and the Board of Fellows.

Petersen to lead tour of Southeast Asia

For many, the name “Vietnam” brings to mind America’s involvement in a brutal war or the perceived failure of the American political system. Vietnam is shedding its image of the war-torn country of 30 years ago and is not only at peace, but is a youthful and dynamic nation determined to be an influential force in Southeast Asia.

In early July, you will have the opportunity to tour Vietnam and gain a better understanding of its history, political structure, culture and geography through a tour led by Eric Petersen, SVSU professor of history.

Participants will spend eight days in Vietnam and an additional four days touring other Southeast Asia countries. The group will travel to Ho Chi Minh City and tour the home of former President Diem, the former U.S. Embassy, Notre Dame Cathedral and the old post office. There will be the opportunity to experience an amazing network of underground tunnels in Cu Chi used during the French and American wars.

During a two-day excursion into the lower Mekong Delta, the group will be introduced to the daily rituals of river life and will participate in a traditional Vietnamese cooking lesson.

Danang and Hoi An also will be visited, with lunch at China Beach and viewing of ancient and rare artifacts and structures. The group also will visit the imperial city of Hue and travel along Vietnam’s most scenic drive, Hai Van Pass — “Pass of Clouds.” There also will be an excursion to witness landmarks of U.S./Vietnam recent history, including a hike along a part of the original Ho Chi Minh trail and the Vinh Moc tunnels. Hanoi also is part of the tour.

Participants will have the opportunity to extend their tours and move onto Hong Kong, Korea or any other country in the region for an additional fee.

The cost for the tour of Vietnam will be approximately $3,600 and includes airfare, hotel accommodations, some meals and entrance to some attractions.

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Petersen will provide participants with a list of articles and books on contemporary Vietnam to prepare them for the excursion. He also will teach a class in the history of the Vietnam war during the Spring semester. Petersen has taught courses for years on American and Vietnamese relationship, American foreign policy and American foreign relations.

Continuing education, graduate and undergraduate credits may be earned for tour participation. In addition, students who enroll for credit may be eligible for financial aid.

The Travel & Learn tour is a program of SVSU's Office of Continuing Education. For a detailed brochure and itinerary, call ext. 4475.

Education dean accepts position in California

Ellen Curtis-Pierce, dean of the College of Education since 1992, has joined the staff of National University in LaJolla, Calif. Curtis-Pierce marked her last day as part of SVSU on Friday, Jan. 23. She begins her new position on Feb. 9.

"The teacher education program under her leadership has developed into a program with a more personal touch," said Robert Yien, vice president of academic affairs. Yien added that enrollment in the college has increased significantly since Curtis-Pierce took over the reins five and one-half years ago. "She also has been very popular in the community."

While dean of the College of Education, Curtis-Pierce saw student credit hours increase 50 percent, and student teacher placement is up 88 percent. In addition, the college received NCATE continuing accreditation and opened a center in Macomb County.

"We have been able to establish some really good relations with school people," Curtis-Pierce said. "Our Unified Elementary Pilot Program was approved by the state and we are training elementary teachers to work with diverse-needs populations.

"This is something I’ve been really committed to — true inclusive education."

Curtis-Pierce said her position at National University — dean of the School of Education and Human Services — is "very different from anything I’ve done before."

"It’s a private, independent university focused on the adult learner," she said. The university boasts 10,000 students — half of which are in the School of Education and Human Services.

"National University is the third largest producer of teachers in California. It has sites all over the state," Curtis-Pierce said. LaJolla is in north San Diego County, she explained, adding that she was going home — Curtis-Pierce joined the staff from Cal Poly University, Pomona, Calif.

Curtis-Pierce will travel to California with her husband, Robert, and their two children.

SVSU recognizes student success

SVSU has recognized 353 students for their achievements by naming them to the President's List for the fall 1997 semester. To earn the honor, students must maintain a 4.00 GPA and be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.

High academic achievement placed 687 students on the Deans' List. These students had GPAs between 3.40 and 3.99 and were enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.

University Police join Crime Stoppers

University Police will promote the national Crime Stoppers program by posting bulletins about crimes throughout campus.

Anyone with details about the crimes featured on the posted notices should call (800) 422-JAIL or (517) 752-STOP. Cash rewards are offered for anonymous tips that lead to the arrest of felony crime offenders, fugitives and recovery of stolen property. Information also can be submitted on cards that will be available throughout the campus. All information and callers will remain strictly confidential.

SVSU personnel appear on Fox 66

SVSU Director of Multicultural Programs and Affirmative Action Craig A. Tatum is joined by John Pugh, Delta College administrative assistant and economics professor, on WSMH-Fox 66 during Mid-Michigan Focus, a program for and about people and issues in the Saginaw Valley.

Tatum and Pugh discuss the evolution of Black History Month and events designed to celebrate the cultural celebration. The show will air at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2.

Hosting and producing the show was Cecilia Jerome, director of Information Services. The show's director was Keith Frye, electronic media distribution and production technician for the Zahnow Library.
Professional Profile

• Jean E. Brown and Elaine C. Stephens, professors of teacher education, served as coordinators of the post convention workshops at the annual fall convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in Detroit. They also planned and organized a mini-workshop that was chaired by Stephens and featured seven authors of young adult literature: Joan Bauer, Janet Bode, Eve Bunting, Christopher Paul Curtis, Joyce Hansen, Graham Salisbury and Deb Vanasse. The session, titled “United in Diversity,” was a preview of a forthcoming NCTE book by Brown and Stephens with the same title. The seven authors each contributed a chapter to the book.

Brown and Stephens also presented two papers together at the convention. In the first, “Images and Voices from the Holocaust,” they were joined by Nadine Burke from Delta College. Brown and Stephens also presented “Multicultural Books and Authors of Young Adult Literature Too Good to Miss” at the ALAN workshop. Brown presented a paper titled “Censorship in Young Adult Literature” with Jeff Kaplan (Central Florida University).

• Anna R. Dadlez, professor of modern foreign languages, had a book accepted for publication by East European Monographs, University of Colorado-Boulder. Journey from Innocence will appear in print this year and will be distributed by Columbia University Press.

The 260-page book focuses on Dadlez’s experiences from her early childhood in Poland, the deportation with her mother to Kazakhstan in the USSR during World War II, her stay in Middle East refugee camps, and her sojourn in post-war England. The work finishes with Dadlez’s graduation from the University of Durham (England). A separate chapter is devoted to “Emigration — Its Problems and Its Challenges.”

“In succumbing to the wish to write about my life, I offer the following justification, which will perhaps make up for the very personal tone of this book,” writes Dadlez in the book’s Introduction. “For each chapter of the story, factual historical backgrounds derived from impeccable sources (including Soviet and CIA declassified documents) will be given to lend objectivity to the narrative.”

Dadlez’s previous work, Political and Social Issues in Poland: 1946-1980, was published in 1989.

• Jesse Donahue, assistant professor of political science, and Drew Hinderer, professor of philosophy, spoke on “Abortion: Moral and Ethical Implications for the Future” Jan. 21 at the Midland United Church of Christ. Sponsored by the Midland Coalition for Choice in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Donahue discussed prospective political changes in abortion law, and Hinderer argued for a moderate position on abortion.

• Margaret M. Flatt, professor of nursing, was reelected to the Michigan Nurses Association (MNA) Board of Directors and the MNA Legislation Committee at the organization’s October 1997 convention. Flatt also was reelected as an MNA delegate to the ANA convention. She will serve a two-year term in each of these positions.

• Jeffrey Kopierski, assistant professor of philosophy, had a paper accepted for publication in the journal of the Philosophy of Science Association, Philosophy of Science. “Models, Confirmation and Chaos” shows how recent developments in chaos theory conflict with the philosophical literature on scientific models and their confirmation.

Across Campus

• The campus community extends sincerest condolences to:
  • Jessie Federspiel, coordinator of the cataloging office in Zahnow Library, on the loss of her mother, Margaret Maziarz, who passed away Jan. 13.
  • Marc Strain, Public Safety officer, on the loss of his son, Christian E. Strain, who passed away Jan. 9.

Have You Heard?

• Feb. 27 is the deadline for nominations for the Ruben Daniels Community Service Award, in honor of the highest levels of volunteerism and service to the community. For nomination forms, or for more information, contact Gene Hamilton at ext. 4068.

• Nominations are being accepted through March 21 for Faculty Recognition Awards. Recognition for both scholarly activity and university service will be announced at the Oct. 9 Faculty Banquet. Both awards include an engraved plaque and a monetary gift.
Campus Happenings

- Latent Image Photography Competition VIII — through Jan. 30 in the University Art Gallery. For Gallery hours, call ext. 4159.

- MLK Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms A & B. For more information, call ext. 4397.

- Wellness Revolution Winter Games Kickoff — Noon, Thursday, Jan. 29, Curtiss Hall Seminar Room G. Steve Sotir, assistant director of the U.S. Olympic Education Center, will officiate the opening ceremonies of “15 Days to Winter Games Gold,” a new wellness incentive program for SVSU personnel sponsored by the Wellness Revolution.

- Black History Month Lecture — 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, Performing Arts Theatre. Scott Youngstedt, professor of sociology, will discuss “Culture, Meaning and Identity: The Yoruba Religious Movement Among African Americans.” For more information, call ext. 4397.

- The Digital Print: Computer Images — Feb. 5 through 25 in the University Art Gallery. Works by Jean Beach, Clark Most and Leslie Parsons will be on display. For Gallery hours, call ext. 4159.

- Valley Film Society — 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Performing Arts Theatre. The Last Temptation of Christ will be screened. For more information, call ext. 4015 or E-mail haynes@svsu.edu.

- Black History Month Gospel Concert — 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, Performing Arts Theatre. Refreshments served. For more information, call ext. 4397.

- Black History Month Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms A & B. Henry Foster, U.S. Surgeon General nominee, will be the keynote speaker. Cost is $4. For more information, call ext. 4397.

- Center Stage Performing Arts Series — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, Performing Arts Theatre. “Area High School Showcase” will feature a variety of talents, from one-act plays to readings and more. Admission is $3. For more information, call ext. 4170.

- Health Yourself '98 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 10 and 11, Alumni Lounge. For more information, call ext. 4271.

- Auditions for The Fantasticks — 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11; Performing Arts Theatre. The production will take place March 26 to 29. For more information, call ext. 1936.

Birthday celebration for Marshall Fredericks planned

A festive brunch and a brief program will highlight Marshall M. Fredericks’ 90th birthday celebration Sunday, Feb. 1 in Birmingham.

The event will honor Fredericks’ long and productive career in sculpture and his lifelong humanitarian efforts. Those who wish may send birthday cards and letters in care of the Gallery.

High Five

- Track — The men’s and women’s track teams won their own indoor invitational Friday, Jan. 23 in Ryder Center. The men won with 117 points, 26 points ahead of second-place Hillsdale College. A total of 12 teams were represented in the meet. The women totaled 156.75 points, followed by Aquinas with 85.5 points.

- Women’s Basketball (9-1, 17-1) — defeated Lake Superior State University, 81-60, Saturday, Jan. 24. The win forces a three-way tie for first place in the GLIAC North Division. The 18th-ranked Cardinals will play at No. 15-ranked GVSU for a first-place showdown Thursday, Jan. 29. Against LSSU, Sue Karber had a career-high 22 points in 22 minutes, while Angie Peterson posted 16 points and a team-high 11 rebounds. It was the ninth consecutive victory this season for Coach Suzy Merchant’s ball club.

- Men’s Basketball (4-6, 8-10) — broke a three-game losing streak with an 80-79 win at Lake Superior State University Saturday. Sophomore forward Josh Ode sank a 3-point basket with 33 seconds remaining to provide the final points of the game. Erik Harrison added a career-high 20 points and dished out eight assists, while Brandon Fisher returned from an injury to score 16 points.

- Soccer — James R. Conner, 51, has been named soccer program coordinator and athletic department academic advisor. Conner, who joined SVSU as women’s soccer coach last year, posted an 8-9 record after the team was 2-28-2 in its first two seasons. A native of Galesburg, Ill., Conner lettered in golf and baseball at Denver University. He earned a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering in 1968. Prior to his SVSU post, Conner coached the Midland United Soccer Team, leading the squad to a league championship in 1995.
Some people love food and some people love their jobs. For Betty Papajesk, her life is the best of both worlds: She loves her job and she works with food!

"I love it," Papajesk says — with genuine enthusiasm — about her job. And, she's not tired of food when she gets home and dinner preparations begin.

"I enjoy cooking at home," Papajesk said. In fact, she said her husband kids her about her "catering nature."

"The napkins have to be 'just so' sometimes," she said.

Papajesk wasn't always in food service, although she has been with Aramark and SVSU for 15 years. She was an employee of then-Kelly Services and acquired office experience with a local car dealership.

Papajesk applied for a job with SVSU and later discovered it would be with Aramark. And, she noted, she was not Director John Curry's first choice.

"I was John's second choice," Papajesk said.

"When the first couldn't accept it, it was offered to me. John often says 'Why didn't I pick you first?'

Papajesk started 15 years ago doing mainly office work and then moved into an office manager's position. She said she likes to help wherever she can, including helping with catering schedules and food orders.

"I understand how kids feel about food," Papajesk said. It also is working with the students that Papajesk said she enjoys most about her job.

"Sometimes I feel like their mother away from home. With some families, I have developed relationships and sometimes they will send money for (a student's) food and include a note to me."

Papajesk said she does not see a great deal of difference between the students of today and those of 15 years ago. She still receives visits from some of those who were on campus 10 or 15 years ago.

"It's interesting to have them come back with real jobs and kids," Papajesk said. She said she would like the students to remember her as someone who was always there for them.

"I try to help them when they have a question," Papajesk said. "I always try to help and not send them somewhere else."

Papajesk and her husband help with the food concessions during football. During one game this season her daughter-in-law was at the hospital giving birth to Papajesk's first grandchild. "We used a cellular phone to keep in touch."

Besides excelling in the food service area, Papajesk is a better-than-average bowler. Three years ago she bowled her first perfect game and her average is 168.
Reaching out to at-risk mothers

For Ava Lewis, assessing the health of pregnant adolescents is more than an assignment she gives to her nursing students.

Lewis, who recently completed her doctoral degree at Michigan State University, did her dissertation on “The Relationship of Age, Religiosity and Depression on Risky Sexual Behaviors Among African American Mothers.” During the past year and a half, Lewis has included her doctoral research in the courses she teaches at SVSU.

“There’s a lot of information out there, but it’s not necessarily written from an African American perspective,” said Lewis, assistant professor of nursing. “I developed an interest in the health of adolescent mothers because our students are required to work with that population.”

Lewis teaches a pair of courses that develop competence in nursing practice through interventions with families. Major influences on the health of families such as culture, poverty, self-care and wellness are examined. During the past 18 months, Lewis estimates the students have had contact with approximately 20 African American teens who were preparing to start a family.

“When I started to do my research, I looked at risk-related behaviors — are they the same for older and younger mothers?

“I worked with an already established data set that was taken from the city of Saginaw in 1996. From the data, I identified five areas with regard to health status that could be potential risk indicators: use of birth control, drugs and alcohol, use of condoms to prevent STDs, the importance of religion and levels of depression.

“What I found is that if women considered themselves religious, they were less likely to have engaged in risk behaviors. And if they were depressed, they were more likely to engage in riskier sexual behaviors,” she said.

After the data presented an expected overall conclusion, Lewis separated the study groups by age. Lewis said she was surprised to find no difference in younger mothers (17 years and under) and older mothers (18 years and older). She also found that depression rates tended to be higher among older women.

“This really told me that older women are not taking precautions, even though they should know better,” Lewis said. “So, in my classes, I emphasize that you can’t assume that an older woman knows everything — she still needs to be told about the dangers of not using birth control, about drinking and using drugs when pregnant, about protecting herself against a sexually transmitted disease.”

Lewis also gives presentations to young audiences in teen parent programs through Saginaw Public Schools and the Ruben Daniels Center.

“When I lecture at these young parent programs, I encounter 75 percent of women 16 years of age and younger who have had three STDs in their life already.

“We really need to start educating about infectious diseases and pregnancy, because these diseases can make you more vulnerable to cervical cancer, which can be fatal.”