Rathkamp to be first Rush Lecturer

Walder Rathkamp, executive director of the Center for Mathematics & Science Education and the SVSU Regional Math/Science Center, is the first lecturer for the Thomas and Hilda Rush Distinguished Lectureship. The Rush Endowment was created by Thomas and Hilda Rush of Midland as part of the Campaign for Distinction.

Rathkamp will compare U.S. and international math and science education. Funding for math and science education (from government and other sources) will be discussed, as well as the importance of math and science literacy. The speech will include a short piece on the history of math and science education, and its status in the United States.

Rathkamp’s experiences in teaching and researching math and sciences are varied. Besides teaching at three institutions, Rathkamp taught biology in Ethiopia with the Peace Corps. In his 18 years at SVSU, he has served as department chair, Faculty Association president, and on various committees. He also has received many grants for programs in science education.

Rathkamp joined the SVSU faculty in 1973 as an assistant professor of biology. He has received several honors and awards for his university teaching and leadership in science and math education issues covering kindergarten through higher education.

Rathkamp was the recipient of the Landee Teaching Excellence Award (1981), Outstanding Faculty Member (1982), Most Respected Faculty/Staff Member (by residential students, 1982), and the SVSU Merit Award (1989). He served one summer as the principal investigator on a toxicology project for the Dow Corning Corp.

Rathkamp received his Ph.D. and M.A. from Indiana University and his B.S. from Cornell University. In addition to his years of service at SVSU, Rathkamp also taught at Indiana and Purdue universities.

The Rush Lectureship recognizes and rewards SVSU faculty and staff who, by their creation or development of significant scholarly or artistic work, have distinguished themselves and brought recognition to the University. The Rush Endowment provides resources for an annual presentation by a faculty or staff member in an academic convocation.

“This lectureship is intended to complement the several existing prestigious awards at SVSU — providing recognition from a little different perspective than the others.” Dr. Rush said. “Because each teacher impacts so many students, we feel that this represents a leveraged investment which should pay off handsomely in the coming years.”
New Faculty/Staff Orientation
10 a.m. to noon, New Faculty, Emeriti Room
noon to 1:30 p.m., Luncheon, Banquet Rooms A and B
Speaker: Dr. Timothy Light, vice president for academic affairs, Western Michigan University
2 to 3:30 p.m., College Meetings in Curtiss Hall
For more information, call ext. 4296

Introduction of New Faculty and Staff
Recognition of Faculty Promotions and Tenure
President's Remarks
4 to 5 p.m., Marble Lecture Hall
For more information, call ext. 4296

Welcome Back Picnic
5 to 8 p.m.
Gazelle Fountain Area (Curtiss Hall in the event of rain)
For more information, call ext. 4042

Faculty Workshop Series: Enhancing Student Success
Friday, Aug. 28
8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Curtiss Banquet C
For more information, call ext. 7728 or E-mail dboehm@svsu.edu
**Professional Profile**

Please note: When submitting information for Professional Profile, please include your hometown, which will be included when your announcement is sent to external media.

- **Margaret Flatt, Mary Solterman and Susan Vorce**, Nursing Department faculty, gave an oral presentation titled “From Community Assessment to Health Policy Monitoring: Coordinated Practicum Experiences” at the first summer conference of the Chicago Institute for Nursing Education. The trio’s presentation focused on the design, implementation, and outcomes of new student assignments that provide experiences with health promotion at the systems level. **Marcia Shannon** and **Sally Decker** attended the same conference and gave a poster presentation titled “A Transforming Experience,” which explained how a student project, developed with Mary Graiver, helped students learn to use communication, critical thinking, leadership and research to transform the care of people in our area of Michigan. The conference was titled “Nursing Education in the 21st Century: Creating New Pedagogies for Nursing.”

- **Drew Hinderer**, professor of philosophy and member of the Valley Wind Quintet (VWQ), announced that the VWQ will be showcased in the Michigan Humanities Council’s Arts and Humanities 1998-2000 Touring Artist Directory. The Quintet submitted recordings and videotapes of performances to a review commission consisting of 38 adjudicators expert in dance, music, visual arts and theatre. Their favorable evaluation makes the VWQ eligible for grant funding through the Council.


- **Enayat Mahajerin**, professor and chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department, attended the Fifth International Conference on Composites Engineering where he presented a paper titled “Design and Analysis of Thin Composite Plates Using Boundary Element Method.” Mahajerin chaired the computation mechanics section of the conference, which took place July 5 through 11 in Las Vegas, Nev., and was sponsored by the International Community for Composites Engineering and College of Engineering, University of New Orleans, La.

- **Ann Rae**, professor of social work, presented a paper titled “The Name of the Game in Human Services is Accountability and Social Workers are Major Players!” at the Second Annual Information Technology Conference, Aug. 18 in Charleston, S.C. The conference was sponsored by the College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, in cooperation with the Council on Social Work Education and the National Association of Social Workers. Rae’s presentation discussed how administrators, middle-level managers and direct service social workers play a part in the design, implementation and evaluation of the outcomes of service delivery, and how electronic technology can assist in decision making regarding the effectiveness of interventions and programs.

- **Karen Selby** and **Dee Storey**, College of Education faculty, are members of the Carter G. Woodson Book Awards Subcommittee of the National Council for the Social Studies, which recently selected the 1998 Carter G. Woodson elementary and secondary book award and honor book award recipients. The awards are given annually in recognition of the most distinguished social science books depicting ethnicity in the U.S. that are appropriate for young readers.

- **David H. Swenson**, H.H. Dow professor of chemistry, recently was notified that his application for a U.S. patent for “Hyperstabilizing Antisense Nucleic Acid Binding Agents” was approved by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Patent No. 5786138 was issued July 28, 1998.

**Accent on Alumni**

- **Ray Christie** (B.A. in economics, 1991) has accepted the position of Director of Institutional Research and Planning at Central Michigan University. His first day on the job was Aug. 17. Christie also is completing a Ph.D. in higher education from Georgia State University in Atlanta. Christie held a similar position at West Georgia University before his move to CMU. While an SVSU student, Christie worked with Hong Park in the Center for Economic and Business Research.
DID YOU KNOW . . .

- Anna Dadlez, professor of modern foreign languages, has been the advisor to the SVSU Polish Students Club for 16 years. Dadlez is a member of the Polish American Congress and the Friends of Polish Culture in Bay City. She also is a member of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters, the International Association of Friends of Wrocław University (Poland) and the American Political Science Association.

- Crystal Lange, associate vice president of academic affairs, is vice president of the board of Visiting Nurse Services of Saginaw, and on the board of Michigan Lutheran Services. Lange is a past board member of the East Central District Nurses Association and the Michigan Nurses Association. She also is a member of the Torch and Zonta clubs of Saginaw.

Have You Heard?

- Parking permits for 1998-99 are available. Current permits expire Sept. 15. The $20 permits can be purchased Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and also are available by mail. For further information, contact the Parking Bureau at ext. 4140.

- The College of Extended Learning and Tri-County chambers of commerce have joined forces with Franklin Covey to offer TimeQuest, a seminar to increase productivity through value-based time management. The program will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26 in Curtiss Hall. All participants will receive a day planner system. A program discount is available to those who already own a planner. Early registration is encouraged, as seating is limited. To make a reservation, call the Office of Continuing Education at ext. 4475.

- To schedule a portrait appointment for the 1998-99 Faculty/Staff Directory call ext. 4039 or send e-mail to infoservices@svsu.edu. The deadline to schedule a photo session is Friday, Aug. 28.

- Faculty and staff may pick up a Cardinal Athletic Card from Karen Klemish in the Athletic Department from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The card grants admission to all regular season home football and basketball games. Additional cards for spouses and family members are available for $20.

- Doan Café will resume normal business hours beginning Monday, Aug. 31.

- The Conversation Partner Program through the English Language Program (Office of International Programs) incorporates real-world, cross-cultural experience into regular course assignments. This program matches Americans (students and non-students) with foreign students on campus to meet for one hour weekly to discuss subjects of common interest. This program can be tailored to particular assignment objectives for a variety of courses. For more information, contact Kim Wate at ext. 4651.

Seeking Enthusiastic Throngs

Make plans to cheer for your SVSU colleagues competing in the 1998 Community Corporate Games!

- Friday, Aug. 28
  - 4 p.m.  Banner Construction
  - 7:15 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
  - Basketball Shoot

- Saturday, Aug. 29
  - 8:30 a.m. Softball @ Wickes Fields
  - 9 a.m. Bowling @ LeFevres

- Tuesday, Sept. 1
  - 7:30 a.m. Golf @ Bay Valley
  - 12:30 p.m. Golf @ Bay Valley

All events held at Saginaw Valley State University unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact Mike Holliday at ext. 5683.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 8-10
- 6 p.m. Volleyball

Saturday, Sept. 12
- 7:30 a.m. Time-predicted 5K
- 9 a.m. Time-predicted Bike Race
- 10 a.m. Swimming Events
- 1 p.m. Field Events
- 1 p.m. Children's Field Events
- 3:30 p.m. Closing Ceremonies
Fitness experts recommend walking as an excellent method for improving wellness. That’s why Carol Fisher starts every morning with a brisk walk through SVSU’s hallways. “If I get here early enough, I’ll walk for about 20 to 25 minutes.” Fisher said. Her route starts from her office in Curtiss Hall and continues to the Science Building and back again.

Fisher, senior secretary in the Office of Continuing Education, originally joined SVSU in January 1989 as a member of the secretarial/clerical pool. Her first assignment was in the SVSU Bookstore.

In August 1993, she transferred to the Business and Industrial Development Institute (BIDI). Fisher also worked for a short period in the Small Business Development Center before moving a year ago into her current role in the Office of Continuing Education, where she reports to Ed Minnock.

“I’m the first person people see when they come into our office,” Fisher said. “I also answer a lot of telephone calls because my phone number often is listed on registration forms for all of the seminars, conferences and other types of events that we offer through Continuing Education.”

All reservations are entered into a computer, which Fisher admits at first was a daunting task.

“If I had known that I was going to work on a computer, I probably wouldn’t have applied for this job,” Fisher joked. “The first time Gloria [Wagener] said she had a project for me to do on the computer, I thought I’d die right there. I knew how to type, but I didn’t know how to even turn on a computer.

“I am lucky that I was given a chance to learn on the job,” Fisher said, adding, “Now I feel like the Virginia Slims slogan, ‘You’ve come a long way, baby!’”

Although technology initially presented a challenge, Fisher said she has become comfortable in front of a keyboard and, in fact, misses her PC on those rare occasions when it needs to be serviced.

“I love my job,” she said. “And I’ve learned so many things while working at SVSU; I’m always open to learning new skills.”

A year ago Fisher and her husband, Melvin, moved to Saginaw Township from their home of 38 years in Bridgeport.

“We’re very happy with where we’re living now,” Fisher said, noting that a new four-hole golf course recently opened adjacent to their property. “We have a tee right outside our morning room window, and it’s really fun to watch people hit golf shots.

“I have to tell my husband to get out of the window because he watches the golfers too much and doesn’t get his work done.”

In their spare time, the Fishers enjoy Polka dancing; in fact, they have traveled as far away as Cleveland, Ohio, and Polaski, Wis., to participate in Polka festivals. Other leisure activities include riding bikes through their neighborhood and landscaping their new yard.

“And with four kids and six grandchildren, we have a lot of birthdays and celebrations to go to,” Fisher said.

The Fisher’s four grown children include Cheryl, Todd, Scott and Brian, who is SVSU’s associate controller.
Admonishments from your mother to avoid talking religion and politics at dinner parties could mean a political scientist would not make your guest list. Nevertheless, to make a dinner party more interesting, Jesse Donahue should be at the top of your list. Donahue, assistant professor of political science, researches everything political from voter demographics to website campaigning.

Currently, she is completing a national study on organizations that lobby on behalf of women in education. Donahue’s goal is to determine at what level of government various organizations lobby. Her survey includes every state in the nation and looks at government at school, local and state levels.

Ultimately, Donahue expects she will find that efforts do not take place at the school level “where they should be.”

Donahue said the lobbying should take place at the school board level to ensure at an early age equal opportunities for young women exist in education — from participation in sports to increased enrollment in science and math courses.

“People who care about (women in education) are at the university level, like the (American Association of University Women),” Donahue said. “Not as they should be at the elementary, junior high and high school levels.”

Also, Donahue recently received a state grant to perform a needs assessment of child abuse prevention agencies and community groups. The funding is from the Children’s Trust Fund.

“It’s an honor to have (SVSU) do the study,” she said. Donahue intends to offer research opportunities to her students in her “State and Local Government — Politics/Public Policy” class.

“They’ll be assigned different communities and agencies to find out what they need,” she said. “It’s a worthwhile study.”

Donahue hopes to complete the research by the end of the fall semester. The study will include a random sample of more than 400 Michigan agencies and community groups.

Although Donahue herself has not run for political office — and said she has no such aspirations — she does monitor the political system. Web sites, she said, are a big deal this year. Donahue cautions web browsers, however, that the web sites really are another form of advertisement.

“They’re just a little more extensive than a TV commercial.”

Instead, she said, Internet-savvy voters should link to sites, such as Project Vote Smart, that provide candidate profile information, and link to other nonpartisan organizations who rate the candidates.

“I think the web will change politics,” Donahue said. Unfortunately, she continued, the Internet will only continue to provide information to people who already have a wealth of information. But for “the same people who are left out of the political process — poor and uneducated — it’s just another way they’re left out.”

When Donahue isn’t researching or teaching, she enjoys reading and spending time with her husband, Erik Trump, also in the Political Science Department. The pair, from Midland, are expecting their first child in January.
Board OKs additional costs for Bell Tower/Amphitheatre; Receives construction update

The Board of Control met Monday, Aug. 17 in a regular session. Members approved a request for an additional $50,000 toward construction of the Edwards Bell Tower and the Zahnow Amphitheatre. The total cost for the project is expected to be $700,000. The Julia Edwards Bell Tower is scheduled to be dedicated Saturday, Oct. 17. The Lillian Zahnow Amphitheatre is scheduled for dedication in the spring. Bells for the tower are being cast in The Netherlands.

Board members were given an update on progress of the Bell Tower, Amphitheatre, residence halls and Instructional Facility No. 3 (IF-3) projects by Steve Hocquard, director of engineering services. Hocquard said the IF-3 structure still is in planning stages, but construction could begin in late 1999. The state of Michigan is reviewing the University's proposed program statement for the structure, which will include new laboratories, as well as computer labs and updates and renovations to the Science Building and Melvin J. Zahnow Library.

Renovations to D and E houses recently were completed for $900,000. Remodeling included new windows, air conditioning, furniture, heating controls and ceiling updates.

Work on the Energy Loop has begun and much of the project will be completed by fall, with the remainder continuing through August 1999.

Robert Yien, vice president of academic affairs, provided Board members with an update on 26 new faculty hires (see reverse side). The 26 new and replacement positions were from 14 departments — a number within the College of Education. The faculty members hail from nine different states. Three positions remain vacant and most likely will be filled by adjunct faculty for one year, Yien said.

Robert Maurovich, vice president of student services and enrollment management, gave an overview of Presidential and Awards for Excellence scholarship programs. Registrations for fall semester indicate a 46 percent increase in the number of Presidential Scholarship recipients (from 26 to 38) and a 23 percent increase in Awards for Excellence recipients (from 22 to 27). In addition, Maurovich said the number of enrolled freshmen with a high school grade point average of 3.50 and above increased by 33 percent (from 194 to 258).

In other Board action:
- The Board approved a resolution to grant M.B.A. degrees to 17 students in the International M.B.A. program. Yien said the program, which is comprised of students from Taiwan, boasts 120 alumni. The degrees were granted during a special Commencement ceremony on Aug. 13.
- The Board was introduced to three new staff members: Lori Flaherty, women's basketball coach; Dean Lockwood, men's basketball coach; and Vince McMillon, director of equal opportunity and special programs.
- Two new members of the chemistry faculty were introduced to the Board: Deb Huntley and David Karpovich.
- Saun Strobel, new president of the SVSU Support Staff Association, also was introduced to the Board.
SVSU welcomes the following new faculty . . .

College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences
- Robert Drew, Assistant Professor of Communication and Theatre; B.A., English, Columbia University; M.A., Ph.D., Communication, University of Pennsylvania
- Charlene Melcher, Assistant Professor of Communication and Theatre; A.B., Journalism, San Diego State University; M.A., Ph.D., Communication, University of Arizona
- Clifford Dorne, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice; B.A., Criminal Justice, Long Island University; M.P.S., Criminal Justice, Long Island University; M.A., Ph.D., Criminal Justice, State University of New York at Albany
- Janet Rentsch, English Lecturer; B.S., University of Illinois; M.Ed., University of Louisville
- John Groble, Assistant Professor of Geography; B.A., Geography, University of Toledo; M.A., Geography, University of Miami; Ph.D., Geography/African Studies, Michigan State University
- Carol Shaw, Modern Foreign Languages Lecturer; A.A., Kellogg Community College; B.A., Spanish, Hope College; M.A., Spanish, Michigan State University
- Jeffrey Ashley, Assistant Professor of Political Science; B.S., Arts Management, Northern Arizona University; M.P.A., Public Administration, Northern Arizona University; Ph.D., Political Science, Northern Arizona University
- Andrew Swihart, Assistant Professor of Psychology; B.A., Earlham College, Psychology; M.A., Ph.D., Clinical Neuropsychology, University of Houston
- Ranjana Dutta, Assistant Professor of Psychology; B.S., Rajathan University, India; M.S., Child Development and Family Studies, University of Baroda, India; Ph.D., Human Development and Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University
- Helen Raica-Klotz, English Lecturer; B.A., M.A., English, Central Michigan University
- Michelle Johnson, 4-S Program, King/Chavez/Parks one-year state of Michigan grant; B.A., Humanities, Michigan State University; Ph.D., University of Michigan, American Culture
- Judy Berglund, Assistant Professor of Social Work; A.A., Elgin Community College; B.A., Western Illinois University; M.S.W., Social Work, University of Illinois; Ph.D., Social Work/Psychology, Michigan State University (expected December 1999)

College of Education
- Jerry Baker, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership; B.A., Social Science/History/ Physical Education, Central Michigan University; M.A., Educational Administration/Guidance/Counseling, Central Michigan University; Ed.S., Educational Administration, Central Michigan University; Ph.D., Educational Development, Ohio State University
- Camille Cammack, Assistant Professor of Elementary and Special Education; B.S., Psychology/Sociology, Brigham Young University; M.A.T., Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education, Brigham Young University; Ph.D., Home Economics/Education, Oregon State University
- Thomas McManus, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership; B.S., Communications, University of Texas; M.Ed., Ph.D., Instructional Technology, University of Texas
- Barbara Jones, Assistant Professor of Elementary and Special Education, A.A., Education, Delta College/University of Michigan; B.S., Special Education/Emotionally Impaired, Eastern Michigan University; M.A., Special Education/Learning Disabilities, Eastern Michigan University; Ph.D., Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University (expected Nov. 1998)
- Patricia Trautman, Assistant Professor of Middle and Secondary Education; B.A., Political Science and Education, Michigan State University; M.A.T., Ph.D., Reading and Language Arts/Instructional Systems Technology, Oakland University
- James Royle, Associate Professor of Elementary and Special Education; B.A., Psychology/Sociology, Albion College; M.A., Developmental and Clinical Psychology, Ohio State University
- Robert Shaw, Associate Professor of Elementary and Special Education; B.S., Elementary Education, Eastern Michigan University; M.A., Special Education/Emotionally Impaired, Eastern Michigan University; Ed.D., Special Education Administration; Wayne State University

College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences
- Suzanne Keep, Nursing Instructor; B.S., Nursing, Nazareth College; M.S., Nursing, Wayne State University

College of Science, Engineering and Technology
- Siamack Bondari, Mathematics Lecturer; B.S., Electrical Engineering, Iowa State University; M.S., Mathematics, Iowa State University; Ph.D., Mathematics, Iowa State University
- Brooks Byam, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering; B.S., Physics, Alma College; M.S., Aeronautics, George Washington University/NASA Langley Research Center; Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Michigan State University (August 1998)
- Deborah Huntley, Assistant Professor of Chemistry; B.S., Chemistry, University of Connecticut; M.S., Ph.D., Physical Inorganic Chemistry, Cornell University
- David S. Karpovich, Assistant Professor of Chemistry; B.S., Chemistry, SVSU; Ph.D., Chemistry, Michigan State University
- David Pape, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering; B.S., Structural Mechanics, Clarkson University; M.S., Solid Mechanics, University of Akron; Ph.D., Engineering Mechanics, State University of New York, Buffalo