

SAGINAW VALLEY COLLEGE

THE INTERIOR

In case you're wondering about the construction work going on behind the Chrysallis Center on Pierce Road--that's the new observatory, scheduled for completion by September. The domed, 16'x16' building will house a 16" Celestron telescope. Both the building and telescope are gifts to the college.

Work on the Summer Theatre is expected to begin in September. The building will be winterized, and an extension will be built onto the stage area to provide additional space for theatre classroom instruction and music practice. The Kresge Foundation made a grant of \$100,000 provided SVC could raise the balance of the \$363,000 needed.

An experimental program in Applied Philosophy will be implemented in the fall semester. The program, titled Humanities 355, is designed to investigate whether leaders can be trained. It is financed by a \$2,000 grant from the Strosacker Foundation in Midland. Students will study the moral principles and ethics upon which the U.S. was founded. Dr. Curt McCray and Dr. William Capitan will direct the program which will be taught by Rabbi Jossef Kratzenstein of Bay City.

SVC was the youngest of the 22 Michigan colleges ranked as "competitive" in the latest edition of Barron's Profiles of American Colleges. The book ranked 1,400 colleges according to standards for admission. Competitive schools are defined as those that prefer a high school grade point average of at least B-, but will accept a C+ or C average. Only four other Michigan colleges, Kalamazoo College, the University of Michigan, General Motors Institute, and Michigan Technological Institute, were ranked in higher categories.

SVC's Board of Fellows will host area golfers Wednesday, August 15, at Bay Valley Golf Club for a tournament designed to generate financial support for the college's athletic programs. One-half of the \$50 entrance fee goes to the college, and the other half goes toward tournament and dinner costs. Contact Stu Gross if you're interested in attending.

Physical education courses will debut in the fall. The elective, co-educational courses are expected to fill a popular student demand. Students may choose from horseback riding, golf, judo, tennis and badminton, scuba diving, water safety and life-saving, and games and rhythms. In a rather unique move, the Department will give college credit for participation in varsity sports. The college currently competes on an intercollegiate level in soccer, cross country, basketball, bowling, golf, tennis, and volleyball.

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