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CHORAL CONCERT HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

Fanciers of contemporary, pop, folk, and Renaissance music will all find enjoyable selections on the program at the Thursday, December 2, winter choir concert at the College Theatre. Both the 50-member College Choir and the 20-member Saginaw Valley Singers will perform at the 8 P.M. concert, directed by Terry L. Flatt, Assistant Professor of Music.

The SVSC College Choir will present a combination of secular pieces, consisting of choral selections from Porgy and Bess, folk songs and works by Bach. Scheduled to be performed by the Saginaw Valley Singers are selections from "The Unicorn" by Menotti and "Missa Brevis" by Lotti, a five-movement production and the first major Renaissance piece the group has performed.

Admission is free and the public is welcome to the concert, which is also being performed at a number of area middle and high schools.

SPORTS BANQUET DECEMBER 9 AT CIVIC CENTER

Tickets are still available for the second annual Varsity Football Banquet, slated for 7:00 P.M. next Thursday, Dec. 9 in Unity Hall at the Saginaw Civic Center. Cost is \$7.50 per person and tickets are available from the Athletic Department at Ext. 521 through Monday, Dec. 6. The public is welcomed to attend.

POET ON CAMPUS WEDNESDAY

Contemporary poet, lecturer and automobile salesman Richard Fillion will be at SVSC on Wednesday, Dec. 1, to speak about

contemporary poetry. In addition, he will read some poetry selections and discuss job possibilities other than teaching for English majors. He will speak in 313 Wickes Hall from 1:30-2:30 P.M. as a guest of the English Department, which invites students and faculty to attend.

PLAN NOW FOR FLORIDA EXCURSION

"Think Florida II" is the slogan for this year's second annual excursion to the sunny South during Spring Break, from Feb. 25 to March 5 (eight nights and eight days). Sponsored by Campus Life, the trip will cost \$135 for SVSC students, faculty and staff or \$140 for the general public. Price includes bus transportation and hotel accommodations only. Three days and nights will be spent in Orlando (home of Disneyworld), and there will be two days and three nights in Daytona plus one night and one day in Atlanta. Trip costs can be paid in advance with a \$35 installment on Dec. 10 and \$50 payments by Jan. 21 and Feb. 11.

BOWLERS WIN DOUBLES TITLE AND TROPHY

With an actual doubles score of 1177 pins, SVSC's keglers defeated 15 other collegiate teams in the recent Bowling Green State University Invitational Bowling Tournament. Freshman Fred Buxman of Saginaw rolled a 585 actual series, while team captain Matt Sujkowski, a Saginaw Junior, came through with 591. According to team coach Ted Nitz, their combined score of 1177 was 31 pins ahead of second place Michigan State University and just six pins off the tournament record. Schools from four states participated.

TIME CHANGED FOR JAZZ, CHAMBER ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

The annual College Jazz and Chamber Ensemble Concert at SVSC will present contemporary pop Christmas carols during the 7:30 P.M. performance this Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Theatre. Starting time for the concert has been changed from 3 P.M., as was reported in last week's Interior.

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A Stan Kenton arrangement of Christmas carols will give listeners a unique contemporary interpretation of long-time favorite tunes.

Under the direction of Dr. Charles T. Brown, Associate Professor of Music, the "big band" jazz group will feature various soloists within the group as they display a taste of the big band styles of Stan Kenton, Maynard Ferguson and other jazz greats. Both pop and serious jazz numbers will be presented. In addition, classical music adapted for jazz ensemble will be a part of the chamber ensemble performance. SVSC chamber ensembles will include all small groups which have performed throughout the fall. Ensemble directors are Thomas R. Root, Jack Bruske, and Mary Anderson, who will also be presenting a Flute Choir.

Admission to the event is free and the public is welcome.

GATHER 'ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE TUESDAY AT DOAN CENTER

The SVSC community is invited to come together for Christmas caroling, punch and cookies around the Christmas tree at Doan Center next Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. Sponsored by the Department of Campus Life, the event will feature a professional music group, plus Christmas caroling under the direction of Campus Ministry.

According to Emerson E. Holliday, Coordinator of Campus Activities, all students, faculty and staff members are invited and are welcomed to exchange Christmas presents if their departments draw names. Rumor has it that there will be a guest appearance by someone sliding down the chimney.

DR. PLAUSH CITED IN SCIENCE PUBLICATION

Dr. Albert Plaush, Associate Professor of Chemistry is cited in the new thirteenth edition of "American Men and Women of Science".

FREE SWIMMING OFFERED SUNDAY

Although today's frigid temperatures and snow likely make you think of other things, an afternoon of free swimming is being offered to the SVSC community next Sunday, Dec. 5, from 5-7 P.M. at the Saginaw YMCA pool. The event, which should make a big splash in your holiday planning, is being sponsored by the Department of Campus Life, which asks that you B.Y.O. bathing suit.

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF CONTROL RESPOND TO EFFICIENCY REPORT ERRORS

Although agreeing with the Michigan Efficiency Task Force that the people of Michigan should be provided with quality higher education at the least possible cost, both the SVSC Board of Control and College President Dr. Jack M. Ryder feel that only a superficial analysis was made by the two Task Force members who spent two and one-half days on our campus and drove by Delta College.

At its last regular meeting, the Board of Control made the following corrections to the findings contained in the report:

- 1) The figure used in the report as SVSC's budget request for "fiscal year 1977" was understated by some \$2 million and was ambiguous.
- 2) The listing of programs offered here was incomplete and omitted mention of Engineering and Technology, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, Education and Public Services, all of which are fields of study presently offered at the baccalaureate level.
- 3) The report did not recognize the differences in purpose between the community college and the four-year institution, although the separate mission of each has been recognized by the legislature and the supporting community for more than 15 years.
- 4) The recommendation that SVSC divest itself of its landholdings east of Davis Road failed to acknowledge that the land involved is a capital investment purchased solely with private funds.

5) Although the report mentioned 320 acres of land across Davis Road, actually SVSC owns only 158 acres there, and Davis is a secondary road rather than a primary one as suggested in the report. In addition, the Task Force estimated the value of the land at \$1500 per acre, although the purchase price averaged \$4260 per acre five years ago and has appreciated measurably in value since that time. Also, the land in question contains most of the College's outdoor athletic facilities, including the football stadium. Selling off landholdings now could possibly deprive SVSC of necessary room for future expansion and would likely increase substantially the future cost to the state.

6) In proposing a merger of Delta College with SVSC on the Delta campus, the report failed to mention that no available dormitory facilities exist at Delta to absorb the overflow from here, and that existing academic facilities at both institutions are already overtaxed.

7) The report did not indicate what savings would be accomplished if the proposed recommendations were to be implemented, and thus there is no basis on which to evaluate the trade offs which would be necessary.

8) The report ignored the serious logistical problems that would be created by a merger because of the five-mile distance between campuses.

In his response to Governor William G. Milliken, President Ryder asked why SVSC and Delta should be merged for the sake of administrative and facility efficiency although five miles apart, while the University of Michigan-Flint and Mott Community College are even closer together and no mention of merger was suggested there. He noted that similar situations exist with Oakland University and Oakland Community College, Central Michigan University and Mid-Michigan Community College and other places across the state. According to him, "The fact is that the missions assigned respectively

to the universities and state colleges of Michigan and to the community colleges are different." He also pointed out that the merger of a state college, funded by state taxes, and a community college supported heavily by local property taxes, would represent a significant hurdle even if the concept were educationally sound. Another inaccuracy found in the report was a reference to the combined classroom/office and Science complex at SVSC, for which the report stated an estimated cost of \$3.2 million rather than the \$9 million the project will actually cost.

Dr. Ryder also pointed out that both Delta and SVSC officials have been aware for some time of the potential savings derived from cooperative efforts. He referred to joint ventures already in effect which involve the colleges' band and orchestra, libraries, public safety departments, and other shared learning resources, such as SVSC nursing students using Delta's audio-tutorial nursing lab. Other cooperative ventures already under study include a combined catalog for SVSC and Delta libraries, a shared lecture series, bus transportation between the campuses, sequential scheduling of classes permitting students to attend under-enrolled classes at the other college, cooperative purchasing, joint use of special buildings like our new Pioneer Hall, regional land use consideration, and shared computer facilities.

Dr. Ryder concluded by stating that the College is interested in determining what steps can be taken to enhance our institutional efficiency and effectiveness, and that SVSC will seriously consider the specific recommendations made in the report.