JULY 26, 1977

JAZZ ENSEMBLE PLANS FINAL CONCERTS BEFORE TRIP

Two free outdoor concerts are being planned by the SVSC Jazz Ensemble for members of the College community and public-at-large. The band will perform outside the library from 6:00-7:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 28, and Thursday, August 4. According to Music Department Chairman Dr. Charles T. Brown, these will be the final public performances by the group before its mid-August European tour begins. Sponsor of the outdoor performances is the Music Union Trust Fund.

CAMPUS LIFE ORIENTATION DATES SET

Two-day programs for incoming freshmen students and their parents are being planned for Friday, August 5, through Saturday, August 6, as well as Friday, August 12, and Saturday, August 13.

One-day programs for all students except freshmen will take place on Fridays, August 5 & 12. New evening students and spouses are being invited to a Tuesday, August 9, evening program, said Mrs. Louise Ferris, Director of Orientation Programs.

Final plans for the fall orientation program will be discussed with each involved department in the near future. Mrs. Ferris anticipates that 600 students and parents will attend the August program. "You can expect to see unfamiliar faces around campus on the above dates, so we are asking faculty and staff members to take time for a friendly word to the newcomers or to give directions if needed," she said.

All questions regarding orientation plans should be directed to Mrs. Ferris in the Orientation Office at Ext. 272, John Burkhart of the Department of Campus Life at Ext. 277 or Emerson Holliday or Cuffy Maziarz at the Campus Activities Office, Ext. 525.

TRI-CITIES SUMMERSET PLAYERS PLAN CAMPUS PRODUCTION

"Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward will be presented on campus from Tuesday, Aug. 9- Thursday, August 18, by the Tri-Cities Summerset Players, a group of St. Stephens Area High School students from Saginaw. Both afternoon and evening performances have been scheduled for Monday, August 14.

The play is directed by Dave Turril. Admission is by reserved tickets only, at a cost of $3.00 each. Phone 799-0759 for reservations.

FOOD MANAGER A "HAM" AT HEART.

John Curry is in the food service business because he's a "ham" who likes to receive applause for a meal well-served. He is the manager of the ARA Food Service at SVSC and annually serves more than 400,000 meals.

"My basic need is to please people and this is the perfect outlet for it," Curry feels. "I love the College atmosphere, the getting involved with activities like conferences and sports teams where food is served."

Curry, of Bay City, has been here nearly two years, and his talent at planning and serving perfect meals has brought him applause from dorm students, banquet attendees, and others whom he has served. "I'm in this business because it moves and is intriguing. I like to have phones ringing on both sides of me, kind of like a stockbroker would experience. The difference is that I'm buying celery instead of A.T.&T.," he laughs.
Things stay busy for Curry even during the summer, as his staff prepares more than 400 meals daily for the Saginaw Elderly Feeding Program. Eighty of these meals are served to senior citizens at their individual homes by Saginaw volunteers, while the other 320 plus go to ten locations coordinated by the Saginaw Commission on Aging. Curry and his crew also prepare 2500 sandwiches and entrees per week for the A.R.A. vending operation in the Saginaw Valley.

Curry believes the secret to his success has been the high caliber of employees on his staff. "My crew are super quality people and the best I've ever had although I've worked at numerous locations. They reflect the Saginaw Valley area and its concern for a job well done. I've had nightmares with crews elsewhere and never realized people could be this good. They care about what they're doing and often serve up a meal that's even better than what I'd originally planned. I never have to worry about the carrots being the same length or the parsley being in the right place on the plate," he exudes. "I haven't lost a full-time employee in two years -- there's simply been no turnover," Curry added.

"At times it's challenging to shift gears from one situation to another, as when there's a big special event at noon like a business/industry dialogue with 600 meals in less than an hour and then a small, sophisticated dinner for just a handful. At the big banquet the main concern is to serve everyone in the short amount of allotted time, while at the smaller event we work to make sure the fruit salad is cut to the proper bite size and neither too big to swallow or so small it doesn't look like anything," according to him.

Curry's motto is "do it the best way they want" and this past year that's just what he did during 112,000 cafeteria meals plus another 20,000 at special events and more than 60,000 through the snack bar. In addition, he served up 100,000 senior citizens meals and 130,000 packaged entrees for A.R.A. vending machines.

Curry came here after managing much larger food services at schools such as the University of Louisville and University of Toledo. He chose SVSC because of its strong growth potential. "I'd rather be on the bottom floor and build a program than simply move into a big account which won't grow much more," he said. His career began in industrial feeding, but he prefers the college scene because "the atmosphere is more inspiring".

PARKING PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE

New parking permits for the 1977-78 fiscal year are now available for purchase at the Department of Public Safety Office in Doan Center. According to Director of Public Safety Zane Rybkowski, the new permits must be purchased by September 20, to replace the present 1976-77 fiscal year which expired on July 1.

POLISH-AMERICAN HOOTENANNY, FOLK DANCING COMING TO SVSC

The world's first Polish-American hootenanny complete with folk songs, colorfully-costumed Polish dancers and even a classical interlude will be coming to the SVSC Theatre on Sunday, August 28, for a 2:30 P.M. performance.

Sponsored by SVSC's Institute of Polish Studies, the concert will feature the Lutnia Singing Society, which was organized in 1908 and has made numerous international appearances. Billed as "one of the pillars of America's Polonia", the group recently received two national awards for excellence in performance. The 30-member choir performs annually in Slavonic concerts under the direction of Bronislaw Siarkowski.

There will also be an ensemble specializing in light classical music to present a classical interlude at the concert.

Colorful ethnic costumes and dances will be displayed by the Wawel Folk Ensemble, who bring fresh, youthful exuberance to the program. This popular group will perform mobility dances with royal costumes of the type used for performances in the 17th century. The group will be directed
by Marcia Lewandowski, an experienced ballet, Polish and international folk dancer. The 20-member dance ensemble will perform patriotic songs, polkas and lively folk medleys.

Because the Polish Institute will be paying much of the concert cost, tickets will be available for just $2.00.

McCRAE RESPONDS TO SAGINAW NEWS ARTICLE

The following letter has been sent by Dr. Curtis McCray to the Saginaw News, in an attempt to clarify some of the misunderstandings which their Monday, July 25, article created:

Mr. George Arwady, Editor
Letters to the Editor
The Saginaw News
203 So. Washington
Saginaw, MI 48605

Dear George:

Your July 25 article, "Has SVSC Survived 'Worst' Years?", taught me that human expression at its best is faulty and subject to misunderstanding. I was flattered when a reporter at the News asked me for an interview regarding my last seven years at SVSC. While I could not speak on behalf of the College, I agreed to participate because of my experiences there and the possibility of interesting commentary coming from the various positions I'd held with SVSC.

But the primary point I was attempting to make is that SVSC has survived its worst years and that the time ahead is looking better. I did not say specifically that I "doubted SVSC should have been established in the first place". Rather I said that all institutions must induce needs. Just as industry and commerce are constantly introducing new products and services, SVSC had to become a fundamental part of the community as it took on a life of its own. The College began with a handful of students and grew by serving their needs and those of thousands of other students in the area and the state. It continues to serve the Saginaw Valley's educational needs and is recognizing new ones as they occur. I was attempting to affirm this, as well as Dr. Ryder's recognition of this, without sounding too presumptuous.

SVSC is a monument to Sam Marble's genius and energy, and I feel that should be as clearly recognized as were its early problems. Perhaps, then, you can understand my surprise at the pictorial and verbal juxtaposition of me with Dr. Marble. I was merely attempting to show by the example of SVSC's early history that the beginning years there were a necessary stage in the College's development. I remarked to the reporter that this early period was not unique at SVSC but was characteristic of most new colleges. The great excitement, energy, and expectation were all necessary ingredients of beginning.

Unfortunately, the story dwelled on the early problems rather than the equally important present stage of development, which is characterized by its emphasis not on expectation but on management and maintenance. Under Dr. Ryder, the College is now in a period of refining and making more efficient what has been created out of the earlier experiment.

My intent was not to discuss either Drs. Marble or Ryder as personalities, but rather as styles in the institution characteristic of the period of growth in the College itself. I praised the genius of a Marble who could develop not one but two colleges in the area and also recognized that the excitement, energy and expectation of early SVSC were a result of that genius. What I apparently did not express strongly enough was that the daring ideas resulting from that energy also generated some of SVSC's early problems.

I leave SVSC and the Saginaw Valley with regret, for I believe the College has a vital mission here and now. I respect deeply its current and historical students, faculty and administration, but especially I revere the courage and insight of those administrators and citizens who first
dreamed the difficult dream and put the College together. The News has taught me to be modest about my own powers of expression and to understand that subtle matters of significance should not be expressed orally or through the newspaper.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Dr. Curtis L. McCray

PERSONNEL

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