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FALL 1978 OUTLOOK GOOD

The student business continues to grow at SVSC, and the outlook for Fall 1978 is excellent, according to administrators. Official Summer session 1978 registration figures show that the headcount both on and off campus made a 9.2% jump from Summer 1977, with an actual enrollment of 996, up from 912 a year ago. Credit hours for the summer semester jumped also, showing an increase of 6.7%, or 4,516 compared to 4,232 in 1977.

Early figures for the coming fall semester are also encouraging to the campus officials. Admissions of first-time freshman students are up 8.9%, a record high for the college, which has been Michigan's fastest-growing public four-year state college for the past five years. Many of those first-time students are coming from the Saginaw area, which is showing a jump of 9.9% for fall semester.

But the biggest growth is occurring in housing on campus. Early housing applications are about to fill up SVSC's residence halls, which have a total capacity of 456 people if filled to a maximum eight people per suite. As of July 18, the number of housing applications had hit 297 compared with 225 at the same time in 1977 for an increase of 32%.

Broken up into categories, 34.1% of the increase represents new students, with a 29.1% gain in returning students. Housing contracts are currently being signed at a rate of 10 to 15 per day, according to Director of Campus Life John C. Burkhart.

ECONOMIC STUDY UNDERWAY

Persons involved in business who have ever wished for a "crystal ball" to predict future economic trends may be interested in a study currently being conducted by Dr. Hong Park, assistant professor of economics.

Dr. Park has spent the past year compiling statistics which he hopes will yield an economics index capable of forecasting future developments within the economy of the tri-county area.

"We hope the study will help us interpret the ups and downs of our regional economy and provide a guideline for short term forecasting," he explained. The ability to predict trends up to a year in advance would be of great value not only to business leaders and potential investors but also to public policy makers in all levels of government, he said.

Much of the actual "leg work" involved in the study has been handled by Dr. Park's graduate assistant, Vidya Chaddah, who reports a "definite interest" in the project by area business leaders he has contacted.

His main problem, says Chaddah, is that local records are often incomplete. A partial solution is to use "proxy" or indirect data, such as kilowatt hours used during a given time period, to fill the gaps.

Chaddah has also turned to local libraries, chambers of commerce, and state and local government agencies in his search for applicable data such as employment figures, payroll and wage statistics and population breakdowns.

Dr. Park hopes his study, the first of its kind in the area, will be completed by September. "This means a lot more data needs to be collected in the next month or so," Chaddah concluded.

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MANY SUMMER VISITORS ON CAMPUS

The SVSC community extends a hearty "welcome" to the many visitors on campus during the months of July and August. Church groups from various parts of the United States have been visiting and have been housed in SVSC dorms. While on campus, most of these groups hold daily and evening meetings in Doan Center.

More than 100 girls will be attending a high school pom pon camp sponsored by Badgerette Pom Pon Inc. between Wednesday July 26, and Sunday July 30. Five counselors from Michigan and Illinois are already aboard, according to camp director Cindy Cole. Badgerette instructors will teach the students eight of the latest routines and the groups will compete for trophies during nightly evaluations. The girls will be practicing outdoors on the soccer field daily between 8 a.m. and dusk.

A United States Cheerleaders Association camp for about 75 girls begins Sunday August 6 through August 9. Participants will be instructed in new cheers, chants, stunts, tumbling, and pep rally techniques.

Other groups on campus include Wickes Lumber Management Training Sessions. In addition, fall orientation will begin Saturday, August 5 on campus and fall football training opens on Sunday, August 20.

"WHERE THERE'S A WILL" COPIES IN LIBRARY

Three copies of the college history "Where There's A Will" by Assistant to the President Stuart D. Gross have been placed in the SVSC library and are available for anyone who wants to read about our past. Two copies are also being provided to Delta College shortly for use in its library, Gross said.

CHEN PUBLISHES AGAIN

A recent paper entitled "Rainbow Holographic Interferometry" by Dr. Hsuan "Frank" Chen, associate professor of physics, has been published in the current issue of "Optics Communications" magazine. According to the article, the one-step rainbow process can be easily applied to most cases of holographic interferometry, yielding the advantages of white light readout, brighter images, less speckle noise and better resolution.

"Optics Communications" is an international journal devoted to the advancement of optical science.

The work of Dr. Chen and Frances T. S. Yu was featured in a recent article, "One-Step Rainbow Holos produced by Chen and Yu," in the April issue of "Holosphere". The newsletter is published by the Museum of Holography for the Holographic Science Technology and Art.

HIRSCH WORKS TO BE DISPLAYED

Etchings and aquatint prints as well as silkscreens by Dr. Barron Hirsch, professor of art, will be on display through the month of August at I. F. A. Galleries on Connecticut Avenue in Washington, D.C. The large international gallery displays art pieces from around the world.

Hirsch will also be showing new works during the month of September at Gallery 7 in Phoenix, Arizona, where the exhibit will consist solely of silkscreen pieces. He attempts to create images which can be interpreted in many different ways as well as abstract compositions dealing with color perception. Previous exhibits have been shown in Boston, New York, Washington D.C., and Detroit.

CORRECTIONS MADE IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES

In the listing of department chairpersons which appeared in the Tuesday, July 11 issue of the Interior, no chairperson should have been listed for the nursing program. According to Dr. Crystal Lange, director of the division of nursing and allied health sciences, Kay Janiga left the program last December and a successor has not yet been named.

In the July 19 Interior, the assignment of Dr. Guy M. Lee, administrative assistant to the President for affirmative action, should have listed his administrative duties as being reduced from 2/3 to 1/3 time. This is because the courses he teaches are graduate level and
thus a three-hour class is counted as four hours, according to Lee.

CAGE WORKSHOP IN PROGRESS

A high-school level girls' basketball clinic is in progress through Friday July 28 in the gymnasium, under the tutelage of SVSC Women's Basketball coach Archy Robinson. The clinic began Sunday, and consists of endurance, ball handling, and defensive concept sessions in the mornings, with offensive concepts and scrimmages each afternoon.

The workshop will conclude Saturday with a game between the SVSC women's team and the girl cagers from Muskegon Community College at 5 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCED TO MEET WITH DR. MUNITZ

Dr. Barry Munitz, consultant, will be on campus for the Presidential evaluation this Wednesday through Friday, July 26-28.

Walk-in visits have been scheduled in the small private dining room at Doan Center from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Thursday July 27 and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, July 28.

Members of the faculty, staff, and student body who have not already been scheduled to meet with Dr. Munitz are welcome to do so at the above times, according to President Jack M. Ryder.