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CAMPUS MOURNS DEATH OF DR. CANON

Shock and sadness were the prevailing emotions across campus today following the sudden death Tuesday, January 9 of Dr. Dwayne T. Canon, assistant professor of Political Science. Dr. Canon succumbed at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, after being stricken in Wickes Hall.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, January 12 at 10:30 A.M. and will be held at St. Rita's Catholic Church, 1419 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Saginaw. Members of the college community planning to attend should take I-675 south toward Saginaw and exit at Veterans Memorial Parkway (fourth exit from campus--next one after Sixth Street). Turn left (north) onto the Parkway and the church is located just south of the Grey Iron Metal Casting Plant at Washington Avenue.

There will be no public calling hours at the funeral home. Persons sending flowers are requested to have them delivered to the church.

"Professor Canon's unexpected departure was a great shock to our academic family and we share his family's sorrow," said President Jack M. Ryder. "It is regrettable that a person with his preparation, training and experience is now lost from the academic community of scholars so early in his life," he added.

Vice president for academic affairs Robert Rien added that "Professor Canon was an active teacher in his three years at S.V.S.C. His efforts in promoting student interest in and their better understanding of American political systems and policy should serve as an example for all of us."

Doctor Canon came to Saginaw Valley in fall semester, 1976 with academic preparation and experience in the fields of politics, public administration, American government, political philosophy and international law. He was educated at California State University, Long Beach, where he earned a B.A. degree in Political Science in June, 1967. He received his Master of Arts the following June from Claremont Graduate School and University Center and completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree there in June, 1972, concentrating in American Government and Public Administration.

He served as a lecturer in Political Science and Introductory Philosophy at Saddleback Community College immediately prior to joining S.V.S.C. He earlier had obtained experience at Chapman College, Orange, California; California State University at Long Beach; California State at Fullerton; the Urban Affairs Institute at Los Angeles; Claremont Graduate School and Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, California.

His honors included the President's List at CSC-Long Beach and membership in Pi Sigma Alpha at Long Beach and Claremont. He was born May 29, 1939 and is survived by his wife, Pamela, and one daughter from an earlier marriage.

Some philosopher once said that death is more universal than life ... everyone dies but not everyone lives. Dwayne Canon packed a lot of life into 39 short years and leaves a lot of close friends to mourn his departure. We'll certainly miss him!