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KRAMER & CO. COMING TO SVSC

Animals appear and disappear. Flowers and silk scarves fly through the air. A lady is cut in half, pierced by 24 swords, and burned to a skeleton, yet reappears unharmed. A television show? A Las Vegas magic act? No, it's Kramer & Co., billed as the "flashiest, pizzazziest parcel of prestidigitation in the world." They will be playing here this Friday, January 18.

The show, which begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Theatre, features such tricks as a sword chamber, a cremation box and the Zig Zag lady whose midsection is trisected by two long steel blades. In addition, Kramer conjures up rabbits, doves, ducks, silk scarves and flowers with a rapidity which will take the audience's breath away.

Sponsored by the SVSC Program Board, admission is $1.00 for general admission and $0.50 for SVSC students with a valid I.D. For more information, contact the Program Board at ext. 4256.

HICKEY EXHIBIT AT ARTS WORKSHOP

Etchings by artist Christopher Hickey will be on exhibit in the Arts Workshop from this Friday, January 18 to February 1. Using images of things from his everyday life -- his home, family and friends, Hickey is able to lend his work a quiet, meditative quality that is occasionally interspersed with oriental overtones.

The artist, who did his undergraduate work at Miami University in Ohio and received his master of fine arts degree from the University of Nebraska, currently teaches printmaking at Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia. Hickey's work has been featured at many prestigious national exhibits including the Stockton National, Colorprint USA, the National Print Competition and the Art of Paper exhibit at Illinois State University.

Hickey's artwork can be viewed, free of charge, daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Arts Workshop. For more information, contact Dr. Barron Hirsch ext. 4391.

"HEART SAVER" CLASS HERE JANUARY 23

It's called the "heart saver", and it can be just that for someone who has been stricken by a sudden or severe heart attack. The difference between life and death, or permanent heart damage, often can be the treatment received in the first few minutes following an attack.

SVSC faculty and staff members will have an opportunity to learn about heart saving techniques in a special C.P.R. class to be conducted by Kathy Beyrau, coordinator of student health services for SVSC, on Wednesday, January 23. The 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. session, in the Wickes Hall faculty lounge, will include slides, demonstrations of one- and two-person C.P.R., and practice sessions with "Resusci-Annie".

While the workshop is not comprehensive enough to qualify participants for certification, it is an excellent introduction to cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It is approved by the Michigan Heart Association, which is providing slides and other materials.

Persons who took last year's class from Irene Miller are urged to attend this workshop to refresh their skills. For more information about the class, contact Kathy Beyrau at ext. 4271.

AUTO BATTERY JUMPS NOW AVAILABLE

Battery jumps for student, staff and faculty
are now available through a cooperative effort between the departments of public safety and physical plant. A physical plant truck has been specially equipped to provide jumps. Normally this service will be available Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Friday hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., according to Sgt. Craig T. Maxwell of the Department of Public Safety.

Persons needing jumps should call public safety at ext. 4141 or flag down the campus police car, so that the officer can radio the physical plant vehicle.

Because this is an experimental system, the hours may vary depending on need, according to Maxwell.

HOSPITALIZATION OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD NOW

If your family has added a child recently or failed to continue offspring on your hospitalization insurance when they reached age 19, your annual opportunity to set the records straight is on right now. For persons who wish to enroll in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield program or the Group Health Service plan sponsored by the college, there is an open enrollment period until January 31, 1980. This is your annual opportunity to sign up with an effective date of February 20.

SVSC employees currently enrolled in either program can add any family members not previously covered but eligible for coverage during this time. "This open enrollment period provides each staff member an opportunity to verify that all eligible dependents are listed properly under their coverage," notes Larry K. Fitzpatrick, director of personnel. "It has come to our attention that a number of staff members have failed to add children at the time of their birth or have failed to take necessary steps to carry them under the Family Continuation Rider when they have reached age 19." Persons with questions regarding whether or not each dependent is currently listed should call the personnel office now at ext. 4108. A form has recently been distributed and is available from personnel for employees to list the names, date of birth and relationship of eligible dependents who should be covered. All forms must be returned to the personnel office by January 31.

Campus Notes

-- Dr. Sam Sarkar, professor and chairman of the department of economics, has been appointed chairman of the Health Manpower Committee by the board of the Health System Agency of East Central Michigan. Currently the committee is conducting a supply and demand study for 20 important health manpower categories through a $30,000 grant. Funding of an additional $25,000 grant from various private and public sources is currently awaited by the committee, on which Sarkar has served for three years.

---Chrysalis Center director Rose Collamer was interviewed last Monday, January 7 on the WNEM TV5 noon news program by public services director Thomas Eynon. She discussed the unexpected changes in life style which individuals must often make to meet the demands of today's society. She emphasized the importance of education in helping the individual make these changes. The college appreciates Mrs. Collamer's numerous appearances on this popular interview program and seeks other members of the campus community to do likewise.

---Assistant professor of psychology Dr. Stanley Mazur-Hart and assistant professor of accounting Glenn Peters left SVSC following fall semester to assume new positions. Mazur-Hart will be staff psychologist at Oregon State Hospital, Salem, Oregon. Peters has joined a Detroit public accounting firm.

WINTER HEAD COUNT, CREDIT HOURS LOOKING FINE, BOARD LEARNS

Although several days of late registration for winter semester classes remain, director of admissions Richard P. Thompson told the Board of Control at its Monday monthly session that both head count and credit hour projections have already been surpassed. As of January 11, 3,468 students have registered, compared with 3,224 a year earlier. Thompson estimates the final head count will be somewhere between 3,500 and 3,550 students.

Credit hours, which totaled 30,487 for winter 1979, are 32,061 so far, although the projection was for just 31,337. "We should end up
around 32,400, or 6% over last year," he noted.

Head count as of Friday was 8% over a year ago, reflecting an 11% increase from the 1979 winter applications received and 13% in the number of new students admitted. New enrollment as of Friday is 540 students or 16% of the total, while readmitted enrollment totaled 121 or 3%. 2,807 students have returned, for 81% of the total.

In the housing category, 465 students are under contract and have showed up thus far, versus 391 last winter. "We are still enjoying a large increase from fall to winter. We are at about our capacity," Thompson said. Full occupancy in the dorms is 476 and, because some students are still on the waiting list, he predicted we may end up with about 472 residential students.

President Jack M. Ryder asked the board if the members wanted a specific proposal addressing ourselves to the future need for additional housing on campus. "Our options are to do nothing, develop apartments for married housing, develop apartments for both married and two to three same-sex students per unit or build additional dorms to complete our west dormitory project," he said. Considerable discussion ensued and trustee Melvin Zahnaw said there is "more to the increase of head count than just the current slowdown in the economy. The increase of outside students is not just a flash in the pan and we need some form or another of additional housing."

Ryder said it would be difficult to complete housing by this fall but no problem for fall 1981 and trustee Mrs. Joe Saltzman reminded that "two years of demand is not a trend. Until we're in better financial shape on our present dorms, we should determine if this is a momentary or longer-range thing." Trustee Dr. Richard Gilmore felt married housing doesn't likely add a substantial dimension to what he called the "college life situation". "Dormitories would be more beneficial to the institution overall, such as the cafeteria, participation at campus events and other aspects, than married housing would probably be," he said. A fall 1979 study of student housing preferences by associate professor of marketing Dr. Shiv Arora was mentioned, and a report is to be given next month on the findings. Zahnaw suggested that if additional dorms are built, they should house four rather than the present eight students per suite. Chairman Charles B. Curtiss warned of the "political risk" of building any dorms. "There is a strong feeling statewide of enrollment declines, and we'll be accused of attempting to pull students from other colleges with existing dorms if we construct more here even though another hundred beds won't really affect higher education in the state," Curtiss said. The choices as he saw them were whether more units are needed on campus and if these should be college owned or privately developed.

Thompson indicated that 260 freshmen had lived in the dorms last fall and said it "appears likely we will be unable to fulfill the needs of other Michigan students by next year with our existing housing. While it's good from an admissions standpoint to bring in more freshmen, now that we have a good base, what would happen to leadership if we asked juniors and seniors to move off campus?" Student government president Richard Gill questioned whether "student life support" on campus could handle additional students. "Can the cafeteria feed another 100 students?" he asked.

Ryder indicated that Governor Milliken's "state of the state" address last week took a very positive stand toward higher education and its importance to the state's future, especially in areas of high technology. "His statement appears to be the most positive one about the importance and need for higher education that I've seen in quite some time. I hope this will be translated in the budget message coming out in the next few weeks," Ryder said.

In other business, the Board approved sabbaticals for Dr. Charles Brown, associate professor of music during winter semester 1981; Dr. Thomas Gillespie, professor of engineering and technology for winter 1981; Dr. Thomas Hearron, associate professor of English for summers 1980-82; Dr. Lynn Herkstroeter, associate professor of modern foreign languages for winter 1981; Dr. David Weaver, associate professor of political science for fall/winter 1980-81; Dr. Berner Gorden, associate professor of chemistry for fall 1980; and Dr. Albert Plaush, associate professor of chemistry, for winter 1981. Each has six or more years of consecutive service to the institution, vice president for academic affairs Dr. Robert S.P. Yien pointed out. Next year
some 20 to 25 faculty members will become eligible for first or second time sabbaticals during 1981-82.

Kochville Township Supervisor Albert E. Trautner reported on township zoning and traffic plans which will affect SVSC in the future. He said the township is being held back by the Headlee Amendment on sewer construction and that the next phases will be to add lines on N. Michigan and Kochville Road north to Pierce Road and from the corner of Liberty and Michigan Roads to Bay and possibly north on Bay. A re-paving of Pierce Road from Bay Road east to Davis would cost about $100,000, $60,000 of which would have to be borne by the township. Because its one-mill assessment collects only $28,000 per year and both gasoline and sales tax receipts are down, he saw no way that this would be repaved soon. He indicated that the township would like to have the west main entrance to campus utilized more and Pierce Road used less and that they would like to reroute traffic from I-675 to Bay Road and north so that Davis Road would not be used for college traffic. President Ryder indicated that he foresees a problem when the new heating and cooling plant is built on Davis Road, as large coal trucks will then be bringing in fuel supplies. However, he indicated this will be a minimum of two years away and likely longer.

In other action, the Board --

--Decided to meet on Friday, May 2 at 9:30 a.m. rather than the scheduled meeting on Monday, May 12 so that Detroit board members can participate in commencement exercises on Saturday, May 3. The May 2 meeting may also include a session with the Delta College Board of Trustees. The Monday, April 14 Board meeting may be cancelled, but this will be decided later.

--Approved the appointment of Yeo & Yeo CPAs as auditors for the year which will end this June 30.

--Approved the use of facsimile signatures by the college president and vice-president for business affairs as genuine and authorized instruments on checks handled by Michigan National Bank. The Board earlier passed a similar resolution for People's National Bank.

--Learned from institutional research and planning director Dr. Ann Dickey that SVSC's planning process model has recently been completed. Under the model, the first year of formal planning would begin almost immediately and would include all academic departments, the division of placement and continuing education services, academic advisement and career counseling, the health service, the department of residence halls, student activities and the athletic department. Additional departments will probably be included in future years and support for the planning process will come from a new committee, to be called the Planning Resource Council. Its members would be appointed by the president and chaired by Dr. Dickey and will include two members from the academic deans and directors, four faculty members, one student services staff member, one business affairs staff member and two students. This council will annually develop a statement of 'planning assumptions', a well-researched paper which will describe the environment in which SVSC is expected to function during the five year period for which departments will be planning. The council will also draft a schedule of planning activities and a set of questions around which departments will be asked to organize their planning statements. Thus the group will serve both as a committee of experts charged with helping departments develop sound plans and as a liaison group. Plans from academic departments will be submitted to their dean, who will be charged with preparing a five year plan for the entire school. Planning statements will go from the vice president for academic affairs, vice-president for student services and athletic director to the planning resource council, which will then analyze the planning statements for use by the executive committee. "The council's main task will be to prepare an annual decision paper which will be informative to those who actually do the planning," Dr. Dickey noted. The group will also study time-tables for campus planning activities.

--Spent considerable time reviewing the second presidential evaluation progress report. Ryder indicated that the Board now has a heightened sensitivity toward how the Board and the President should each function. He stated that by having an outside consultant evaluate both the Board and the President, the SVSC group is already ahead of most others in the U.S. and Board operating procedures will help even more. "We're on the right course," he felt. Chairman Curtis noted that an effort is being made to respond to most of Dr. Barry Munitz's recommendations except that dealing with committee chairpersons.