The need for increased language awareness is stressed by Pedro Cullazo, a Venezuelan student who has been at SVSC since last summer. Cullazo is studying chemistry, mathematics, biology, computer sciences, but especially English, and came to SVSC because of the recommendations of a fellow student from Peru.

"I came to the U.S. because I sought to learn English and didn't want to study it in the South because the accent there is undesirable and you end up speaking something called 'Span-glish'. I had studied English some in school back home, but the pronunciation there was Hispanic and I wanted to learn American English. I've been surprised how few Americans are learning the languages and culture of other nations," he says.

Sharing this feeling is Joan Kakouris, a Saginaw junior who came to the U.S. from Greece in 1966. "In Greece, the study of English or French in high school is mandatory from grade 7 through 12. Radio programs broadcast French and English lessons daily across the country. Special schools teach only language, with French and English the most popular there. There are also private schools for concentrated learning, where students pay extra for tutoring."

Kakouris has a dual major in French and Spanish at SVSC and has seen firsthand that "you get to know a people better by learning their language and culture."

Kathy Beyersdorf is an SVSC language lab assistant who says her foreign language study "means I'll be getting a good job when I get out. There are few teaching opportunities right now unless you're bilingual.

"I got interested in languages at Douglas MacArthur High School, where I had very good instructors and picked up the desire to learn more. I found that there are lots of jobs for bilingual-speaking persons and for teachers with a strong language background. Being realistic about it, that's where the dollars are, too."

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She also feels language week is a good way to increase awareness of the importance of language and that good foreign language programs are available in this area at both the high school and college levels.

According to Herkstroeter, high school language studies dropped significantly during the past decade. "After years of disinterest, students are now seeing that language studies can lead to jobs. With our balance of trade deficit, we need to improve our image and position in the world. We can't do that unless we understand the languages and culture of our potential customers. Foreign Language Week is our attempt to urge the United States to join all other industrial nations in requiring that all students become exposed to foreign language," she concluded.

Herkstroeter and Dr. David Barker, assistant professor of French, appeared on the March 25 "Open Camera" talk show on WNEM-TV 5 to tell more about Foreign Language Week and increase community awareness of the importance of languages.

BIG BAND SOUND AT SVSC

There's a live big band sound coming to SVSC's Cardinal Gymnasium next Saturday night, April 7.

While that sound will closely resemble the bigtime tour bands of Glenn Miller, Woody Herman or the Dorsey's, all the music will be coming from SVSC's own 20-member college Big Band. Directing the group at the 8:15 p.m. performance is music professor Dr. Charles T. Brown.

The free concert is being sponsored by the SVSC Foundation, which is inviting persons who have contributed to the success of the institution to thank them for their support.

"All contributors to the College and Foundation from 1974 to the present have been sent invitations," says SVSC Vice President for Development and College Relations Dr. A. Jefferson Sharp. "Many other persons have helped SVSC in a multitude of ways over the years, and we want to recognize them, too. Interested persons should phone us at ext. 4050 as soon as possible, while tickets are still available."

WOMEN'S CLUB TO HOST PLEASURE FAIRE

A Renaissance Pleasure Faire featuring SVSC's Early Music Collegium will be hosted by the SVSC Women's Club this Friday, April 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the lower level of Doan Center. Included in the $1.50 ticket price will be hors d'oeuvres, punch, and wine. Dr. Eric Nisula will present instruments used 200 or more years ago to perform unusual, interesting music from the 11th through 16 Centuries. Reservations must be made immediately by contacting any Women's Club member or Nancy Mackie, at 652-2309.

RELATIONSHIPS ARE TOPIC OF LECTURE

David S. Viscott, psychiatrist and author of "How to Live With Another Person," will be discussing establishing and nurturing long-term relationships at SVSC Thursday, April 5 at 8 p.m. in lower level Doan Center.

Viscott, a graduate of Dartmouth College and Tufts Medical School, has been a Resident in Psychiatry at University Hospital in Boston, and has taught on the faculty of Boston University Medical School among other things.

He covers a wide field of concerns in his discussion, from the difference between making love and having sex, for example, and the benefits of discussing problems with a partner by mail. He stresses the need for honest, flexible relationships that will foster both partners' growth; he discusses sexual fidelity and family living; and he talks about what to do when a relationship fails and how to use this knowledge to make future relationships more enduring.

Tickets are $1.00 for general admission, and can be obtained at the Campus Activities office. For more information, call the SVSC Program Board at ext. 4260.

PRESIDENTIAL COFFEES ARE THIS WEEK!

Just a reminder that President Jack M. Ryder will be meeting with faculty members over coffee this Thursday, April 5 beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Wickes Hall Third Floor Faculty Lounge.
Evening students can chat with the President this Thursday from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at the second floor East End Lobby in Pioneer Hall. Note that the date has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday, April 5!

SMITH TO SPEAK ON INDIAN HERITAGE

Dr. William F. Smith, Jr., associate professor of English, will discuss "The Native Indian Heritage of American Literature" this Thursday, April 5 at the final 1978-79 Faculty Colloquium in the Doan Center Large Private Dining Room. His presentation at 12:30 will follow lunch at noon. "We have typically ignored a broad literary heritage preceding even... colonial authors -- that of American Indian peoples," Smith says. By studying this aspect of our cultural heritage, "we can find an American literature richer from the start than we have ever before realized."

BASKETBALL FOR DYSTROPHY WEDNESDAY

SVSC's Student Government will be sponsoring a Benefit Basketball game for Muscular Dystrophy Wednesday, April 4 in Cardinal Gymnasium.

The 7 p.m. game will feature the SVSC Student Government team led by President Michael Finney and vice president Joe Slater against various area personalities such as WNEM-TV 5's Zip Rzapah and Fred Krell of WSGW radio. Officiating at the game will be by various members of the SVSC administration and staff. Admission cost is $1.00, which will go to Muscular Dystrophy.

VOCAL MUSIC MORE THAN NOISE, INSTRUCTOR SAYS

If tension at home or in your job is getting to you, why not consider getting an emotional release through music?

Singing lessons offer a chance to block out your problems as you concentrate on building your musical skill. At the same time, you can improve your speaking voice, diction, and your appreciation for music. So says Julie C. Meyer, lyric soprano and vocal instructor at SVSC.

"Singing lessons are fun and give you a chance to show your emotions. Things like self-confidence and stage presence come along with voice lessons, whether on an individual basis or in a college class.

"Of all the gifts God gives, singing is one of the best, because it comes right from the soul. When you physically and emotionally get into singing, you will let your emotions show. It's a great psychological release," she believes.

Meyer speaks from experience because she was a social worker before she switched roles and embarked on a full-time professional singing career. "Teaching vocal music is much like being a social worker, because in both roles you must be a good listener, give good advice and offer lots of opportunity for the students to voice their emotions. There's not way to sing and not let out your feelings. It's not like studying piano, where no open voice occurs on the part of the student. Everything comes out in singing."

People of all ages are becoming more involved in singing, Meyer sees. Many adults who never had a chance for lessons now have the time and are able to afford them, so they come back and take vocal classes. She finds that many of her students are over 25 and some are as old as 60 or even 70, particularly in piano courses.

"A lot of middle-aged persons didn't have money for vocal or piano lessons during the Depression years. They got used to their jobs and found no new challenge there. But now after the kids leave home, many are coming back to school to broaden their lives.

"Regardless of your age, singing is just you. It's self-satisfying, enjoyable, and is really not that difficult, if you're willing to practice.

"There's a surprising lot going musically now for an area of this size," she continues. "The colleges offer a fine assortment of both vocal and instrumental music. There's adult education and the area choral society. We're very fortunate to have two fine symphonies in this area, and our standard of living is high enough that people can afford to attend concerts and participate in music," she says.
"There are lots of ways to get involved, whether through art museum cultural breaks, summer concerts, mini-concerts, groups like the Tuesday Musicale, and so on. There are community concerts, numerous performing groups, and it's too bad that people don't support musical education and events better."

Meyer suggests that area persons who think they might want to get involved in music can find out easily if it's for them by attending a Palm Sunday Vespers Service, where Meyer will sing the soprano solos in Mozart's 'Vespers de Dominica'. The 8 p.m. performance this Sunday, April 8 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 5376 State Street, Saginaw, will also feature the SVSC concert choir, chamber choir, brass ensemble, a professional orchestra, and other soloists. Dr. Eric Nisula, assistant professor of music, will be conducting.

"The Vespers are extremely uplifting and are almost an extension of worship. Mozart's piece is so beautiful that you get chills up and down your spine," she says.

The Vespers concert does not require tickets or advance reservations. A free-will offering will be taken at the conclusion.

SAGINAW STRING QUARTET TO PERFORM AT SVSC

The sounds of the Saginaw Symphony Orchestra's String Quartet will fill the SVSC auditorium on Monday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. The performance will feature violinist Roderick Bieber, violinist Maria Petkoff, violist Marshall Fine, and cellist Eileen Folson.

Sponsored by the SVSC Program Board, the group will perform works by Sibelius, Boccherini, and Beethoven. Admission will be free to the general public.

MEN'S, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS FETED NEXT WEDNESDAY

The young men and women who participated in this year's SVSC varsity basketball teams will be honored on Wednesday, April 11 during the Annual Basketball Awards Banquet. Dinner has been arranged for the team members by Men's Basketball Coach Dr. Robert L. Pratt and Women's Basketball Coach Archy Robinson for 7:30 p.m. in Doan Center. The whole campus community can take considerable pride from the fine records compiled this year by both teams.

300 SVSC FROSH POLLED

Freshmen at SVSC this year tend to receive less money for college from their parents, are somewhat more conservative, and are more likely to hold a part-time job than students at other four-year colleges across the United States.

Those are some conclusions drawn from a study of 300 SVSC freshmen, whose answers were compared with those from other U.S. colleges by the American Council of Education and the University of California, Los Angeles. Results were released this week by Director of Institutional Research Ann K. Dickey to members of the faculty and student services staff.

The racial balance of SVSC freshmen was virtually identical to the national norms, with 83.1% of the local students indicating they were white or Caucasian and 84.4% doing so nationally. 14.2% of the freshmen SVSC students said they were black, compared with 11.3% nationally. 2.4% were Mexican/American, and 1.7% were American Indian, compared with 1.2% and .8% respectively across the country.

60% of the SVSC freshmen felt their political orientation is middle-of-the-road, versus 56% nationally. Just over 20% indicated they were "liberal", contrasted with a figure of about 24% elsewhere. Approximately 18% are "conservative" or "far right", a figure virtually the same as national averages.

Nearly 34% of the SVSC frosh said they are working part- or full-time to finance their education, while nationally the figure is 26%.

A quarter of the college students nationally receive $2,000 or more from their parents per year toward educational expenses, while at SVSC the figure is just 9%. 41% of the local students said they received no financial aid from home, while this was the case for only a quarter of the students elsewhere. Exactly half of the SVSCers are receiving financial assistance from their parents worth $600 or more, compared with 68% nationally. This is partly because their parents' estimated income is lower, with only 6.8% at SVSC claiming a parental income of $35,000 per year
or above. The corresponding nationwide figure is 16.6%. For both the local and national groups, the greatest number of students showed a parental income of between $15,000 and $25,000.

Just over two-thirds of the SVSC interviewees live 50 miles or less from the campus and thus can commute from home. Nationally, 43% list their home as 100 or more miles from college. That percentage is just 18% at SVSC.

By going to college, the SVSC students are generally attaining a higher level of education than did their parents. The fathers of 61% at SVSC received no education beyond high school and 28% did not graduate. Across the country, only 42% did not study beyond high school. 19.8% of SVSC fathers hold a college degree or higher level of education, while this figure is double nationally at 38.6%.

Only 13% of the mothers of Saginaw Valley students graduated from college, while 74% received no education beyond high school. Nationally 25% of the mothers are college graduates, and 53% ended their educations with high school.

Finally, the study showed that the most important reasons students selected SVSC were low tuition, because they wanted to live at home, availability of financial aid or academic reputation of the school. Nationally, academic reputation was considered more important than special programs, financial assistance, the advice of someone else who attended, or low cost.

Business disciplines were listed most frequently as the probably major for incoming freshmen at SVSC, followed by nursing, engineering, education, and social sciences and social work.

FACULTY NOTES --

Dr. George Eastland, professor of chemistry, has been selected for inclusion in the First International Edition of "Who's Who in Education", which is being compiled by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England. In addition, his biography will appear in the current edition of "Who's Who in the Midwest".

"Who's Who in Education" is a world-renowned British reference work.

-- Dr. Hong Youl Park, assistant professor of economics, will present a paper, "Demand for Textile Fibers: Natural vs. Man-Made", during the 54th Annual Western Economic Association Conference at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas on June 18. He will also be the discussant for a paper, "Regional Changes in Potential Economic Capacity Under the National Energy Plan" at the same conference.

-- Dr. Thomas Gillespie, professor of Engineering and Technology will travel to the International Conference on Colloid and Surface Science in Stockholm, Sweden from August 20-25. He will present a paper entitled "Application of Einstein's Hydrodynamic Analysis to the Flow of Non-Newtonian Suspensions". The Conference has been organized by such prestigious groups as the International Union of Pure & Applied Chemistry, the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Gillespie is an internationally recognized expert in the field of Colloid and Surface Science, the impact of which is widespread in industry. He received his doctorate in 1963 from the University of London for his extensive and significant contributions in the field.

-- Dr. Leslie Whittaker, professor of English and Education, will present a Speedreading class at West Hall, Douglas MacArthur High School, Saginaw, beginning Tuesday, May 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. Through four two-hour classes, he will double the reading speed of students and help them develop efficient reading habits for study, on-the-job reading, and leisure reading. Interested persons may register at the first class meeting or by contacting Mrs. Marilyn Frahm, continuing education, at ext. 4066.

-- Instructor of Nursing Pamela Chally and her husband are proud parents of a new son, Jonathan Ray, born March 23 in Saginaw. The recent arrival checked in at 7 lbs., 3 oz., with an 18½ inch length. Mrs. Chally has also been invited to present a research study she recently completed to a National Conference sponsored by the American Nurses' Association later this year. In addition, nursing staffer Mary Mullin will tell members of the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Group about her research in early May.
-- Thomas Root of the music department has recently been contracted with a major California music publisher to write a new instrumental method book for beginning musicians. Scheduled for release in Spring 1980, the publication will replace a number of manuals now being used in elementary and junior high schools in all 50 states. Root will travel throughout the country beginning next spring, promoting the work for the publisher, and will also act as guest conductor and clinician for music associations interested in adopting the book. Root's contract includes publication rights for several new musical compositions in forthcoming years. His latest publication, "Polly Oliver," is now in its second printing, and is included on the high school band contest list used in 22 states.

-- Art Department faculty members Dr. Barron Hirsch, Martha Yeatman, and Matthew Zivich will be showing their works from April 16 - May 4 at the Mott Community College Fine Arts Gallery, located in the Flint Institute of Arts. Hirsch will exhibit transfer drawings, prints, paintings and serigraphs, with emphasis on geometric compositions, complementary color relationships, and ambiguities in visual perception. Yeatman will show large abstract pieces involving various media, including fabric, wood, and metal. Zivich will include works in drawings, paintings, and watercolors of imaginary landscapes and miscellaneous subject matter, including bathers and theater interiors.

NEXT BAND CONCERT IS APRIL 19

The SVSC Concert band will join forces with the Ferris State College band on Thursday, April 19 for an 8:15 p.m. concert in the SVSC Theatre. The date had earlier been reported as April 10.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR SEARCH REOPENED

As reported in last week's Personnel Notes, the search for a Director of Library and Learning Resources has been re-opened. According to Dr. Guy M. Lee, chairman of the search and screening committee, the new application deadline is April 16. Other committee members include Dr. James Mitchell and Thomas Renna, along with acting library director Dorothy Horwath and student Jill Slasinski.

PERSONNEL --

-- DEAN OF STUDENTS, FT-P, salary negotiable (this position replaces the Director of Campus Life).

-- HEAD RESIDENT (10-month position, live-in), (replaces Coordinator of Residential Programs). salary negotiable.

-- PUBLIC SAFETY, Senior Secretary, FT-P, (replacement) $3.70/hour.

-- SAGINAW JUVENILE CENTER, Teaching Intern, FT-T, Salary negotiable.

These positions will be open to members of the campus community for one week. Interested individuals should contact the Personnel Office at ext. 4108.

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