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Saginaw Valley State College Library

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## TELEPHONE SERVICE INTERRUPTION WEDNESDAY

Telephone service to the campus will be temporarily disconnected this Wednesday June 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The interruption is necessary so that Michigan Bell Telephone company can perform service on the equipment which will improve operation of the system.

Persons with particular needs which would require phone service during that time are asked to contact Bob Becker, Director of Business Services at ext. 4101.

## LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE HERE SATURDAY

Consumer Rights, Workers' Compensation, and Senior Citizens programs and problems will be explored this Saturday, June 9, at a state legislative conference in the SVSC Theatre. Sponsored by State Senator Jerome T. Hart, of Saginaw, the 8:30 a.m. to noon confab will begin with registration, coffee and donuts from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

A Consumer Rights panel from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. will include Linda Joy, Executive Director of the Michigan Consumers Council; Patrick Isom, Assistant Attorney General in charge of consumer protection; Saginaw Senator Robert Young, Montrose representative Lewis Dodak and others.

Next session will be a Workers' Compensation panel from 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. Participants will include Frank Garrison, Legislative Director for the United Auto Workers, Derrel Tennis, Legislative Representative for the Michigan State AFL-CIO; Pat Babcock, Director of the Michigan Department of Labor; William Wickham, General and Legislative Counsel for the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce; and State Representative Michael Busch of Saginaw and James Barcia of Bay City.

Closing out the conference will be a Senior Citizens' Programs and Problems panel from 11:00 - 12:00. Featured will be Libby Maynard, Vice Chairperson of the Michigan Democratic party and former candidate for Lieutenant Governor; Representative David Hollister of Lansing, organizer of Senior Power Day; Mary James, Michigan Office of Services to the Aging; Ann Tomcho, Director of the Bay County Council on Aging; William Quinn, Director of the Saginaw County Commission on Aging, and Representative Barcia. Members of the campus community are invited to participate.

## CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION CLASSES SET

An advanced series of basic cardiac life support (BCLS) sessions will be conducted on campus in the lower level of Doan Center this Tuesday, June 5, and on Tuesdays June 12 and 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The sessions are designed for persons who have taken an earlier three hour class in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Further information is available from Mrs. Irene Miller R.N., Coordinator of Student Health Services, at ext. 4271.

## 11 NAMED FOR RESIDENTIAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS

Eleven SVSC students, including three incoming freshman have been named to receive residential life scholarships here for the 1979-80 school year. Stipends cover room and board costs and are valued at \$1759 each for the year. Recipients have demonstrated exceptional participation in extracurricular and citizenship activities, while maintaining a B or

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better academic grade point average.

Freshman who will begin attending here this fall include Catherine Bohlig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bohlig, 404 S. Huron, Harbor Beach; Robert Fleener, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fleener, 2795 Dunmore, Saginaw; and Nancy Milton, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Milton, R.R. # 1 Box 146, Bad Axe.

Continuing as participants in the scholarship program are: Judy Sabatino, 3605 Southfield Dr., a junior from Bridgeport High School, Saginaw; Sonya Besko, 204 N. East Court, a freshman from Ovid-Elsie High School, Ovid; Lynn Haggerty, 652 N. Ruth Road, a sophomore from Carsonville High School, Carsonville; Cynthia Ponichtera, 3550 Schust Road, a junior from Eisenhower High School, Saginaw; Lore Survant, 8901 Siefert Road, a junior from Whittermore; Terri Ann Anthony, 19458 Beech, a sophomore from St. Anne High School, Detroit; Dennis Witherspoon, Lawitzke Road # 1, a freshman from Port Hope High School, Port Hope; and Aletha Boyce, 27127 Notre Dame, a freshman from Inkster.

#### CAMPUS NOTES --

-- A book review by Dr. Ricardo Pastor, Associate Professor of Spanish, appeared in the May 1979 issue of "Spanish Today." Dr. Pastor's article deals with "Cuentos Para Entender," published in Miami by Cruzanda Spanish Publications, 1979. Author of the book is Andres Rivero, a Cuban writer.

-- Dr. Lynn Herkstroeter, Assistant Professor of French and German and Chairperson of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, attended a conference on individualized instruction in the foreign languages at Ohio State University from May 10-12.

-- We extend the condolences of the campus community to Paul S. Gill, Director of Financial Aid, whose mother, Gurdev Kaur Gill, recently passed away in India.

-- Dr. John C. Del Regato, Assistant Professor of Education, recently conducted a workshop on "Math Encounters of the Third Kind" at the 57th Annual Meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Boston. The workshop presented non-linguistic auditory forms of communicating

elementary mathematics concepts. Activities were presented which helped children hear patterns of mathematics.

Del Regato also recently completed a seminar for Oakland schools on teaching mathematics to learning disabled or educable mentally impaired children. The sessions were designed to guide teachers through the procedure of analyzing causes for low mathematical performance and arranging an appropriate scope and sequence of mathematics learning experiences for children with special needs.

This past Saturday, Del Regato conducted a mathematics pentathlon in commemoration of the International Year of the Child at Salina School, Saginaw. Some 70 children from Salina and two Bay City Schools participated in five math games in the K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 grade divisions. Trophies, ribbons and award buttons were presented to winners in the invitational event.

-- Rosella E. Collamer, Director of the Chrysallis Center, has been named Chairwoman-elect of the Student Services Division of the National University Extension Association. The last Interior incorrectly reported that she would share the entire NUEA next year.

-- A workshop entitled "Understanding Epilepsy" will be co-instructed by Dr. and Mrs. William Doll on Saturday, June 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Lower Level of Doan Center. The workshop will tell how epilepsy affects people, how they can cope with it, and the implications for persons who suffer with this condition and their friends, families, and co-workers. The workshop is co-sponsored by SVSC Division of Continuing Education and the Saginaw Valley Epilepsy Association. Arrange to attend by contacting the Division of Continuing Education at ext. 4066. A \$25 per person fee for the workshop includes all materials and lunch.

#### WHEAT VS. OIL: THE FLAW IN THE ARGUMENT

Bumper stickers proclaim "A Bushel of Grain for a Barrel of Oil," and a country music song cries "Cheaper Crude or No More Food!"

As gas and oil prices soar, there is an increasing cry in the U.S. to retaliate against the Organization of Petroleum Ex-

porting Countries (OPEC). Many Americans feel we should raise the price for a bushel of wheat to match that of a barrel of oil, as was the case a decade ago.

But there is a flaw in that reasoning, SVSC professor of economics Dr. "Sam" Sarkar points out. "Economic retaliation through raising the price for food won't work for two reasons," he says.

"The first is that there are substitutes for wheat. If the Americans, or all the major wheat-producing nations, got together and decided to raise the price of wheat to match that of a barrel of oil, the OPEC nations wouldn't have to buy it. There is a lot of grain in the world, with many nations willing to supply it to Arab countries. There aren't many countries which produce oil.

"Secondly, we encounter a problem known in economics as 'elasticity'," he notes. "While the elasticity of demand for oil is very low -- we simply can't do without it -- the elasticity of demand for wheat is high. Other foodstuffs can be substituted for wheat, and the oil-producing countries won't suffer hunger or economic reversals.

"Suppose America did raise the price for wheat from approximately \$4 per bushel to \$18, thus matching that of oil. The Arabs not only might stop buying our wheat, but they could stop selling us oil as well. Although they might complain about not having as much bread as before, the U.S. would be paralyzed, both physically and economically. They can substitute other foods for bread, but we can't get along without oil."

Sarkar notes that the main flaw in the idea of "wheat equals oil" is that last year the U.S. exported only \$1.4 billion of wheat while importing \$30 billion of oil. "Even if we raised the wheat price to match oil, we wouldn't be breaking even," he says.

Then there's the problem of "income elasticity." When a person begins to make more money, he goes out and buys gas-guzzling luxuries such as motor homes, speedboats, and bigger cars. He doesn't buy five more loaves of bread a week, because that is a necessity. The demand for necessities such as wheat is not up, but the demand for oil is.

"If the price of wheat goes up one per cent, the demand for it falls proportionately. When the oil price is hiked one per cent, we pay one per cent more for it. We have to have oil, it's just like medical care. There is a great gap which cannot be bridged by wheat alone.

What about a solution to the whirlwind of rising prices and declining supplies? "The main thing is that we must not retaliate against the Arabs over their prices," Sarkar cautions. "Any threat of price reprisal can be squelched too easily by a cutoff of oil supplies.

"We must remember that OPEC has plenty of countries to sell to, places not wholly in sympathy with a nation which is still by and large paying under \$1 per gallon for gas. When I visited Europe and Asia earlier this year, the average price for a gallon of gas was \$2 per gallon. In Asia, the cost was about \$2.50, but that related money-wise to some \$16 or \$17 per gallon when you look at their per capita income. Frenchmen paying \$3 for a gallon of gas don't feel sorry for Americans paying 95 cents," he explains.

"Our best hope for a better energy future lies within our own country," he cautions. "We must begin immediately to use alternate energy sources, as delay will only make us more dependent on foreign oil. Now is the time to increase incentives that stop wasteful consumption -- hopefully without lowering our standard of living -- and to improve our technology. We can't wait until 1985 or 1990 to start this, we must begin now," he stresses.

"Cheap gas is a thing of the past," he concludes, "and we have to accept that. We have to get busy and develop geothermal energy and nuclear energy and solar energy and any other type of energy we can find. That is the only thing which will take the pinch off our fuel prices."

#### PERSONNEL --

--PLANT COMMUNITY ECOLOGIST, Assistant Professor (replacement), FT-P, Salary Negotiable.

--COMPUTER SERVICES; Senior Key punch Operator (replacement), FT-P, \$3.70 per hour.

These positions will be open to all members of the campus community for one week. In-