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COLLEGE CLOSED NEXT WED. FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

All operations at SVSC will be closed next Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Activities resume in earnest on Thursday, July 5, which will be delayed registration day for Summer session from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SUMMER TENT THEATRE

Tent Troupe, America's only traveling summer tent theatre, is coming to SVSC on Wednesday, July 11, with a children's matinee as a special tribute to the International Year of the Child. Presented at two performances will be what is billed as "a wonderland of make-believe for all who are young-at-heart."

Matinee showtime at 2 p.m. follows a 1:30 p.m. pre-show that includes much audience participation. Featured will be the group's performance of "The Wonderful World of Children."

At 8 p.m. the Troupe will present its portrayal of "To Kill a Mockingbird". Location will be at the southwest corner of Campus.

Children's stories from around the world will be included in the fast-paced matinee. As each tale unfolds it will be the child who emerges as the hero. Such favorites as "Alice in Wonderland", "Winnie the Pooh", "Tom Sawyer", "The Little Dutch Boy", as well as the Mexican folk tale "The Holes of Lagos" and the African story "The Magic Spear" will be performed.

Considerable audience involvement is utilized in the children's show. Young playgoers will be selected to assist on stage in numerous ways as the plays are performed.

Following the performance, the Tent Troupe cast will greet children in front of the huge big-top and parents will be able to take their pictures with favorite characters from the land of make-believe.

The 8 p.m. performance of "To Kill a Mockingbird" combines the innocence of childhood with the wisdom of a loving father. These are added together to provide a fascinating relationship for two young children, the central characters. In the play based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, the father teaches his children lessons of courage in the midst of tension, plus dignity for the worth of all people regardless of their acceptance by society.

Co-sponsors are our Department of Campus Life and Our Savior Lutheran Church of Saginaw. Free tickets guaranteeing seating until 15 minutes before showtime are available from the Campus Life office, ext. 4260. Persons without tickets will be seated on a first-come basis 15 minutes before showtime. There is no admission charge although donations are requested at intermission.

SVSC JAZZ GROUP READIES EUROPEAN TOUR

Picture a summer evening on Lake Geneva, Switzerland listening to the SVSC Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Charlie Brown. The nineteen piece Jazz Ensemble departs from Detroit on July 6 for their second tour of Montreux, Switzerland and Ansbach, Germany.

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Beginning in Montreux, where they will perform at the internationally-acclaimed Jazz Festival and a Big Band Night for College Bands, the two-week tour will continue in.

Traveling to Europe is not cheap and the group takes pride in paying at least 50% of its own expenses. So when the invitation to attend the Jazz Festival came one year ago, the group immediately swung into action, setting up playing dates to earn the money for the tour.

To date, they have earned $10,000 playing in local restaurants, at private clubs and parties and one benefit concert. The remainder has been allocated by the SVSC Foundation as an incentive to attract high-caliber music students to the College.

The Jazz Ensemble is composed of SVSC music faculty and students, who range in age from 18 to 43. According to director Charlie Brown, "They are all outstanding musicians; the rhythm section could go on tour tomorrow."

Part of the secret to the group's remarkable success, says Brown, is that they are a "real family, who sustain and encourage each other. All I contribute is moral support. We have worked hard for this tour; we've earned it."

Also unique is the original music played by the Ensemble, mostly composed by Jeff Hall, lead alto saxophone and Joe Freyre, drummer. The versatile group plays everything from the big band sound to modern jazz, with a medley of polkas and oriental music added for flavor.

CUFFY QUIETLY GETS RESULTS

She's got a quiet, low-key personality, making it easy not to notice everything she's doing. In her role as coordinator of residence halls and campus activities for SVSC, Catherine "Cuffy" Maziarz generally works behind the scenes with groups like the program board and individual students who seek advice or have problems.

Her day is divided between the residence hall program and campus activities and new student orientation. Different parts of her present job were previously handled by three persons. Then the college experienced a severe administrative cut-back last summer, when SVSC's budget did not grow as rapidly as its enrollment.

"Though personnel duties were made, the college had a commitment to maintain the quality of our campus activities and residential halls programs. We simply weren't able to make any program cuts, so our staff has done its best to keep things running as they were. My major frustration has come from not being able to spend a sufficient amount of time on any one project at any time," she says.

Cuffy has just completed what she calls "a great year of experience that really went by fast." Right now a new head resident is being hired, who will serve as a live-in person in the dorms to work with the staff of seven student resident assistants. This past year Cuffy was generally "on call" 24 hours a day to respond to needs as they arose.

SVSC also has a search underway for a new dean of students, to provide full-time supervision for campus activities after the position begins with the new school year.

The past year an impressive program of activities for both commuter and dorm students has been compiled. The college intramural program has also flourished and Maziarz feels the dorms now have "a good mix of kids for this small a community." More than 400 students resided in the SVSC dorms this past school year, with some 70 there for the optional spring session presently underway.

"One big change I've noticed over the past four years is that dorm students formerly were mostly freshmen and sophomores. With our additional programs in both the campus life and academic areas, many more now stay on to complete their college educations here.

"The area from which we draw students is greater, too, with a lot now coming from the north, from southern Michigan and the Thumb. There are even quite a few whose parents reside right here in the Saginaw-Bay City area. That's because the dorms allow the independence of living away from home, while still letting students be close to families and friends," she says.
Programs including Residential Life Scholarships, Presidential stipends and Awards for Excellence, plus other grants recognizing student leadership or academic accomplishment have also helped attract increasing numbers of students to the dormitory program.

Having a "super-good staff of concerned Resident Assistants (RA's)" has also helped attract students to the dorms. "All of them have done their best and as a group they have matured greatly this year," Cuffy believes. "I am grateful for the support received not only from persons in the housing program but also from other departments at SVSC. Like them, I think I'm sincere about doing the best job I can and believe that satisfaction is a result-oriented thing," according to her.

After graduating from SVSC in August 1975 with a baccalaureate degree in education, the Chesaning native became a graduate assistant in the campus activities office and was promoted to campus life staff assistant a year later. Along with her busy work schedule, she is also presently working on a graduate degree.

She found that late April is traditionally the busiest time of year in the residential halls office, because that's when students are moving out for the summer. At the same time, housing contracts are being tied up for both spring and fall semesters and orientation plans for summer months are also being finalized. "I'm glad we'll be adding additional staff members for the next year. Then I will enjoy working here even more," she concluded just as the phone rang regarding an upcoming meeting and a student dropped by to thank her for helping out the previous day on a personal problem.

RECORD NUMBER ACCEPTED INTO MEDICAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS

SVSC may still be a "small" college, but a record number of our graduates have been accepted by medical and dental schools during the 1978-79 academic year. According to the Premedical Advisory Committee, Caroline Scott has been accepted by the medical schools of University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Michigan State University. Nancy Terrian and Robert Terrian were both accepted by the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. David Hanson will attend the University of Detroit Dental School, while Randall Weiss has been admitted to the Dental School of the University of Michigan.

The Premedical Advisory Committee serves to counsel students interested in a medical career, as well as to help them plan their curriculum and provide records and recommendation for them to the graduate schools. Present members are Drs. Walter Rathcamp, Barron Hirsch and Albert Plaush and Ted Nitz.

YUN PUBLISHES AGAIN

A research paper entitled "Hierarchy of Symmetry Breakings and Neutral Currents in a SU(6) Grand Unification Model" by Dr. S. K. (Tom) Yun, professor of Physics, has been accepted for publication in International Journal of Theoretical Physics. Yun also submitted the paper to the Annual Meeting of the American Physical Society, New York City, this past January.

ZIVICH ATTENDS NEW YORK ART EXHIBITION

Assistant professor of Art Mathew Zivich recently attended the opening of the 52nd National High School Art Exhibition conducted by Scholastic Magazines Inc. of New York. Zivich participated as Regional Advisory Committee Chairman for the Eastern Central Michigan Scholastic Art Awards Competition.

Zivich met with other regional chairpersons to discuss various rules changes and problem areas at the regional level. He also had a chance to meet with representatives of Scholastic Magazines Inc. and national sponsors of the exhibition, including Hallmark Cards, Grumbacher Paints and Strathmore Paper Company.

HERE'S HOW TO BOOST YOUR WORD POWER

Increasing your word power can happen best by looking up unfamiliar words in a dictionary. Paperback self-help vocabulary books where you choose the right answer are fine if you remember all the words. But learning is much more effective if you simply study and use new words you encounter, says Dr. Raymond Tyner, professor of English.
Latin as a language has virtually disappeared from high schools, and Tyner feels this loss has caused some of today's reading and writing problems. That is because many or perhaps most English words have their roots solidly entrenched in Latin.

"An understanding of Latin brings insight into the meaning of many English words. For instance, the Latin word 'credo' or 'I believe', is the forefather of English words such as 'credit', a belief in you or your ability to repay money. The word 'cred', meaning something you believe in, has the same root. When something is believable, we can say it is 'credible'; adding the prefix 'in' which means 'not' in Latin, we have the words incredible or incredulous," he points out.

Tyner has developed a new English vocabulary course which he will offer during the coming school year at SVSC. "The rationale is that you look up words that are not familiar. The development of one's vocabulary correlates with developing the mind and its ability to comprehend ideas and express them.

"Language is a symbol of one's intelligence. We use our intelligence to operate language at various levels. This class is going to teach students to extend their grasp of vocabulary on the basis of what they already know, to see associations in groups of words," he notes.

Tyner's class, titled "Vocabulary of English", will take students through four phases of learning. The first will be a recognition phase, where groups of words will be taken back to their Latin and Greek roots in order to explain themselves. From there, the students will go into Etymology, the study of the history of words. The class will trace words through their structure to their roots.

The active and passive use of vocabulary will be looked at as well. "There are lots of words we recognize, but don't use," Tyner says. "We have to learn to use active words correctly. We'll study words which are closely related in meaning, but which have a fine line of distinction, such as taunt and deride."

The fine distinction between synonyms will be the final phase of the course. "Actually," Tyner notes, "there are no real synonyms. Language is like nature; it's too economical to have two words which mean exactly the same thing.

"Eskimos have many words which describe snow," he continues. "Each one very carefully and precisely defines snow in different forms - wet or dry, heavy or light."

The course is designed for students in any field, because Tyner feels that language is an instrument for expanding any discipline. It doesn't change its nature, but only its vocabulary to fit specialized ideas from one discipline to another.

"English does not alter its nature in dealing with different disciplines," Tyner concludes. "And man must come to terms with language on its own grounds before he will ever be master of his vocabulary."

PERSONNEL --

--COORDINATOR FOR ENGLISH BASIC SKILLS & ACADEMIC ADVISOR, FT-P (replacement), salary negotiable.

--SOCIAL WORK - Faculty position, begins Sept. 1, 1979, FT-P. Rank competitive and dependent upon qualifications and experience. Salary negotiable.

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

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