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SNOW, HIGH WINDS EXTEND REGISTRATION

Winter's unkindliest mood yet, expressed by high winds, subzero wind chill factors and snow drifts, brought an extension of winter semester registration at SVSC this week. Because of the weather, registration without penalty was extended from Monday, January 7 to Tuesday, January 8. Winter drops and adds will begin Wednesday, January 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. and then continue according to the previously-published schedule. Dormitory check-ins were also extended to Tuesday as a result of the inclement weather conditions.

SMALL COMPUTER COLLOQUIUM FRIDAY

"Small Computer and Business Graphics" is the topic of the next Science Colloquium, at 1:30 p.m. this Friday, January 11 in 238 Wickes Hall. The speaker, Dr. Robert Metzger, will demonstrate desktop computers and the four pen plotter. Dr. Metzger, information systems architect in computer management for the Dow Chemical Company, received his Ph.D. in industrial engineering and operations research from the U. of M. He currently teaches Management 525, "Computer Programming for Business Decisions," for the SVSC M.B.A. program.

The Science Colloquium is open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For additional information, contact Dr. Albert Plausch at ext. 4361.

SIXTEEN STUDENTS NAMED TO "WHO'S WHO"

Sixteen SVSC students will be listed in the 1980 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities And Colleges". They were selected as among the country's most outstanding campus leaders and join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,200 institutions of higher learning across the U.S. Selection was based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

SVSC students named this year include: Bay County: Robert A. Petty, Ralph S. Roberts, Patrick C. Samolewski, Luann Satkowiak, Paul J. Zuraw; Midland Area: Douglas A. Dewitt, Marcia L. Fuerhop; Saginaw County: Carole J. Boyd, Joan Kakouris, Stephan C. Lentz, Thomas McQuade, Kay M. Neer; Tuscola County: Howard Carl Buetow, Ann M. Garcia-Dues, Detroit Area: Michael B. Kilpatrick, Romeo; Roger A. Lonsawy, Utica.

RADIO MUSIC PREFERENCES VARY FOR MEN, WOMEN

Men and women may be equal, but a new radio listenership survey conducted by SVSC students shows their music preferences vary significantly.

Males feel the most popular type of music within the tri-county area is rock, while their second favorite type is easy listening. Females prefer easy listening, and rock is their second choice. 500 persons aged 13 and above were surveyed from Bay, Midland and Saginaw county by students in a marketing research class offered through the SVSC school of business and management.

Rock-type music was preferred by 25.4% of the total population surveyed, with easy listening close behind at 24.8%. Country music was third with a 15.5% share and disco was next with 9.4%. Jazz was the favorite with 5.9%, followed by classical music with 4.8% and soul music with 4.5%. Folk/ethnic music was tops in the eyes of 3.2%. 6.4% either had no choice or preferred some other variety.

The SVSC students patterned their study somewhat after the Arbitron (A.R.B.) radio
listenership survey conducted in the tri-counties last spring. The new study attempted to sample listeners in exact proportion to the population of each county, so that 29% of the samples came from Bay, 16% from Midland and 55% from Saginaw County. Suburban areas were included in rough proportion to their percentage of county size.

Students found there is no loyalty to any particular disc-jockey or radio personality. There is also very little station loyalty and findings indicate that one's listening pattern varies with his mood.

All the student surveyors were surprised how many more persons listen to radio between 6:00 and 10:00 a.m. than at other times during the day. The second most popular time comes between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., thus reflecting the "drive times" when people are going to and from work.

One trend is that many middleaged women prefer listening to country music. After they get their husbands off to work and their kids to school, a lot of them like the upbeat feel of country music and many consider it a bouncier version of easy listening.

The students concluded both separately and jointly that music is the most important thing on radio.

"This is obviously a very competitive market because there are twelve commercial radio stations in the tri-counties. Add to that a handful of strong stations from the Flint and Detroit areas and you see why radio listenership is so diverse," the students say. Just over half of the respondents said they listen to radio most frequently in their home. 37% are tuned in while in their cars, and another 9% listen primarily while at work.

"Our findings show that a station which changed its format after the A.R.B. survey last spring now has the broadest audience. Listenership patterns change very rapidly and are influenced both by the amount and type of music played. As long as a station keeps the music flow going, it will have listeners," junior marketing major Bob Muenchen of Midland learned.