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GRANT MERGES LIBRARY COLLECTIONS; PUBLIC TO BENEFIT

Thanks to a $275,000 grant from the Wickes Foundation of Saginaw for library development in the Saginaw valley, library collections at Delta College, Saginaw Public Library and SVSC will be linked by a new large computer.

The grant announced today will be used to purchase a new computer containing lists of books and reference materials available at any of the three participating agencies.

A Valley Library Consortium will oversee the system, with the objective of providing optimum library services to students and the people of the Saginaw valley area by the most cost-effective means possible. Chairman of the consortium will be SVSC president Jack M. Ryder. First vice chairman will be Terrence Risko, director of The Saginaw Public Libraries. Delta president Donald J. Carlyon will serve as second vice chairman.

Initially each of the three libraries will have three terminals purchased by the grant. These will be connected by telephone lines to the computer, which will be housed at SVSC. Area persons requesting materials at any of the three will be able to learn immediately where the publication is housed and if it is available.

Up to 1,400,000 items can be listed on the computer, which is designed to accommodate up to 250,000 patrons. The number of online terminals can be increased to as many as 48 in the future without changing the computer hardware.

The system can also be extended to remote locations for reference or referral services. It will be able to "network" with other circulation systems for interlibrary loans. Printed or magnetic tape lists of all records owned by any branch, library or the entire system can be sorted by various categories and produced for use by any individual or library.

"This new system will be the greatest boon to library services ever instituted in the valley," predicts Risko. "The cooperation between SVSC, Delta and us is monumental, because of the cost effectiveness which will result for area taxpayers."

SVSC's Ryder agreed, noting that the three libraries will no longer have to duplicate book acquisitions. "As long as any one of us has a particular book or reference publication on hand, it will be available to all. One computer terminal can automatically request any item from any other library which owns it. This can be done instantaneously and without telephone calls, manual searches or other time-consuming operations," he said.

"The system will be especially beneficial in these times of tight budgets and our need for cost effectiveness," says Donald J. Carlyon, Delta president. "With the gift we'll be able to share resources, something all three of us have wanted to do for several years. Persons in our area communities will be the winners, as they'll now have greater access to our combined resources."

Representatives of all three institutions agreed that the idea of tying together several public academic library collections at divergent places is unparalleled in Michigan and possibly in the U.S.

"Such cooperation and willingness to share is very unique and will provide greater resources to this whole area," Ryder said. Risko added that the consortium is "a big first and a real benchmark of where we're going in the future."

All three believe today's cooperative arrangement is just a start. After their three libraries are tied together in the
initial round, plans are to involve a growing circle of libraries, thus expanding even further the access valley residents have to materials.

An advisory council will be formed to provide representation for library resource-sharing organizations which contract for resource sharing with SVSC through the consortium or plan to do so. Also serving on the advisory group will be three persons representing the consortium board.

These administrators who will serve on the administrative committee of the consortium board include chairman Douglas Anderson, Delta's library director; SVSC director of library services Dr. Michael M. Lee; and Paul Hickok, assistant director of The Saginaw Public Libraries.

Because the new system will perform a number of tasks which otherwise would have to be done and funded in other ways, officials at both SVSC and Delta feel that no additional costs will result. They also will not need to dip into general operating funds for equipment, as the Wickes grant will cover all hardware and installation costs. The Saginaw Public Libraries system has more branches than Delta or SVSC and plans to tie them together by purchasing several additional terminals, Risko reported.

Centralized costs for future operations will be shared by participating agencies according to a formula related to usage.

The Wickes gift to SVSC includes $189,633 announced today and $85,000 in interest from the $1,000,000 gift the Foundation made to SVSC for library development in 1977. SVSC will own the computer and other equipment used by the system and will contract with the users for service. "The consortium members will help develop procedures via the advisory council, make recommendations on how users will share costs and will be tied by contract," Ryder concluded.

ELEVEN MOBILE UNITS ARRIVING THIS WEEK

Although instructional Facility No. 2 is proceeding on schedule, it is unlikely that construction will begin before next summer. At the earliest, occupancy is 2 1/2 to 3 years away, while enrollment continues to grow along with an accompanying need for additional classroom, office and student space.

That's why college officials jumped at the chance to pick up 11 additional mobile units from the University of Michigan-Dearborn when they were no longer needed there. While the cost to dismantle, move and hook them up at SVSC will likely total some $190,000 by the time they're remodeled and equipped, the units themselves are being provided without cost to us.

SVSC administrators have been advised to request the legislature to include funding for this project in a supplemental appropriations bill later this year. President Jack M. Ryder said the units 'clearly do not replace our need for IF-2 but rather they underscore our severe need for space. They are temporary only and will be utilized only until the science, classroom, office and library sections of Instructional Facility No. 2 and the remodeling of Wickes Hall are completed.'

Three of the temporary units will be located east of Wickes annex and will house administrative offices. Another will be west of the admissions office, providing space for both admissions employees and staff members from the office of scholarships and financial aids. Units south of Pioneer Hall will house faculty offices, classrooms and student service areas. One unit will house the SVSC bookstore and will be placed near Doan Center.

Plans are to have most of the new space in operation by the beginning of fall semester in September. The move of the bookstore will not be completed until early October.

FALL 1980 ORIENTATION GROUPS ON CAMPUS

If you've noticed lots of fresh young faces around campus this week, chances are they belong to incoming fall semester freshmen who are here for one of three orientation sessions. More than 500 students are expected for the sessions, scheduled for July 7-8, 10-11, and 14-15. Parents also have the option of attending special programs aimed at acquainting them with the experiences their children can anticipate during their college years.

Co-coordinators for this year's orientation
events are Gerald Survant, admissions counselor, and Jill Slasinski, SVSC senior. With the assistance of other student life personnel, they have designed a series of programs for the young students which includes everything from campus tours to the opportunity to select and register for fall classes.

Student guides will be on hand to provide directions and information to the freshmen, and they will appreciate cooperation from the campus community in making orientation a pleasant and rewarding experience. A friendly smile and greeting, or a few minutes to answer questions about your office area, can help maintain SVSC's reputation as a college which cares about its students.

JOIN THE "UNHOOKED GENERATION"

Have you been smoking more and enjoying it less? Help is available if you want to join those who have kicked the habit.

Health services coordinator Sandy Wight has an "I Quit Kit" which you may borrow from the clinic. Provided by the American Cancer Society, the kit contains a record, pamphlets, and strategies for designing a "game plan" to stop smoking. For more information, call the clinic at ext. 4270 anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

JOHN BROADFOOT NOW OFFICIALLY RETIRED

After a long tenure in various capacities, John R. Broadfoot has officially retired from the office of continuing education at SVSC. An open house was held on June 25 to commemorate the occasion, and many coworkers stopped by to share the day with John. He was presented with a wall plaque replica of the SVSC logo by president Jack Ryder and received various other gifts, including an engraved silver tray.

John has asked us to convey his sincere appreciation to the SVSC community for their loyalty, interest and cooperation during his years of service at SVSC. He was pleased that so many people participated in the open house, and has expressed his thanks for their gifts and many courtesies.

Those who missed the open house can still reach John at his Saginaw address for a few more weeks. Later this summer, he and Helen plan to move to a new home in Traverse City.

FINAL CHANCE FOR DIRECTORY INFO UPDATE

Faculty and staff members are reminded that this week is the deadline for having new directory portraits taken or updating title and address information which will occur in the fall 1980 SVSC faculty/staff directory. So if you've moved, received a promotion or added a spouse, please contact the office of information services this week. We'd appreciate having you call ext. 4054 now if you need to have a directory portrait taken. Departments in the process of hiring new personnel for fall semester are requested to contact us, too, so that their names can be included.

HEALTH SERVICES HOURS ANNOUNCED

The SVSC health service in B-2 Great Lakes Hall will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this summer semester. During fall and winter semesters a registered nurse and personal counselor are on duty Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.

Services are funded through student fees and provided without additional cost to the campus community. They include first aid for minor injuries and illness; doctor and dentist selection advice; health insurance information; blood pressure monitoring and private counseling. All SVSC students, faculty and staff are invited to stop by and get acquainted with the staff and facilities.

The office phone number is ext. 4270, or after hours you may call the emergency number, ext. 4141.

SUMMER BOOKSTORE HOURS ANNOUNCED

The SVSC bookstore will be open from 8:15 a.m. until 7:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday this week for the convenience of summer semester students, according to director Betty Wineland. Beginning Friday, July 11, the usual hours of 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday will be in effect.

The bookstore stocks cards and gift items as well as textbooks. The next used textbook buy-back period begins August 20.