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STUDENT LIFE PERSONNEL APPOINTED AT SVSC

Two new staff members have joined SVSC's student life administrative area. Denise Ottinger has been named coordinator of residential life and Maryanne Lustgraaf was selected as coordinator of campus activities and orientation. Both will report to SVSC dean of students Philip C. Beal and began their assignments July 1.

Ottinger holds bachelor of science and master of arts degrees earned at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Before coming to SVSC she was director of the Goldsworth Valley III Complex at Western Michigan University and earlier was director of residence hall staff and programs for Ashland College in Ohio. Her duties at SVSC will include supervision of housing operations and development of educational programming for resident students.

Ms. Ottinger maintains memberships in Sigma Delta, Kappa Delta Pi, and Golden Torch (all academic honoraries); the American Personnel and Guidance Association; American College Personnel Association, and the Association of College and University Housing Officers.

Lustgraaf comes to SVSC from Bozeman, Montana, where she was employed in the office of student affairs and services at Montana State University. She has a bachelor of arts in social science from the University of Northern Colorado and completed requirements for a master of arts in adult and higher education at Montana State University during the spring. At SVSC she will be responsible for scheduling of campus activities plus planning orientation programs for incoming students.

Ms. Lustgraaf's professional memberships include the American Personnel and Guidance Association, American College Personnel Association and the National Orientation Directors Association.

MATH JOBS ADD UP

If you want to change careers or help your child pick a good one, consider mathematics. Especially needed now and for the next five to ten years are persons with college degrees in mathematics education.

"As words like computer, laser and nuclear become more important to our future, so do jobs in math related fields," says John C. del Regato, assistant professor of education at SVSC. "There's an explosion coming in math education, and by 1985 there will be far more openings than people to fill them.

One reason why del Regato feels the future is bright for math people in teaching is that most elementary schools now see the need for a math resource person in every building. "A stronger math education program is the best way to give our students the mathematical know-how they'll need for their future."

Math literacy is as important as being able to read, del Regato says, because math is so dominant in everything we do now in all fields. "Even in the arts we look at mathematical models for things like musical configurations or the effects we're trying to generate in sculpture or painting. There usually is a math relationship or formula to explain the kind of effect the artist is trying to achieve."

del Regato is critical of high school counselors who often advise students that they don't need additional math classes or that they can take these when they get to college. "That's terrible advice in today's high technology. Tomorrow's jobs will require a lot of thinking skills which are related to math."

He also decries what he calls the "tyranny of tests" and says that "in any other human
endeavor, there is more than one criteria by which to judge performance. In math, though, the test has become the sole indicator by which most schools judge their math programs.

"You simply can't reduce what a person knows down to a number. Mathematics is a problem-solving process, which cannot be reduced to nice, numerical entities," he asserts.

What results is a "war of the minimum standards." del Regato suggests that schools which look only at test scores might have good minimum standards but perhaps not the best overall math programs. "Higher order processes require a longer time to develop," he states.

He wants increasing numbers of people to recognize that the real goal of math programs should be the development of thinking skills, rather than simply having students come up with correct numbers on tests. del Regato was recently named editor of Mathematics in Michigan journal and has developed a wide following across the country because of the innovative math teaching techniques he has devised.

PUBLIC SAFETY WINS SECOND GAME

The department of public safety recently won its second softball game of the season by defeating computer services 5-2. Public safety director Zane Rybkowski was a near casualty when struck in the head by an errant softball, but fortunately the injury was only temporary and he was able to finish the game.

WOMEN'S ROLES TO BE DISCUSSED

A panel discussion on "Women's Roles and Options in Society Past and Present" is set for 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday, July 23, at the Hampton Square Mall meeting room, Essexville.

Panelists include Bay City mayor Anne Hachtel, poetess Irene Warsaw, artist Evelyn Shelagowski and Bay Arts Council president Peg Rowley. They will focus on contributions of local women and will present highlights from the recently published book, "Women of Bay County," edited by Joan Musinski. The book, part of the Museum of the Great Lakes 'Women's Exhibit' on now through September, was funded by the Michigan Council for the Humanities.

Sponsors for the panel discussion include the museum and SVSC's Chrysallis Center. The discussion is open to the public without charge and everyone is welcomed.

CHRYSALLIS JOURNAL SEeks AUTHORS

If you want the chance to try your creative writing skills, consider submitting a manuscript for possible publication in the third edition of "The Chrysallis Journal," which will be published this September. According to Chrysallis director Rose Collamer, the theme of this issue will include three general areas -- "Teaching, Technology and Teapots."

The journal exists to advance the Center's goals of encouragement and support for mature adults in their efforts to achieve intellectual and emotional growth. While it is not intended as a restrictive interest, Chrysallis has a deep concern for the problems of today's women attempting to deal with complex societal pressures.

Essays, literary works and studies which relate to one or more of the theme areas are all suitable formats. To be considered for publication, manuscripts should be sent to SVSC's Chrysallis Center by August 15.

DEFINITELY LAST CHANCE FOR DIRECTORY CHANGES

As noted last week, the 1980-81 faculty and staff telephone directory is nearing completion and will be going to the printers this week. Names, titles, campus addresses and telephone numbers will be included for all employees. Please check the current directory to make certain your information is correct. If any of your home or office data needs to be changed, please call the office of information services at ext. 4054 today.

As noted in previous issues, certain options are available regarding the amount of home information that may be included. These are: (1) Complete home information -- spouse's name, street address, city and phone number. There is no need to do anything if this is what is desired and your records are up-to-date. (2) No home information of any kind. Please forward this request to information
services, by using the data form in your June 24 Interior or by requesting another copy from the information office. Deletions must be noted on the form and must be requested each year. They do not carry over from year to year. (3) Omission of spouse's name only. This can be noted on the same form. More information is available from Marilyn Frahm at ext. 4054. Forms received back after Friday, July 18, will be held for the 1981-82 directory. This year's earlier deadline is necessary to have the directory ready for distribution when fall classes begin in early September.

CAMPUS-NOTES---

--Public safety director Zane L. Rybkowski was recently elected to a two-year term as director of region 4 for the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. He joins eight other regional directors and the association's president in representing almost 1,000 state and private institutions from the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. Region 4 is composed of 64 colleges and universities in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. His election was part of the agenda at the 23rd annual conference of the association, held in Chicago late last month.

--Dr. Eugene J. Hamilton, dean of placement and continuing education, was recently elected as member at large to the five-member executive board for the Coordinating Council for Continuing Higher Education (CCCHE). Chiring the group is Dr. Richard M. Burke of W.M.U. CCCHE is a subgroup of the Presidents Council of State Colleges and Universities. It exists to coordinate continuing education programs of the state supported institutions and to influence the development of legislation and policies which promote the growth of higher education.

--Any faculty or staff member seeking a solution to housing problems might investigate the purchase of a mobile unit currently available at 6061 College Ave. in the Saginaw Valley Trailer Park on Davis Road. The unit is completely furnished, with washer, dryer and other appliances. For more information call 754-8807 or 792-6340.

--The SVSC library is in the process of completing a year-end inventory. Director Michael Lee reminds all faculty and staff members that they can expedite this task by checking for any library materials that may be out on loan. This would include records, cassettes and periodicals as well as books. If items are not currently being used, please return them to the library so they will be available to others.

Dr. Lee also noted that the reference department now has a complete, up-to-date collection of college and university catalogs on microfiche for your convenience. There are also 25 new films available in the circulation department, and the "New Books" section near the circulation desk invites the campus community to browse or read.

PERSONNEL

SENIOR SECRETARY - COMPUTER SERVICES - Full-time, CETA program (replacement); $4.05 per hour.

SENIOR SECRETARY - BILINGUAL/BICULTURAL CENTER - Full-time (replacement); $4.05 per hour.

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

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