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$1.6 MILLION ALREADY ALLOCATED AT SVSC

Some 900 SVSC students have been allocated more than $1.6 million to help meet their educational costs this fall. That figure represents a $400,000 increase over a year ago, and college officials estimate that another $700,000 will be allocated this year to students still in the process of applying.

In all, some $2.3 million are available for 1980-81. Director of financial aids and scholarships Paul S. Gill says that more students have already applied for fall assistance this year than did for the whole school year of 1979-80.

"To date we have received 1,346 applications, compared with 914 on the same date in 1979. An additional 300 have applied and are having their forms currently processed. We feel that students are applying earlier than in previous years. While this is partly due to current economic conditions, we also feel that more are now aware of the middle income assistance act which makes more students eligible than previously," he says. Gill's office estimates that 600 additional students will be applying this year.

"Dependent students from families with an adjusted income of up to $26,000 are now eligible for basic educational opportunity grants. This is about double the former limit, and many students didn't find out about this change until the middle of last year. The word then spread like wildfire, and many have applied early this year to make sure they're not left out.

"So far we've allocated $315,000 in basic grants for this fall, but we estimate there's at least another $300,000 still available. These grants can be disbursed anytime until April 15, 1981, with money for any student who qualifies," according to Gill.

Students who feel they'll need help meeting college costs should complete a Financial Aid Form (FAF) as soon as possible so a determination of their financial status can be made promptly. These forms are available from SVSC or any other college and from many high school counselors' offices. Information submitted by students is processed by the college scholarship service in Princeton, New Jersey, and normally requires three to six weeks.

Some B.E.O.G. award recipients may also qualify for supplemental grants if they meet certain criteria established by the federal government.

"Even students who are not eligible for basic educational grants can receive help in meeting college costs," Gill says. "The Michigan guaranteed student loan program, for example, makes low interest loans available to any student through virtually all local banks in the state. Prospective students with questions concerning their eligibility are encouraged to contact our office as soon as possible." Supplemental grant forms are available at the financial aids office. Appointments can be arranged by phoning the SVSC office of scholarships and financial aids at ext. 4106. Answers to financial aid questions are available by phone until August 20, and on a walk-in basis after that date.

FOLKGRASS FESTIVAL SCHEDULED HERE

Her mother called him a drifter, but the girl from Fairgrove married him anyway. They shared a love for country and bluegrass music and a determination to perfect their craft.

That was seven years ago, and Pat and Sandy McGuinn, who bogan their team in the tri-cities, are still on the road. They are set for a return trip to the area on Friday,
August 15. It's part of the Saginaw valley country folkgrass festival sponsored and hosted by the SVSC program board. Showtime is 7:00 p.m. at Owsley Grove north of Wickes Circle.

The McGuinns play 12-string guitar and banjo and are accompanied by Andy Rogers on violin. Their act includes a comedy routine. They are currently based in Fripp Island, North Carolina, and are booked five or six nights a week most weeks of the year.

"It's a gypsy's fantasy," says robust, curly-haired, friendly-faced Pat. "And sometimes it's even a fun fantasy," laughs Sandy in her bluesy voice.

Pat and Sandy have worked at playing music for over 10 years -- a decade of setting up, tearing down, and moving from town to town. They readily admit that it can be an eroding experience, but it is what they do best, and the only thing they want to do. From college campuses to dimly-lit lounges to spot-lighted concert stages, the McGuinns have turned their folk music into a portable feast.

Also on the Friday evening folkgrass program are the multi-talented Rose and John Kohut, billed as "Your Average Natural Act." Their minstrel music ranges from contemporary to classic, traditional to original, and is performed on piano, accordion, harp-sichord, guitar and string synthesizer.

A third group, "The Loose Caboose," has delighted local audiences with the entire spectrum of bluegrass from old to new. They use both the hammer and lap dulcimer as well as banjo and mandolin for their arrangements.

Additional performers include country-blues recording artist George Herritier, the "Newgrass Sensation," and other tri-county musicians.

Put together, August 15 promises a fit-for-the-family evening of music and comedy. The public is welcome, and a donation of $1 will be collected to defray expenses. For information, contact the SVSC student activities office at ext. 4260.

WICKES HALL TO CLOSE EARLY ON AUGUST 15

Because of the bluegrass concert mentioned above and scheduled for Owsley Grove on August 15, Wickes Hall will be closing that evening at 5:00 p.m. Staff, students and faculty are urged to be out of the building by that time, as most of the doors will be chained shut.

Because parking lot C will be used for people attending the concert, all cars must be cleared by 5:00 p.m. In addition, Wickes Circle drive will be closed from 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. that evening.

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP INVITED IN SVSC CHOIR

Have you ever wanted to be part of a large choir, performing Handel's "Messiah" to the accompaniment of strings, oboes, trumpet and timpani? You can fulfill that dream by joining the SVSC concert choir for its Christmas season presentation this year.

While August may seem a bit early to think about Christmas, choir director Eric Nisula is already making plans for offering the ever-popular oratorio in mid-December. The performance will be the highlight of preparations which begin in early September.

Membership in the concert choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing, according to Nisula. "Prospective singers need not have exceptional voices to join our choir," he notes. "The best choral sound comes from combining average voices in a precise way. For those who have difficulty reading music, we make cassette tapes of the parts to aid in learning the music at home."

Those interested in being part of the choir can do so by enrolling in Music 191, which carries one hour of academic credit and meets from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 9. No audition is required, and new members will join seasoned choir veterans for rehearsals in room 16 of the '68 building.

Nisula notes that, "The 'Messiah' is perhaps the most popular choral work of all time. A performance will often draw a standing-room only audience." He adds, "While Handel wrote other choral works of excellent quality, the fabulous reputation of the 'Messiah' is justified on a purely musical level. It is said that Haydn burst into tears on hearing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' for the first time."

The December 12 performance will conclude with
this celebrated chorus. "The whole-hearted singing by the entire choir and the jubilant sounds of the full orchestra produce a magnificent effect for both choir and audience," Nisula concludes. Further information about the SVSC concert choir can be obtained by calling the choir office at ext. 4307.

**SVSC OPEN HOUSE AT WURTSMITH SUNDAY**

Members of the SVSC faculty and staff will be able to learn more about the SVSC off-campus program center at Wurtsmith Air Force base and other activities at Wurtsmith next Sunday, August 10, during an open house from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The base is located two miles northwest of Oscoda on highway F-41. Highlight of the day will be an air show by the Air Force "Thunderbirds" aerobatic team. The SVSC marching band will also be on hand representing the college.

A complimentary luncheon for you and your family is set for 11:30-12:30 at the base education center. Reservations are required and must be made by Wednesday, August 6, via a telephone call to Nola Carvey at ext. 4068.

Other events at the open house include a look at various types of aircraft both in static displays and flying overhead. There will be a simulated bomb run, parachute jump, model aircraft show, sentry dog demonstration, job fair and the band's performance. Don't forget to make your reservation now!

**NUMEROUS ATHLETIC STAFF CHANGES MADE**

The old expression is that you can't tell the players without a program. But when SVSV academic year starts in September, people might not be able to tell the coaches without one. When Bob Becker was named new athletic director in February, most people expected a few changes in the staff. Those changes plus the appointment of new coaches for SVSC's two new sports have been made. The facelift includes seven new head coaches, two new assistants and a new trainer.

Mark Simons, who has been an assistant basketball coach with the Cardinals for three years, will also take over as the head baseball coach. He will share his duties in athletics with a position as an admission representative. Steve Reese, defensive coordinator for the Cardinal football team, will take over as head wrestling coach as well. And Teresa Langin, an SVSC public safety officer, will coach the second-year women's volleyball team.

Those changes are the main ones, Becker says. "It's going to give all three of those programs a great advantage to fill those positions with full-time college personnel," he says. "It's difficult to be a part-time coach, especially in a large or rapidly-growing program. Having these people on campus full-time is really going to help all three of those sports."

Bob Maybouer -- a Unionville-Sebewaing high teacher -- has worked part-time as an assistant to SVSC track coach Doug Hansen. He will now coach the Cardinals' women's track team, a new sport this spring.

The women's tennis team -- playing for the first time this fall -- will be lead by Cindy Peet, a Bay Cityan who was Northern Michigan's number-one women's player. Belinda Kane of Bridgeport will be the new cheerleading coach, while Carol Anne Killmer of Saginaw will handle the routines and supervision for the Cardinal pom-pom girls.

Sue Guevara, former St. Stephen's high school girls' basketball coach and a former SVSC player, will be the assistant women's basketball coach. Former University of Michigan wrestling standout Karl Briggs will assist with the wrestling program.

Marsha Reall, SVSC's second-year women's basketball coach, will retain those duties. She has also been named coordinator of women's athletics, and is a full-time member of the athletic staff -- dropping her half-time status as an admission representative.

David Bertie, most recently at Miami of Ohio, will replace Rick Mitchell as SVSC's trainer. An Upper Peninsula native, Bertie is a Central Michigan University graduate.

**TOUR READIED TO TORONTO**

A special SVSC Toronto fling for faculty and staff members and their families has been readied for Thursday, August 14 - Saturday, August 16. Because that is the final week
before the Canadian National Exhibition, and the start of SVSC's fall football season, the dates were chosen to allow maximum shopping and sightseeing time. Total cost for transportation, including a train ride from Sarnia to Toronto and back, and two nights of hotel accommodations will be $65, based on double occupancy. Single rooms cost $14 additional per person per night.

Preliminary plans are to leave the SVSC campus at 5:45 a.m. on Thursday the 14th and to arrive in Sarnia in time to take the 8:15 a.m. Via train to Toronto. Arrival time is 11:55, exactly 3½ hours later.

Meals, tours and shopping will be on your own, and group members will be staying at the Carlton Inn downtown. More luxurious accommodations are also available at the Harbour Castle Hilton Inn, for an additional cost of $41 per person based on double occupancy or $23 per person per night for a single room.

The train returns at 6:10 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, with arrival back on campus planned for 12:30 in the evening. Persons desiring an earlier train can leave Toronto at 2:00 p.m., arriving back here at about 7:45 p.m.

Names of persons participating in the trip must be turned in to Morley Travel Service this Friday, so you are urged to call the information services office at ext. 4054 if you are planning to participate. A $55 payment for the train and hotel should be made payable to Morley Travel and received at information services by next Monday, August 11. Plans are to use private cars from the campus to Sarnia and back with a charge of $10 (included in the $65 package price) made to defray gas and mileage costs. Persons interested in driving for a reimbursement of 18 cents per mile should also contact information services. Native Americans are not required to possess a birth certificate, but others will need proof of citizenship or legal residency.

RIGHTS OF LEGAL ALIENS EXPLAINED

In response to several questions received about constitutional protections offered individuals who are classified as "legal aliens" by the U.S. government, Dr. Guy M. Lee, Jr., indicates that unless they are in violation of laws designed to protect U.S. citizens, legal aliens are expected to receive equitable treatment under the laws of this nation.

Lee, administrative assistant to the president for affirmative action, points out that the protection against discriminatory practices given to U.S. citizens in the fifth amendment of the constitution also applies to foreigners who are classified as "legal aliens." In addition, the state department issued a statement in 1973 that "arbitrary of discriminatory treatment of aliens in this country is inconsistent with recognized principles of international law." Persons with questions concerning rights of legal aliens should contact Lee at ext. 4294.

STUDENT HOUSING STILL NEEDED

Coordinator of residential life Denise Ottenger notes that the requests for on-campus housing for the next academic year still exceed the number of spaces available in the dormitories. To help fill this need, near-by off-campus housing is sought. Faculty and staff members who have a room or apartment they are willing to rent are encouraged to contact the residential life office at ext. 4255 or 4257 for details. Your help will be appreciated, and you may find that a college student in your home can be a rewarding experience.

VALLEY FILM SOCIETY SEASON TO BEGIN

The Valley Film Society has scheduled a planning meeting for 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 22, in the Wickes Hall lecture room. Movies and arrangements for the society's third year of cinema entertainment will be discussed.

Membership in the society is open to all movie buffs who share an interest in viewing films which are not generally available at local theatres or on television. Showings during the 1980-81 season are expected to be the first and third Friday evenings of each month in the Wickes Hall lecture room.

Persons interested in joining the society are encouraged to attend the August 22 meeting. The annual membership fee of $15 covers the rental and other costs of movies selected for viewing. Student memberships at $5 will again be available. For more information, contact David Barker at ext. 4303; Kay Harley, ext. 4330; or John Jeziorski at ext. 4337.