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ELECTRONIC BLACKBOARD LINKS CAMPUS, WURTSMITH

The technical wizardry of a Genimi 100 electronic blackboard system has made it possible to write on the board in Pioneer Hall and have the message appear some 94 miles away.

The new system, recently installed by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in 213 Pioneer Hall, will link SVSC's home campus with its education center at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda this fall. Two-way communication is made possible by the system, which will supplement classes already offered by SVSC at the Wurtsmith site.

"We are attempting to serve a population which does not have adequate access to a baccalaureate college," notes Gene Hamilton, dean of continuing education.

While it looks like a portable blackboard seen in many classrooms, Gemini 100 has many pressure-sensitive elements just beneath its writing surface which transmit signals via phone lines. Three rooms in Pioneer Hall will eventually be equipped.

Images recorded on it will appear on a TV monitor at Wurtsmith, and a second electronic board located there will allow students to do homework or write messages which appear on a Pioneer Hall TV monitor. Completing the system are 10 microphones at each location to supply audio contact between instructor and students.

Douglas Etienne, Saginaw area community relations manager for Michigan Bell, points out that at present SVSC is the only Michigan institution using the Gemini 100 system. The Bell process differs from earlier video classroom techniques by offering much more extensive interaction between participants at each location. The package provides instant audio and graphic video communitcation. Initial costs for the innovative teaching concept were shared by SVSC and the Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

"The Gemini 100 hook-up will offer considerable savings in faculty travel time and expense by allowing an instructor to teach dual sections of classes, with 12 to 30 students at each location," Hamilton observed. Additional advantages include a wider selection of course offerings and class times for the Wurtsmith site. Plans call for several courses to be taught via Gemini 100 during fall semester.

To assist in providing quality instruction, a paraprofessional will be in the remote site classroom at all times to distribute materials, present films or tapes, collect homework or monitor exams. In addition, the instructor will travel to Oscoda and teach the course from the Wurtsmith classroom at least three times during the 15-week semester. On those occasions, an aide will be present in the campus classroom.

Hamilton is excited by the possibilities opened up by the electronic boards. "Currently the WAFB education center serves approximately 65 students, but with the capacity of Gemini 100, we expect many more will participate. National studies show that this type of instructional delivery is valid and brings good results for students who use it. We think it is the way to go in light of the energy crisis," he concludes.

Gemini 100 will forge an additional link between SVSC and its Wurtsmith center, which was established in 1978 to serve both Air Force personnel and Oscoda area civilians. The center is already tied into SVSC campus phone lines so communitcation can take place directly between Oscoda and any office on campus simply by dialing ext. 4097.

LOT "C" PERMITS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 8 WEEK

Faculty and staff members planning to park on lot "C" during the 1980-81 school year will be able to purchase gate control cards

from the department of public safety office on Pierce road beginning September 8. The $20 registration fee enables staffers to park on the gated lot west of Wickes Hall.

During the week of September 8, the cards may be picked up daily between 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Later in September, they will be available during regular business hours. Your current automobile registration, driver's license and proof of insurance are required to purchase the card.

Students can pay $20 for this same lot "C" card beginning September 21, until all spaces are sold. Those wishing to park on student lot "B" can pick up permits from public safety beginning on September 8. Present permits for that lot will be valid until midnight on September 21. Because of the college-wide student parking fee, there is no additional charge for the lot "B" permits. Persons with questions should call ext. 4141.

WOMEN'S CLUB SETS FALL FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, September 27, should be a beautiful fall football day, and SVSC will be taking on Central State University at 1:30 p.m. in Cardinal stadium. The Women's Club will be hosting a family fall picnic at Owsley Grove that day, beginning at 11:30 a.m. before the game.

You're invited to bring your family picnic, and the Women's Club picnic committee of Sue Sterchele, Chung Soo Park, Sue Ferguson and Margaret Clark will provide bratwurst, cider and apples for a small charge. Further details about the picnic will be coming your way via the Women's Club's telephone committee, chaired by Annette Gorden.

Membership in the Women's Club is open to all full-time personnel of the college and their spouses. A $4 donation per year is primarily for mailing costs and the membership booklet, which lists all planned events and members' names.

Welcoming coffees in the tri-cities are also planned by the group, providing an opportunity to meet new members of the college family and to renew friendships. The Midland area coffee is set for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, at the home of Women's Club president Margaret Clark, 1802 Eastman road, Midland. For reservations, please phone 636-7724.

A welcoming coffee for Bay City and Frankenmuth area prospective members will be on Monday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Collette Mercier, 1506 Helen street, Bay City. Please phone 895-5349 to make your reservation.

Present or potential members from the Saginaw and Freeland area will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, at the home of Sue Ferguson, 1 Acorn drive, Saginaw. For reservations, phone 799-5873.

Officers of the group this year are president, Margaret Clark; vice president, Christie Looney; secretary, Sue Ferguson; treasurer, Sue Sterchele; and historian, Chung Soo Park.

HARASSMENT PROHIBITED UNDER AMENDED LAW

Sexual harassment in employment is prohibited under Michigan's amended fair employment practices law. "Sexual harassment" means unwelcomed sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature.

Harassment of this type is prohibited when:

1) Submission to such conduct or communication is made a term or condition either explicitly or implicitly to obtain employment;
2) Submission to or rejection of such conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting such individual's employment; or
3) The conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's employment or creating an intimidating hostile or offensive employment environment.

This statutory language is now a part of Michigan law and is representative of earlier guidelines dealing with sexual harassment as approved by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) several weeks ago. Anyone with questions concerning the above guidelines should contact Dr. Guy M. Lee, Jr., administrative assistant to the president for affirmative action, at ext. 4293.

AUDITIONS SCHEDULED FOR SVSC PRODUCTION

If you've ever wondered what goes on behind

the scenes at a theatre production, SVSC's department of speech and theatre offers you the chance to find out. Auditions for "Gallows Humor" will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 24 and 25, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. and 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in trying for a part in the play is invited to be at the theatre either of these times for tryouts. Prospective actors may bring prepared scenes or monologues for presentation or may use readings provided by play director Maarten Reilingh. Two to four men and one to three women will be needed, and previous acting experience is not required.

"Gallows Humor" will be the first SVSC production to be staged by Reilingh, new instructor at SVSC. He describes the work as a "dark comedy -- a play with an idea." Reilingh notes that all types of assistance are needed for the production. "I'd like to encourage everyone who is interested in theatre and wants to participate in any way -- costuming, makeup, set design, publicity, whatever -- to attend the auditions," he concludes.

The rear entry of the theatre, located at the east end, will be open for auditions, with free parking in the adjoining "A" lot. For more information, contact Reilingh at ext. 4306.

CAMPUS NOTES --

--A colorful card and letter received last week from Dr. Ricardo Pastor, associate professor of Spanish, informed the campus that he's having a productive summer in La Paz, Bolivia, and will be returning to campus for the start of fall semester soon. Pastor has nearly completed the book he's been working on, and he was scheduled to present it to the public this week. In addition to conducting research, he has been busy taking photographs for illustration in the book and promotional purposes.

PERSONNEL

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN - DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY - Full-time permanent; Bachelor of Science required; salary negotiable.

SENIOR SECRETARY - CETA PROGRAM - No department assignment; (replacement); $4.05 per hour. CETA appointment.

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

SVSC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and is non-discriminatory in its policies and practices.

SVSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS -- SEPTEMBER 1980

3-4 Delayed registration, fall semester

4-5 Band camp for new and returning band members

6 Football: SVSC at N.E. Illinois

8 Classes begin

9-17 Add/Drop, fall semester

10-30 Photographs and photo silkscreens by Carol Bjerke will be on exhibit at the SVSC arts workshop gallery. Free admission. Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

10-17 Late registration, fall semester

10-27 Intramural - men and women's tennis: Entry deadline is September 10-20. Competition will consist of a one or two-day tournament to be held between September 10-27. Call ext. 4037 for further information.

11 Women's Club welcoming coffee will be hosted by Margaret Clark at 1802 Eastman in Midland at 7:30 p.m. All full-time personnel of SVSC and their spouses are invited. RSVP to Margaret by September 8.

12 An all-music department picnic will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Owsley Grove. All music students are invited.

13 Football: SVSC at Evansville

15 Women's Club welcoming coffee will be hosted by Collette Mercier at 1506 Helen St. in Bay City at 7:30 p.m. All full-time personnel of SVSC and their spouses are invited. RSVP to Collette by September 8.

16 Alumni Association board of directors meeting, 7:00 p.m., Wickes Annex Conference Room.

16 Intramural - Touch Football: Entry deadline is September 16. Starting date is September 22.

16 SVSC Program Board showing of movie "The Spy Who Loved Me" at 2:00 p.m. in 317B Wickes Hall, and at 10:00 p.m. in Wickes lecture hall. Free admission.

17 Women's Club welcoming coffee will be hosted by Sue Ferguson at 1 Acorn Dr. in Saginaw at 7:30 p.m. All full-time personnel of SVSC and their spouses are invited. RSVP to Sue by September 8.

18 Payment deadline for late registration, fall semester.

19 Intramural - Women's basketball: Entry deadline is September 19. Starting date is September 22. For further information call ext. 4037.

20 Football: SVSC at Texas A & I

24-25 Auditions for "Gallow's Humor," directed by Maarten Reilingh, will be held at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the theatre. The auditions are open to everyone; no experience necessary. Please enter theatre through rear door at the east end. For information call ext. 4306.

26 Last day to drop with a refund.

27 Football: Central State at SVSC

27 Women's Club family picnic will be held at Owsley Grove at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own family picnic; bratwurst, cider and apples will be provided at a small charge. All full-time personnel of SVSC and their spouses are invited.

29 "Locomotion," a vaudeville act, will be performing between Wickes and Great Lakes halls at 4:00 p.m., with another performance inside at 8:00 p.m. Free admission.

29-Oct. 1 Health Fair to be held in the mall and lower level of Doan Center. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. Includes free blood pressure testing and a variety of demonstrations and film presentations. Call ext. 4271 for more information.

30 SVSC Program Board showing of movie "Lord of the Rings" will be shown in 317B Wickes Hall at 2:00 p.m. and at 10:00 p.m. in Wickes lecture hall. Free admission.