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CLASSES, DORMS JAMMED

Like the old woman who lived in the shoe, SVSC has more students this fall than its classrooms and dorms can accommodate. Going into the September 3-4 delayed registration, 3,744 students had already signed up for classes, compared with about 3,500 a year earlier. In addition, off-campus course registrations have not yet been added in from places like Wurtsmith and Caro, and only part of the Macomb county students are counted. Campus prognosticators are predicting a final head count of as many as 4,200 students, a remarkable figure in light of the fact that last year's 3,855 enrollment had already jammed everything to the limit.

Work is progressing well this week on readying four classrooms and numerous offices in Pioneer Annex, a group of six modular units from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. By late October, when all of the newly arrived units are in place, SVSC will have some 20 temporary modulars scattered around the campus.

Unfortunately none of these will help ease the dormitory housing crunch. Coordinator of residential life Denise Ottinger reports that 618 housing contract requests had been submitted by the August 1 cutoff date. By moving the SVSC health clinic from the residence hall to Wickes Hall and placing additional students in the rooms of residence assistants, living spaces were found for 494 students.

Of the remaining 124 requests, 72 students have asked to be released from housing contracts. Of these, 37 were returning and 35 were new students. While many of those have found alternative housing arrangements off-campus or plan to commute from home, others have withdrawn from SVSC.

To help ease the problem in future years, college officials have applied for a $2.175 million federal low interest loan to build additional dormitories. If approved, another 150-200 students could be accommodated, probably by next fall. To date no indication on the status of the application has been received.

The college Board of Control next week will be asked to approve a food service plan which would allow those students unable to live in dorms to purchase meals at the SVSC cafeteria on a meal plan although living off campus. If approved, these commuting students would be able to purchase either a 15 or 21 meal per week package similar to what is available for dormitory students.

Fifty-two students remain on the waiting list for dormitory housing right now, and the college continues to seek additional nearby housing. If you know of a good room or rooms near campus, please contact the office of residential life at 4255.

FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS SATURDAY

Coach Jim Larkin's "Fighting Cardinals" football team plays their season opener Saturday (September 6) at Northeastern Illinois. Freshman Rusty Mandle got the nod earlier this week to lead the Cardinals, but Coach Larkin is apprehensive about playing a team he knows little about with an untested young quarterback.

"I don't feel really great about it," he says, "but there isn't much we can do about it. We're just going to assume that Northeastern Illinois is about the same kind of team they were last year, and we'll be prepared for them, offensively and defensively."

But while Larkin expects to see the same offenses and defenses from the Golden Eagles, he doesn't expect anything like last year's 51-0 SVSC rout over them. After dropping three straight under new coach Bill Bergman last year, Northeastern Illinois went on to win five of its last six games.
"They had a lot of freshmen last year and good ones. Those kids will be sophomores now, a little more to reckon with," Larkin says. "We're expecting them to show a lot of improvement."

A few injuries also have Larkin a little nervous. Defensive standouts Larry Bee and Dan DiTomaso are both doubtful for Saturday's game, as is offensive guard Mark Zimmerman. All three missed the Cardinals' Red-White scrimmage last Saturday, won 31-0 by the red squad.

Mandle, who played baseball here last spring, completed three of six passes in the Red-White game, good for 38 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for 44 yards in eight carries. The Plymouth Canton graduate was an honorable mention all-stater as a prep quarterback, but came out as a walk-on this year.

After Saturday's season opener, SVSC travels to the University of Evansville on September 13, then to Texas A&M on September 20. The first home game will be Saturday, September 29, at 1:30 p.m. against Central State of Ohio.

CAMPUS NOTES --

--The arts workshop gallery fall exhibition schedule begins next Wednesday with a showing of photos and photo silkscreens by Carol Bjerke. Her prints are images from her environment and experiences. The display can be viewed weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. through September 30 and is open to the public free of charge. For additional information, contact the fine arts office at ext. 4159.

--Associate professor of psychology Merlyn M. Mondol will appear on TV-19's "Day by Day" program this Thursday to discuss the topic "Achievement of Children from One-Parent Homes." Dr. Mondol has also been listed in the 1980-81 edition of "Who's Who in the Midwest."

--English 110, "English for Foreign Students," will be offered this fall semester at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays as Line #0281. Faculty members who have foreign students as advisees in their classes may want to encourage them to add this class to their schedules. Instructor is Marilyn Oeming.

--Assistant professor of music Dr. Eric Nisula is the campus coordinator for remediating the massive starvation currently existing in East Africa. He asks that interested persons send contributions which will be used to buy food via their check to the United Nations Disaster Relief Organization, New York, New York 10017.

SECRETARY - CAMPUS ACTIVITIES - Full-time permanent; (replacement); $3.50 per hour. (Specially posted August 28, 1980)

This position 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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FACULTY/STAFF ORIENTATION THURSDAY

Fall semester classes officially begin next Monday, September 8, and this year's faculty/staff orientation takes place this Thursday, September 4. All SVSC employees are invited to lower level Doan Center Thursday morning for a coffee and rolls reception at 9:00 a.m. President Jack M. Ryder will speak at 9:30, as will Student Government President Mike Kilpatrick. Please make sure that telephones and public contact areas are covered during this time.

A faculty session follows from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Robert S. P. Yien will introduce new faculty members, explain policies and procedures for the new school year and announce membership on a new General Education Committee. Beginning and returning faculty persons will hear afternoon presentations by representatives from the offices of admissions, plant services, business services, personnel, public safety, Valley Vanguard, health services, information service sponsored programs, registrar, financial aid, placement and co-op and continuing education. These are set from 1:30-3:45 p.m., with a campus tour next for new faculty members.