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IT'S CHRISTMAS NEXT WEEK (ALREADY)!

With the holiday season arriving next week, all SVSC operations will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25, and again on Wednesday and Thursday, December 31 and January 1, 1981.

The college will be open and functioning normally on all other weekdays, including Fridays, December 26 and January 2.

There will be no mail service to campus on those two days, because Delta College will be closed then. Any offices having letters or other U.S. mail which should go out on either date will need to plan for alternative arrangements.

Supervisors may schedule time off for staff members, provided that offices are staffed and essential functions are continued over the holidays. An office may not be completely closed without the prior approval of the appropriate vice president. Employees requesting time off in addition to the scheduled holidays may use vacation, personal days or unpaid leave.

As a result of staff vacations, the graphics center will be closed on December 26 and January 2. Please see that any dated material is submitted far enough in advance, so it can be processed and returned by Tuesday, December 23 or Tuesday, December 30.

With the holiday season and semester break, the "Interior" will not be published next Tuesday, December 23 or on Tuesday, December 30. Our next regularly scheduled edition will be on Tuesday, January 6.

Just two registration days remain before winter semester courses begin on January 12. Registrations will be accepted this Thursday, December 18, and again on Wednesday, January 7. A last chance to

sign up for winter classes will be Tuesday, January 13 - Friday, January 16, but a \$10 late fee will be imposed that week.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FRIDAY

The 14th annual SVSC Christmas luncheon is all set for 12:00 noon this Friday, December 19, at Das Michigan Haus Restaurant. There's still time to get your reservation in, but you must phone Patti Zimmer at ext. 4045 now! Cost for the smorgasbord, tax and tip, is \$5.65, and checks should be made payable to "Das Michigan Haus." Buffet entrees will include chicken and ham, two soups, salad, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, baked beans, sauerkraut, coffee, tea or milk and dessert.

EDUCATION KEYSTONE TO ASIAN PROGRESS

Only 20 years ago the United States led the way in viewing educational opportunity as the chief way to reach personal and national goals. Now other countries may be placing higher importance on education than here, says president Jack M. Ryder. He and his wife, Lila, recently returned from a three week educational mission to the Republic of China (Taiwan), Korea and Japan.

Governments and the people themselves are putting a high priority on technical expertise, Ryder found. They realize that their production of electronic equipment, textiles, automobiles and ships depends heavily upon highly educated people.

"In the Republic of China a substantially higher percentage of government expenditures is going for education at all levels than we find here. More than 14% of the national government budget is invested in education, versus about 5% in our country. There's apparently a stronger national commitment to education than in the U.S.," Ryder believes.

While in Taipei, he participated in a Sino-American seminar on higher education, representing the American Association of State Colleges and Universities along with six other U.S. college presidents. He learned that the people know their economic development is largely the result of expanding their educational system. Many of the persons holding leadership positions in both industry and government earned graduate level degrees at American colleges.

"They seem very appreciative to the U.S. for making it all possible. They see education as the ticket to their future and are interested in sending more graduate students to our country for training," Ryder says.

Since there are more students than seats in Asian colleges, only about one-third of high school students are selected through extremely competitive examinations. The other two-thirds go to technical institutes or other job-related education.

Education in nations such as the Republic of China is compulsory for nine years. At all levels the normal school year lasts ten months rather than eight or nine. Students attend classes six days a week instead of five as in the U.S. In addition, the normal school day is longer there and extends from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ryder says a different philosophy of education exists for undergraduates in the Republic of China than here. Students must be in their dorm rooms by a given hour in the evening and coeducational dorms do not exist. An "in loco parentis" policy continues to be followed, meaning that the college takes the place of parents in setting down rules.

Educators are extremely highly regarded in the Orient. "They have respect for experience, wisdom and age. Thus they often don't ask questions following a professor's lecture. Challenging or questioning a professor conflicts with their concept of respect. In our culture, testing ideas is viewed as positive," he states.

Mrs. Ryder and other American presidents' wives conducted a seminar with Chinese professional women and educators. "The Oriental women we met were very insightful. They are willing to discuss any issues openly and candidly, and they're proud of their role in

Chinese society," she notes.

Seventy-five percent of the women in Taiwan work full-time, with about 40% in professional-level occupations. By law 30% of the legislature is comprised of women. In all three countries, the Ryders found a level of industriousness quite unlike the trend in the U.S. People take pride in their work, regardless of the occupational status. "They feel this leads to pride in themselves and in their country. As a result, everyone is treated with respect. There is no stigma about what Americans would consider lower level jobs," the Ryders point out.

The women Mrs. Ryder met regard American attitudes toward young women here as too permissive. Dating and marriage occur later in Asian nations, and boys and girls attend segregated classes through middle school.

"In Japan it is impossible for a college student to transfer from one institution to another, unlike here where community and four-year colleges work together in promoting compatible lower and upper-division programs," Ryder says.

While getting into college is extremely difficult there, it's easier to remain in school once admitted. One college official indicated that is in part because they don't want students to "flunk out", as it is not possible for transfer students to take their place.

There's a growing feeling abroad that colleges and universities should become more internationalized. Two students and a faculty member from Shikoku Women's University in Saginaw's sister city of Tokushima, Japan, spent two weeks in the U.S. and at SVSC last summer. Expectations are that about ten students and the chairman of their governing board will come to SVSC in summer 1981 for at least two weeks.

Two SVSC faculty members -- Drs. Hong Youl Park and Suk Koo (Tom) Yun -- are from Seoul, Korea, and arrangements are being made for a future exchange program with Kyung Hee University there.

"I firmly believe that every American student ought to have an in-depth understanding of at least one other culture, and

preferably also its language. This should begin in the elementary and secondary schools as well as at the collegiate level. I anticipate that over the next several years, SVSC will make significant efforts in that direction.

"Such understanding," Ryder says, "enhances a student's marketability, regardless of major field. I feel it's essential that our students gain the knowledge and experience which results from learning about and interacting with people from other nations. To do anything less is to shortchange them as they prepare for leadership in the world community."

UNICEF CARDS, GIFTS ON SALE

Your Christmas cards and gifts can bring pleasure twice, if you choose from the UNICEF collection being sold by SVSC's student volunteer service office. According to coordinator Jill Slasinski, the selection includes such items as note cards, stationery, books and records in addition to Christmas cards. Prices are moderate, beginning at about \$2.50, and part of the proceeds are used to benefit UNICEF projects for children around the world. Items will be on sale all week, with student volunteers on duty in Wickes Hall concourse between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday. At other times, contact Pam Thompson in the dean of students office.

CANCER SOCIETY SPONSORING ART AUCTION HERE

Art works representing all eras from Dali to Norman Rockwell will be on sale at an auction sponsored by the Saginaw chapter of the American Cancer Society next Saturday, December 20 at Doan Center. The selection includes originals, prints and reproductions in media ranging from lithographs, oils, sculptures, enamels, and woodcuts through graphics. Prices will begin at \$5 and go as high as \$2,500, with most expected to fall in the \$25 to \$85 bracket. All profits will be used to support Cancer Society research and assistance projects.

A period for inspection of art objects begins at 1:00 p.m., with the auction scheduled for 2:00 p.m. There is a \$1 donation at the door, and refreshments are served.

CAMPUS NOTES --

--Students at 48 area high schools are taking tests this week in the first phase of the 1981 Math Olympics competition, sponsored by SVSC's department of mathematical sciences. Approximately 6,500 tests have been requested this year, an increase of 1,200 over a year ago. About 600 of the top students from this first phase of the competition will be invited to campus for the second test on February 20 to compete for scholarships and prizes. In its tenth year of existence, the Math Olympics is being directed this year by Drs. John Mooningham and Chris Smith.

--SVSC needs your support. Inflationary operating costs, limited government appropriations and belt-tightening among educational foundations all make your individual gift very important. And in addition to being tax deductible, your year-end gift to Michigan higher education can bring you a partial state tax credit. We hope you'll consider investing now in Michigan's colleges and universities or, more specifically, in the SVSC Foundation. To make certain your gift is applied to the 1980 tax year, please call the Foundation today at ext. 4052.

--Members of the SVSC library committee for 1980-81 include chairman -- Matt Zivich of arts and behavioral sciences; secretary -- Rosemary Rice-Billings of library/learning resources; arts and behavioral sciences -- Tom Renna; business and management -- Wayne Mackie; education -- Susie Emond; nursing -- Peggy Flatt; science, engineering and technology -- Art Andrewes; student government -- Jim Robbins and Thad Zylka; and ex officio -- Michael Lee, director of library/learning resources.

--Polish Institute director Dr. Anna R. Dadlez spoke on "Polish-Jewish Relations in Poland and America" last Friday at Temple Israel, Bay City. She was invited by Rabbi Dov Edelstein to talk to the Jewish community there. She also recently appeared on channel 19's "Day by Day" program to discuss the workers' unrest in Poland and her "Poles in the United States" class.

--Junior defensive end Eugene Marve was named most valuable player on SVSC's 1980 football squad at the Cardinal annual football banquet last Tuesday. Senior wide receiver Melvin Mathews was honored as the outstanding offensive player, while senior defensive back Robert Forrest was named the team's top defensive standout. Bob Loftus, a senior offensive guard, was given the Gold Helmet award for scholarship, leadership and athletic ability. At the recent fall cross-country banquet, junior Waldo Cabriaes of Pigeon was named the most valuable performer. Junior John Darga won the team award for most outstanding performance and, like Cabriaes, earned all-American honors. Freshman Chuck Balderstone was selected as the team's most improved runner. The Cardinals won the NAIA district 23 and GLIAC cross-country championships, finishing third in the NAIA nationally for the second straight year.

--If you think some of the very best movies were made back in the days before the "talkies," mark this Friday, December 19, on your calendar. That's when the Valley Film Society will be showing silent comedies accompanied by theatre organist Barry Rindhage. The silent classic "Sunrise" with Janet Gaynor and George O'Brien from 1927 is also scheduled. The society meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in Wickes lecture hall, with the feature film at 8:00 p.m. Contact Dr. David Barker at ext. 4303 or Kay Harley at ext. 4354 if you would like a pro-rated membership for the balance of the school year.

--It's a daughter, Molly, for Mark and Jean Simons. She was born December 5 at Saginaw General Hospital, weighing in at 9 lbs. 7 ozs. Already 20½ inches long, she should be a good future basketball prospect. Mark is assistant men's basketball coach, head baseball coach and admissions representative for SVSC. It was also a daughter, Joy, for programmer/analyst June Feeney and husband Gary. Their new arrival was born November 2 in Bay City, weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 19½ in. long. Finally, professor of mathematics Dr. Joseph Matti and wife, Caroline, are parents of a new 7 lb. 5 oz. daughter, Nicole, born December 1 in Detroit.

--During the holiday break, the Doan Center snack bar will be closed December 24, 25 and 26, December 31 and January 1 and 2. It will be open for operation on Monday and Tuesday, December 22-23, December 29-30 and January 5-9. Hours of operation on those days will be 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Winter semester operation of the cafeteria will resume with dinner on Sunday, January 11.

SVSC OFFICE AIDS JOB SEEKERS

If you know of students looking for temporary or part-time jobs to earn income for college and living expenses, send them to Mrs. Barbara Buford in the placement office. As our campus representative for Michigan Employment Security Commission, Mrs. Buford has access to any job listings that come through the M.E.S.C. office in Saginaw, and can also cooperate with the Bay City branch on openings.

SVSC students are currently helping holiday shoppers at Tepe's, Shumaker's Ski Shop, and Toys 'R' Us because of contacts made through Mrs. Buford's office. "While the number of job openings was down this year, we were able to place about 25 students. I still have a few unfilled part-time jobs, and expect to place several students in temporary jobs early next year when merchants begin taking year-end inventories," she notes.

Asked about prospects for summer employment, Mrs. Buford said she is already receiving notice of federal civil service and some out-of-state jobs. These include such occupations as park and recreation and other seasonal work. "We are scheduling interviews on February 12 for student employment at Cedar Point Amusement Park this summer, and we will be referring students to Mackinac Island employers again this year," she states.

Mrs. Buford, a Bay City resident, has been a job specialist with M.E.S.C. for nine years. Prior to staffing the center at SVSC, she worked with the city of Saginaw high schools to locate employment for their students.

Job seekers can visit Mrs. Buford's office in the '68 building or call ext. 4072 anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.