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LIBRARY COMPUTER CONTRACT AWARDED

A $241,250 contract for a new library computer at SVSC has been awarded to Computer Systems, Inc. The Newtonville, Massachusetts firm will supply an 11-34 computer from Digital Equipment Corporation, along with related software and nine terminals.

Three of the terminals will be assigned by SVSC to the Saginaw Public Libraries, with another three going to Delta College and three remaining on the SVSC campus. They are linked by phone to the computer, giving immediate access to information about the availability and location of all publications owned by any of the three participating agencies.

"This sets the stage for the development of our library consortium. Eventually the incorporation of other libraries throughout the Saginaw Valley should be possible. Considerable interest has been shown on the part of other area libraries," says president Jack M. Ryder.

Funding for the computer system was provided by a July grant from Wickes Foundation of Saginaw.

PRIVATE GIFTS IMPORTANT WITH TIGHT BUDGET

In a year when economic woes have cut state support to SVSC by $400,000, private gifts from area donors have become critically important.

As a result, the college has been able to go ahead with numerous projects which otherwise would have been cancelled, thus aiding students and faculty, notes Dr. A. Jefferson Sharp.

"Over a hundred SVSC students are benefiting this year from our new writing laboratory, made possible by gifts to the Foundation. Fifteen classes are being taught at the Wurtsmith Education Center near Oscoda with teleconferencing equipment purchased with private support.

"Men's baseball and women's softball diamonds have been completed through gifts. Foreign student exchange programs have broadened SVSC's contacts with universities in four distant countries and considerable academic and administrative equipment acquisitions have also resulted," says Sharp, who is vice president for development and college relations and executive director of the SVSC Foundation.

"When you have internationally renowned faculty members like professor of physics Hsuan 'Frank' Chen, it's crucial that they be given the tools needed in their work. Chen, who has published 24 papers in optics research journals, has just been granted $5,200 for an optical grade table and a related vibration isolation system. This will enable him to work with two researchers from Shandong College in the People's Republic of China who have requested an opportunity to study under Chen's guidance.

"This new equipment from private sources will allow Frank to continue his work, while providing suitable research facilities for the visiting scholars," Sharp points out. "Such contacts not only aid our faculty but also provide an international dimension for our students which wouldn't be possible otherwise." The Chinese government will sponsor the visitors by furnishing their traveling, board, lodging and medical expenses while they are here.

Other gifts to the Foundation have made possible the purchase of additional theatre equipment, which has assisted the
speech/theatre and music programs. Student seating and study carrels in the Project '66 building and money to underwrite the modest lecture/concert series for SVSC students have also come from private donors.

"Cultural enrichment opportunities are an important part of anyone's education," Sharp believes, "and it will now be possible to bring the National Shakespeare Company here April 9 for a winter production. Steven Polinski's 'Albert Einstein' one-actor show will be the highlight of SVSC's annual science open house and math olympics on February 20. One evening performance, a workshop and two mini-shows of the Corporeal Mime Theatre have also been funded by the Foundation."

Other gifts have enabled funding to continue for the college mathematics pentathlon, which annually involves hundreds of elementary students from area schools in learning about math through games. Another project is partial help for publication of the "Green River Review," an international poetry and fiction journal edited by SVSC's Raymond Tyner.

Ten faculty members are sharing $15,000 in faculty research grants through an annual program that has attracted outstanding college teachers to SVSC. Other projects have aided in developing a campus beautification program to create a pleasing academic environment with additional trees, berms and walkways.

During the past fiscal year gifts to the Foundation totaled $820,042. "This has been the margin of differences for us," Sharp feels. "Close to 400 area persons have contributed to improving our academic excellence. Because of our rapid growth, this help has kept us from slipping backward in the current economic recession. We simply could not be reaching the same level of accomplishments without private assistance, for which we're extremely grateful."

Persons interested in helping SVSC should contact Sharp at the Foundation office at ext. 4052.

---EDUCATION REVIEW NEEDED---

Declining test scores and headlines pointing to functional illiteracy among today's high school graduates are leading education critics to examine the colleges preparing teachers to carry on the education process. Are they doing the job?

"It's certainly a prevalent problem," says Dr. Harold Peterson, dean of the school of education at SVSC.

One serious deficiency in Michigan, according to him, is the lack of a system to review education programs in colleges and universities across the state.

"Michigan operates on very general guidelines with regard to program requirements," Peterson said. "Each college takes the basic regulations and develops its own program. Once state approval is received for curriculum, that's it."

Peterson believes the state board of education should know what each college and university in Michigan is doing in their education departments through systematic and periodic program review. "Someone should be sitting in my office, going over my programs and asking some hard questions," he says. "That's not being done."

Such a program may be in Michigan's future, according to Dr. Peterson. "I don't see how the state can afford not to have some form of program review."

But "afford" may be the key word here, because he points out that any kind of system to review the education programs of the state's colleges and universities would require additional staff and money. "Until the state comes up with more money for higher education," he says, "there probably won't be any system of program review."

---ALPENA NURSING DEGREE POSSIBILITY EXPLORED---

Nursing professionals in the Alpena area may be able to earn bachelor of science in nursing degrees close to home in the future. Officials of Alpena Community College and SVSC met in mid-December to explore a possible BSN educational outreach program.

If implemented, the proposed cooperative program would require close collaboration between ACC and SVSC. Prerequisite courses needed for acceptance into the SVSC nursing program would be provided on a local basis.
Actual nursing courses would be taught in the Alpena area by SVSC through advanced instructional technology delivery systems already in place in Pioneer Hall classrooms on the SVSC campus. These would include use of the "Gemini" telephone-electronic blackboard communication system, "Plato" computer managed instruction terminals and the use of videotape instruction and mediated learning packages.

Classes would be specifically designed for the registered nurse in an off-campus setting. In addition, participating students would attend required monthly or bi-monthly day long seminars on the SVSC campus.

Representing SVSC at the ACC planning session were Dr. Crystal M. Lange, dean of the school of nursing and allied health sciences and M.S. "Cy" Smith, director of the office of sponsored programs. Lange indicated that SVSC is presently applying for federal grant funds to underwrite costs for the additional equipment and faculty required to implement the outreach program. If approval is received, actual nursing courses for the Alpena area could begin in January 1982. Potential students for the program would need to complete prerequisite courses at ACC before that date.

Al Reed, dean of occupational education, and Chuck Wiesen, director of community services, represented ACC at the recent meeting. Additional information about the program may be obtained from Wiesen's office or from SVSC's school of nursing and allied health.

A number of Alpena area nurses and nursing administrators were also at the ACC meeting and expressed strong support for an outreach program. Many letters endorsing or stating the need for the program have already been received by SVSC.

SVSC AIDS UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

This year SVSC supported the Saginaw County United Way by raising $7,009, bettering last year's record of $6,883.

"While we fell somewhat short of our goal of $8,000, our giving represents a significant effort considering current economic conditions," notes SVSC president Jack M. Ryder.

"Your participation in this activity once again reflects concern for one of a number of communities our institution serves. Officials of Saginaw County United Way and community leaders extend their deep appreciation and join me and Dr. Guy Lee in thanking you for your response," Ryder concludes.

United Way helps support 56 agencies which benefit over 100,000 county residents each year. During 1979, 77 SVSC employees and their families participated in services which receive U.W. funding.

SVSC PLANS EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH SOUTH KOREAN COLLEGE

In a move to cement relationships, SVSC's president Jack M. Ryder and Young Seek Choue, chancellor of Kyung Hee University, signed a memorandum of affiliation between the two institutions on Friday, December 19. The document provides a general framework designed to lead to future faculty and student exchanges.

Details of the exchanges have not been worked out, but could include SVSC professors teaching at Kyung Hee while on sabbatical, as well as SVSC students enrolled in graduate level programs at KHU. SVSC also expects to accept guest instructors and students from the South Korean university. Funding for the program may come from private sources.

Ryder said the agreement represents the college's latest effort in a commitment to broaden the horizons of its students. "We are reaching out because we think it is important for our faculty and students to interact with people throughout the world," he stated. "Anyone who graduates from this institution without a knowledge of at least one other culture is being shortchanged."

Choue said he looked forward to the "fruitful results" of the memorandum. The chancellor received part of his own education in the United States. He holds degrees from universities in Korea, China, the Philippines and the U.S.

KHU, which has an enrollment of about 11,000 students, was founded by Choue in 1955. It is closely patterned after American colleges,
and has been expanded to include elementary
and secondary schools. Dr. Hong Park,
associate professor of economics at SVSC,
holds a B.A. degree from KHU.

ZIVICH ARTWORK BEING SHOWN

Matthew Zivich, associate professor of art,
will have drawings, water colors and acrylic
paintings on display at Dow Chemical's 1776
Building in Midland from January 6 through
February 20. Arrangements to see the one-
man show can be made by contacting Zivich at
ext. 4390.

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CUSTODIAN/GROUNDSKEEPER - PHYSICAL PLANT.
Full-time, CETA position. (New position)
$5.40 per hour.

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SENIOR ACCOUNTING CLERK - BUSINESS OFFICE.
Full-time, CETA position. (New position)
$4.05 per hour.

SENIOR REGISTRATION CLERK/MICROFILMER -
REGISTRAR's OFFICE. Full-time, CETA appoint-
ment. (New position) $4.05 per hour.

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

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SVSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS -- JANUARY 1981

Jan.
7 - Delayed Registration II for winter semester classes, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.
8 - Men's Basketball, SVSC at Lake Superior State College, 8:00 p.m.
8 - Women's Basketball, SVSC at Lake Superior State College, 6:00 p.m.
8-9 - Mid-Michigan Bilingual Education Workshop, lower level Doan Center, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; contact Ramiro Gonzalez at ext. 4487 for information.
9 - Women's Basketball, SVSC at Northern Michigan, 4:00 p.m.
10 - Men's Basketball, SVSC at Michigan Tech, 3:00 p.m.
10 - Women's Basketball, SVSC at Michigan Tech, 4:00 p.m.
10 - Men's Wrestling, SVSC at Ferris State College, 1:00 p.m.
10 - Saginaw Track Club meet; registration 9:00 a.m. - noon, Cardinal gymnasium lobby. Contact Doug Hansen at ext. 4119 for details.
10 - Microwave Oven Demonstration and School, SVSC Theatre, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Phone Jerry Dambro at 799-3500 for details.
10-11 - SVSC Bowling, Spartan Match Games, East Lansing
12 - SVSC WINTER SEMESTER CLASSES BEGIN
12 - New student orientation, lower level Doan Center, 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Call Maryanne Lustgraaf at ext. 4259 for information.
13 - Short Course on Horses, lower level Doan Center, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Phone Harold Ferris at 790-5291 for information.
13 - SVSC Program Board showing of movie "Pink Panther" at 2:00 p.m. in room 317B Wickes and 10:00 p.m. in Wickes Lecture Hall. Free Admission.
13-16 - Late registration period for winter semester classes.
14 - Men's Wrestling, Oakland University at SVSC, 1:30 p.m.
15 - Men's Basketball, Hillsdale College at SVSC, 7:30 p.m.
15 - Men's Wrestling, SVSC at Alma College, 7:00 p.m.
16 - Valley Film Society showing of 1958 movie, "The Horse's Mouth," starring Alec Guinness; Wickes Lecture Hall, 8:00 p.m. Call David Barker at ext. 4303 or Kay Harley at ext. 4337 for information.
16 - Men's Indoor Track, EMU Invitational, Ypsilanti, 3:00 p.m.
17 - Women's Basketball, SVSC at Grand Valley State College, 2:00 p.m.
17 - SVSC Bowling, St. Clair College, Windsor, Ontario
17 - Men's Wrestling, SVSC at Eastern Michigan University, 11:30 a.m.
17 - Microwave Oven Demonstration and School, SVSC Theatre, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Contact Jerry Dambro at 799-3500 for information.
19 - Men's Basketball, SVSC at Grand Valley State College, 8:00 p.m.
19 - Women's Basketball, Aquinas College at SVSC, 7:00 p.m.
20 - Short Course on Horses, lower level Doan Center, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Phone Harold Ferris at 790-5291 for information.
21 - History Day, Doan Center, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; sponsored by SVSC History and Political Science Club. Contact William Hoffman at ext. 4335 for information.
22 - Presidential Coffee - lower level Doan Center, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
22 - Beatlemania - special showing of movies "Yellow Submarine" and "Magical Mystery Tour" at 10:00 p.m., Wickes Lecture Hall. Phone campus activities at ext. 4260 for information.
22 - Men's Basketball, SVSC at Ferris State College, 7:30 p.m.
22 - Women's Basketball, SVSC at Ferris State College, 5:00 p.m.
23 - 1st Annual Flute Symposium, SVSC Theatre, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Call SVSC fine arts office between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for information.
24 - Men's Basketball, SVSC at Wayne State University, 2:00 p.m.
24 - Women's Basketball, SVSC at Wayne State University, 4:00 p.m.
24 - Men's Indoor Track, U-M Relays, Ann Arbor, 3:00 p.m.
24 - Men's Wrestling, Grand Valley State College at SVSC, 1:30 p.m.
24 - Microwave Oven Demonstration and School, SVSC Theatre, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Phone Jerry Dambro at 799-3500 for information.
25 - SVSC Bowling, Ferris State College, Big Rapids
26 - Men's Basketball, SVSC at Oakland University, 7:30 p.m.
26 - Women's Basketball, SVSC at Eastern Michigan University, 7:00 p.m.
27 - Short Course on Horses, lower level Doan Center, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Contact Harold Ferris at 790-5291 for information.
27 - SVSC Program Board showing of movie "Fiddler on the Roof" at 2:00 p.m. in room 317B Wickes Hall and 10:00 p.m. in Wickes Lecture Hall. Free admission.
28-29 - Senior Placement Workshop. Contact Gary Apsey at ext. 4071 for information.
29 - Men's Basketball, Lake Superior State College at SVSC, 7:30 p.m.
29 - Women's Basketball, Lake Superior State College at SVSC, 5:00 p.m.
30 - Men's Indoor Track, EMU Quad Meet, Ypsilanti, 5:00 p.m.
30 - Intramural ski trip to Crystal Mountain; discount tickets for skiing. Call Paul DeGuise at ext. 4067 or Maryanne Lustgraaf at ext. 4259 for details.
31 - Men's Basketball, Michigan Tech at SVSC, 2:00 p.m.
31 - Women's Basketball, Michigan Tech at SVSC, 4:00 p.m.
31 - SVSC Bowling, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti
31 - Men's Wrestling, SVSC at Lake Superior State College, 1:30 p.m.
31 - Men's Indoor Track, Western Michigan University
31 - Women's Indoor Track, Macomb Community College

ART WORKSHOP GALLERY EXHIBITIONS IN JANUARY

Beginning the week of January 12, there will be displays of student art at the art gallery throughout the month of January. Three shows are planned to feature water colors, photography and silkscreen. Call the SVSC fine arts office at ext. 4159 between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for information.