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A Happy St. Pat's to All You Paddies and Lassies!

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STUDENTS OFFERED FOREIGN STUDY

Through exchange programs with colleges in Japan, Poland and the Republic of China, foreign study opportunities will be offered for a limited number of SVSC students this summer.

Study in Japan is available to up to ten currently enrolled SVSC female students at Shikoku Women's University in Tokushima, Japan, this spring. Because of a sister institution relationship with SVSC, tuition and dormitory scholarships will be provided for all participants. Limited financial assistance is also available to those who have demonstrated needs.

During the May 9-June 13 session, the SVSC students will receive instruction in Japanese culture, language, history and fine arts, yielding eight hours of transfer credit as electives. Total cost is approximately $1,900, and students selected for the program will be required to attend a two-day orientation prior to their departure. For additional details, please contact program director Dr. Robert S. P. Yien, vice president for academic affairs, at ext. 4296.

The University of Poznan in Poland is offering four tuition and room and board scholarships to SVSC students this summer. Only cost for students during the June-August session will be partial air fare.

Although it would be helpful for students to speak or understand Polish, this is not a requirement as classes will be taught in English through Poznan's English Institute. Interested SVSC students should contact Polish Institute director Dr. Anna Dadlez at ext. 4315.

A new arrangement between SVSC and the Ministry of Education in the Republic of China will make several scholarships available to students studying in Taiwan for the 1981-82 school year. Included is tuition, miscellaneous fees and a monthly $80 cash allowance. Payment of air fare is the only monetary obligation local students would have to meet.

While a knowledge of the Chinese language is not required, it would be very helpful, according to Yien. He is offering to provide language lessons for any SVSC student interested in this scholarship program. Please contact him for further information.

Finally SVSC is participating with area Rotary Clubs, which are offering a $10,000 one-year Rotary International scholarship for study in any foreign country. Included is tuition, room and board and air fare. While the student can select the field of study and nation to be visited, he/she must be able to speak the language of the chosen country. Application deadline for this scholarship is April 1, and Yien is coordinating applications at SVSC.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES SOUGHT

Your help is requested if you know of students with a minimum 3.25 SVSC G.P.A., along with evidence of leadership in college activities, full-time status and at least sophomore standing. Again this year, SVSC Achievement Awards are being offered to recognize continuing students who have achieved academic excellence here while
contributing to the welfare of their college and community.

These awards provide $100 each for fall and winter semesters. While students may reapply for these scholarships, they are not automatically renewable.

Please encourage deserving students to contact the dean of students office or scholarships and financial aid to apply before the April 15 deadline set this year.

POLISH DANCERS, MUSICIANS PERFORM

A multi-talented family trio of singer-musicians, an accomplished violinist, and a dance troupe are among performers to be featured when the Wawel Folk Ensemble appears at the SVSC theatre. Sponsored by the Institute of Polish Studies, the performance is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29.

In addition to various national and regional dances presented by the Wawel ensemble, Noreen Smialek Sinclair will play several selections from Polish classics. She will be accompanied by Marta Szynal Dyczewski, who will also play several solo selections, including familiar works by Chopin.

The famed Wawel Folk Ensemble will perform folk and classical dance routines. They recently participated in the fifth world festival of Polish Folk Dance ensembles in Rzeszow, Poland, where they were awarded three prizes for outstanding performance.

The group also presented numerous concerts during the Polish tour and received wide acclaim for the quality of their work. Their SVSC appearance marks the beginning of a new concert tour throughout Michigan and the United States. Wawel previously delighted local audiences with their colorful dance routines during a 1978 appearance at SVSC.

Also appearing will be PolMusica Siarkowski, to present a number of songs from their folk and light classical repertoire.

Tickets are $2.50 general admission or $1.50 for students and will be available at the door. For further information, please call ext. 4315.

FACE CHALLENGES HAND IN HAND, RYDER ASKS

The economy may be dismal, state support may be dwindling and facilities may be inadequate, but president Jack M. Ryder urged the college community to face these and other challenges hand in hand in his annual state of the college address on March 11. Ryder said that "we have accomplished a great deal on limited resources, and you can be proud -- as I am -- of our achievements. Many exciting and positive things are happening on this campus. This can be a most rewarding period in the history of SVSC... but it requires solidarity."

Because we have many positive things going for us, including an outstanding faculty, administrative, secretarial and service staff, a special student body, a growing alumni body and a list of friends who give us moral and fiscal encouragement, the president urged his audience to "put self-flagellation on the shelf and look for the ways and means of achievement in the face of adversity."

Ryder said he is optimistic about SVSC and its future because he is convinced of Aristotle's declaration that "all men desire by nature to know." He pointed out that Aristotle's sentence "is the charter for every school and college in this great land of ours and is the license for every teacher."

Putting the statement into the perspective of the Saginaw valley and its population center, the president said that our great challenge is to convince the people of the Valley and state that it is natural to learn, that adults need this learning as much as young people, and that the benefits are worth the effort.

A review followed of the ten objectives listed last fall for this fiscal year. Ryder said that while "considerable progress" has been made to reach higher levels of productivity without diminishing quality or personal service, "the objective is not fully attained." He indicated that progress in developing written policy for the various college units has prevented considerable waste motion and cited gains in enhanced personal service for counseling commuter students, additional dormitory personnel and development of the new bookstore.

While there has been a loss of 6.13% in appropriations this year, thus making the second goal of increasing financial support from all levels more difficult, Ryder indicated that state appropriations appear to be improving for next year. The percentage increase could be as much as 6.4% over this year, depending on final legislative action. "The
net result will require another tuition increase in excess of the surcharge levied in winter term," he predicted. Private contributions raised $92,786 through the annual fund this year, compared with $74,000 a year ago, and some state support may be forthcoming for the business and industrial development institute and for the mobile units recently brought to campus. He commended the increasing number of employees contributing to the college.

Another objective was to enhance international dimension on campus, which is being facilitated through exchange programs with Poland, Korea and Japan (see related story on page 1) and Argentina. An international programs committee is also working hard to enhance the international dimension here, he indicated.

The fourth dimension was to make decisions about new directions for science, engineering and technology, and this is being accomplished through dean Alistair Brett's Deans' Advisory Committee. A comprehensive evaluation of manpower needs in this part of Michigan is underway, specific needs at SVSC have been reviewed and efforts are continuing to inform industry leadership of the talented scientists and engineers on our faculty.

Ryder's fifth goal, to enhance retention of junior and senior year students, is being aided by studies currently underway by dean Beal's committee and by Dr. Ann Dickey, although much is yet to be done. A peer counseling or advisement program for evening students has been proposed.

Next objective was the development of an integrated plan for assuring that each of our graduates reaches a high level of ability to communicate both orally and in writing before graduation. Over 50 students used the new writing laboratory this past month, and progress is expected to continue there.

A pride committee has been established to meet the seventh objective, to enhance the knowledgeability of our students so they can function with decorum and taste in many different situations. A leadership conference is also planned for late this spring, to serve all student groups on campus. To increase housing availability was the eighth objective, and consideration is presently being given to having a private developer build apartments on our land which would revert to the college at a future point in time. Ryder predicted that by fall we will turn away over 150 students seeking accommodations.

The ninth objective was to begin construction of new facilities, particularly IF 2 and the heating and cooling plant. Following meetings with key state officials, Ryder said he has recommended that plans for construction of the heating and cooling plant be shelved for the time being. IF 2 had been included in a group of projects which the state building authority has eliminated because of the difficulty of selling state bonds, due to a poor second market for bonds, high interest rates, and Michigan's poor bond ratings. Each project in that group will now be considered on its individual merits. The president said that "personally, I am convinced our justification (for IF 2) is so overwhelming that it will be supported, and new steps will be taken yet this year. In fact, anything other than a positive response I find completely unacceptable, and our actions will be based upon that thesis."

The last objective was the defeat of the Tisch amendment in November, and Ryder congratulated the campus community for its efforts.

A review of progress made in the formal planning process on campus followed. Although all materials from departments and deans should be in the hands of vice presidents, some are not, and Ryder said it is urgent that they be submitted now. The Executive Committee has scheduled three days at the end of April to study these proposals and make recommendations to the president, before the Board of Control spends two days considering them prior to the May 9 commencement.

Ryder said that although few specific proposals have emerged as yet from the Energy Conservation Committee, he is "very pleased" with results thus far, and study is being given to various ways of saving dollars. When it comes to economizing, he pointed out that "no suggestion is too dumb or insignificant to be considered, as long as you view it as constructive."

Important things we can look forward to during the balance of this fiscal year and 1981-82 include (1) implementation of the Valley Library Consortium, with SVSC at the core of the development; (2) restoration of the full amount
of $40,000 in the budget for library acquisitions as a result of Wickes Foundation contributions; (3) increasing interest in usage of the Gemini 100 instructional system; (4) an evaluation of our current faculty development program will be pursued by Dr. Yien, so our faculty can be updated more frequently in our rapidly changing society; (5) reports will be submitted in May regarding the North Central Association accreditation focus visit next fall; (6) negotiations with the Faculty Association will be beginning in the very near future. "Let us look to finding solutions in the areas of salary benefits and working conditions which will advance SVSC, consider the legitimite needs of the faculty, and serve to enhance quality instruction for our students," Ryder urged; (7) a committee has been established to involve faculty, staff and students in a massive recognition of Arbor Day here. On Saturday morning, April 25, 1,000 or more deciduous trees will be planted; (8) the new bookstore is open and ready for business; (9) the financial aid office will be moving to Wickes Annex later this spring, bringing those essential offices involved in the admissions process to one location; (10) the lady Cardinals made it to the NAIA national championships, ten young men were named "All-Americans" on the indoor track team, along with one woman; and (11) the audience was thanked for its special efforts made to control costs. "At our last reading, we remain in the black, and we are hopeful of carrying forward some funds into FY 1981-82," he said.

TRY YOUR HAND AT WOODBLOCK WORKSHOP

Michael Harrigan will be presenting a workshop in color woodcut from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, March 26 in the arts workshop. He will demonstrate preparation and printing of woodblocks from the artist's original conception to final completion. There will also be a discussion of the use of woodblock as a medium for illustration.

Harrigan received his M.F.A. degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art and is a member of the Michigan Association of Printmakers. His work has been exhibited at the Kalamazoo Institute of Art, Midland Center for the Arts, and Detroit's Willis Gallery.

The workshop is open to the public without charge. Class size is limited to 25 by reservation only. To hold a place, please call art department chairman Barron Hirsch at ext. 4391.

BLUE CROSS OFFERS "HOTLINE" FOR COMPUTER PROBLEMS

While Michigan Blue Cross/Blue Shield has been converting to a new computer system in recent months, some problems developed which cause some claims to go unprocessed or to become lost. The personnel office suggests that if you submitted a master medical claim prior to December 31, 1980, and have not yet received reimbursement, you should call the Blue Cross "hotline" at 799-2233 to review the status of your claim. You will need to have your Blue Cross card, to provide contract and group numbers.

CAMPUS--

--One hundred lithographic prints by Chicago artist William Nelson were recently donated to the SVSC art department for teaching purposes. The limited edition prints of large watercolor paintings were signed by the artist, a noted painter and illustrator specializing in scenes of the American West. Edward N. Zurek, Jr. of Chicago, vice president of Oppenheimer & Company, made the gift to SVSC because of numerous business contacts in the Valley area.

--Professor of marketing Shiv K. Arora is new vice president of the eastern Michigan contract bridge association. The area chapter includes Flint and the northern half of the lower peninsula in the American contract bridge league.

--Watercolors and drawings from the "Bix Places" series by associate professor of art Matthew Zivich will be displayed at the Alma College art gallery through April 15. Zivich will also be giving a slide presentation about the series to an advanced painting class at Delta next week.

--Learn about techniques of mime at a 9:00-noon free workshop next Wed., March 25 in Doan Center and/or see "The Corporeal Mime Theatre" that evening at 8 p.m. in the theatre for $2.50. Call ext. 4260 for details or reservations.

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