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HONORS CONVOCATION READIED

Special tribute will be paid to SVSC's top 1980-81 graduating students this Thursday, April 16, during the first annual SVSC honors convocation. The occasion will recognize those students who have maintained academic grade point averages of 3.4 or higher throughout college.

A procession of honor students, faculty and administrators will form in front of Wickes Hall at 12:15 p.m. Academic regalia is not mandatory, but may be worn. A brief program is scheduled for lower level Doan Center following the processional, according to Dr. Arthur G. Andrews, chairman of SVSC's honors program.

This event is open to all interested members of the campus community. For more information, please contact Dr. Andrews at ext. 4300.

SECRETARIAL WEEK LUNCHEON SET FOR APRIL 21

They're always important to us, and next week the college will be honoring its secretarial/clerical staff during National Secretaries' Week. A luncheon in lower level Doan Center is being readied for next Tuesday, April 21, to mark the occasion. Featured at the buffet will be a make-your-own chef's salad, fruit and jello salads, assorted breads, dessert and beverages. Both secretaries and their supervisors will be in attendance, and secretaries have been mailed special invitations from the office of the president.

All persons interested in participating must contact the personnel office today, by phoning ext. 4108 and getting in their payment of $4 per person for non-secretaries.

1,000 TREES TO BE TRANSPLANTED

If you share Joyce Kilmer's love for the beauty of trees, why not set aside Saturday morning, April 25, to express that feeling in a lasting way. On the 25th -- Arbor Day -- SVSC faculty, staff and students are invited to join in a campus tree planting beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The planting is part of a long-term campus beautification program being planned by a five member committee, which will set up a nursery on college land behind the Children's Center. More than a thousand maple, pine, ash and other types of seedlings have been purchased for the two-acre site.

Each year on Arbor Day, trees will be transplanted from the nursery to various locations around campus. The nursery will be supplemented by new seedlings, so a supply will always be available for campus plantings. Long range plans call for tilling the nursery area, an irrigation pond and expanded numbers and types of trees.

Volunteers for the 1981 planting are asked to park in the gravel lot behind the gym and walk to the barn behind the Children's Center. Wear comfortable work clothing, bring a shovel or trowel, and a picnic lunch if you plan to stay past noon. Beverages will be provided. All volunteer helpers are welcome, whether they plan to plant only a few trees or a few dozen. Children and family members can also join the effort to improve our campus.

Beautification committee members are Dr. David Dalgarn, associate professor of
biology; Mike Kilpatrick, student government president; John Katt, student senator; Don Zorn, yard foreman; and Ken Ropp, grounds specialist and plant services. Contact any member for more information about nursery plans.

FALL SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Schedules for fall semester classes are now available from the registrar's office. Advance registration is set for Monday through Friday, April 20-24, and current students should be encouraged to sign up during that period.

"Increasing enrollments at SVSC are causing class sections to fill earlier than in past years," notes registrar Paul Saft. "Students who come in during advance registration week will find the best selection."

Students who have been admitted to SVSC can pick up fall semester course request forms and register on the third floor of Wickes Hall. Tuition statements will be mailed in July.

There will be special registration periods with payment due the same day on August 12-14, 18, 25, and 31 and September 1 and 2. For details on the registration times, please contact the registrar's office at ext. 4085.

POET STEPHEN SMITH COMING

Stephen E. Smith, author of a poetry collection entitled "The Bushnell Hamp Poems," will be visiting SVSC this week. On Friday, April 17, he will present a workshop in poetry writing at 4:00 p.m. in 315 Wickes Hall.

At 7:30 p.m. that evening, he will give a public reading of his poems in the large dining room in Doan Center. Both sessions are open to the public without charge.

Smith has published in many literary reviews, including "Poetry Now," "Southern Poetry" and "The Pilot." He presently teaches at Sandhills Community College, Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Smith will also be on campus Thursday, April 16, to meet with several poetry and writing classes. His book "The Bushnell Hamp Poems" was published by the Green River Press. For additional information concerning Smith's appearances at SVSC, please contact Dr. Raymond E. Tyner, professor of English, at ext. 4376.

SAVE MONEY BY USING GRAPHIC CENTER

During these tight budget times, one way to reduce costs in your department's budget is by sending your copying work (especially where more than 20 copies are involved) to the graphic center rather than using campus copiers. According to director of business services Dale T. Irish, 35 copies of one original run on a photo copier costs $1.44, while the same number of copies in the graphic center costs your budget just 60 cents.

By planning ahead and submitting your jobs to the graphic center at times other than the beginning or end of a semester, you'll find that the turnaround time is generally less than 48 hours. In addition, you're spared the frustration of waiting in line for a copier, clearing out paper jams and having to worry about irregularities in copy quality. The graphic center staff is very helpful and will do everything possible to meet reasonable deadlines. Where a situation warrants, such as involving an examination, and depending upon the number of originals involved, an individual may call and arrange to deliver and wait for a job to be run. For additional information, please contact Perry Toyzan at ext. 4492.

HERE'S HOW TO HANDLE PARKING TICKETS

The parking program at SVSC exists to maximize the use of campus parking facilities, so that spaces can be provided reasonably close to high usage college buildings. Anyone who parks improperly and doesn't follow parking regulations can expect to pay for the privilege, notes director of public safety Zane L. Rybkowski. Parking tickets at SVSC are processed through the department of public safety parking bureau.

A person who admits responsibility for a violation of SVSC's parking ordinance can pay the fine indicated on the parking ticket at the parking bureau if this is done within ten weekdays of the issuance date. To appeal a parking ticket, an appeal form should be completed in person at the parking bureau for submission to the 70th district court,
where it will be reviewed by the magistrate. If the appeal denies responsibility for the violation, the magistrate will set up a hearing between the issuing officer and the person who received the ticket. Both parties will be given an opportunity to present relevant testimony before the magistrate, who will then decide if the ticket recipient is responsible for the violation and what fine and costs will be imposed.

A person who admits responsibility with explanation can express to the magistrate in writing what the circumstances were and why he/she feels a fine would be inappropriate. The magistrate will review the explanation and will determine if a fine is applicable. According to Rybkowski, the 70th district court sets its own fines which presently are $10 for all violations except handicap parking infractions, which are $25. Court costs may also be assessed in addition.

A person who chooses to ignore a parking ticket completely will find it automatically sent by the SVSC parking bureau to the 70th district court, which will then issue a default judgment and assess fines and court costs. If the fine is not paid, the person's license to drive will eventually be suspended by the secretary of state.

Rybkowski encourages members of the SVSC community who feel that certain parts of the parking ordinance should be changed to contact the public safety advisory committee by phoning ext. 4141. This committee has been set up to solicit community involvement in matters which affect the department of public safety.

GOLF LEAGUE OFFERS FUN IN SUN

After a highly successful 1980 golf season, another golf league is being planned for SVSC employees for the 1981 season between May 18 and August 24. If interested, please contact Joe Vogl in the registrar's office by April 24. Again this year, the format will consist of two-person teams, and you can either pick your own partner or have Vogl find one for you. Matches will be played at Bay Valley Golf Club, with a $5 greens fee for nine holes. Tee off time will be Mondays, except holidays, between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. and a handicap of 96% (U.S.G.A.) will be used. Each team will play different opponents each week, and subs can be used. You can sign up to be only a sub if you wish. A possible fee of $5 per tee may be assessed to pay for trophies and prizes.

ACROSS CAMPUS--

--New time and place for the final film of the Honors Program's 1980-81 film series will be this Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the large private dining room in Doan Center. All faculty and students are invited to attend the film, which will be "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

--Eugene Siedliski, visiting professor of English from the University of Poznan, will conclude his stay at SVSC on April 30. His many new-found SVSC friends will honor him with a farewell party on Friday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the third floor Wickes Hall faculty lounge. The Institute of Polish Studies will be hosting the affair. All of us have appreciated Eugene's friendliness and the positive way he fit in with the SVSC family so rapidly. We wish him well upon his return to Poland!

--Dr. Hong Park, associate professor of economics, was a guest on Channel 19's "Day by Day" program last Friday, April 10. He appeared on the 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. shows to discuss Reagan's proposed budget cuts from the standpoint of supply side economics.

--Student government elections are set for April 14, 15 and 16. Voting will be conducted at various sites around campus, including the Cardinal's Nest, Pioneer Hall lobby, Wickes third floor concourse, and '66-'68 building joining hallway. Please remind all students, both full and part-time, that they are eligible to vote.

--Chrysalis Center and local chapters of the American Association of University Women are co-sponsoring a coffee to honor women graduates and staff members of SVSC. Lower level Doan Center will be the site of the 1:00-4:00 p.m. event on Wednesday, April 22. For more information, contact Rose Collamer at ext. 4267.

--Assistant professor of biology Dr. Richard Koch presented two papers at the recent annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters in Ann Arbor. The first, presented with SVSC senior student
Dale Abraham, who was senior author, was entitled "Effects of Chromium Ions on the Growth of Chlamydomonas reinhardtii and Nitzschia palea in Culture." The paper was an outgrowth of Abraham's senior research at SVSC. The second dealt with faculty research and was entitled "Preliminary Investigation of Some Sandstone Cliff Algal Communities in Michigan."

--Dr. Peter Moehs, associate professor of chemistry, has been selected for inclusion in the 1981-82 Who's Who in America volume, published by Marquis Who's Who. His biography will appear in their 84th annual directory. Moehs will also be listed in the forthcoming Directory of World Researchers' 1980 Subjects,' a compendium of who is doing what in science and technology. This volume is published in Tokyo.

--SVSC senior Mrs. Judy Kullberg of Bay City has been selected for the "most outstanding graduate" award of the department of political science. This is the first time the award, based on scholarship and merit, has been presented since 1978. She is the fifth woman of nine award recipients since the department initiated the honor in 1971. Mrs. Kullberg has also been accepted at the University of Michigan for graduate study in political science and has been granted a full scholarship plus stipend.

--A recent wind energy technology conference in Kansas was attended by assistant professor of electrical engineering Dr. Altaf-ur-Rahman. His trip was funded by the SVSC energy conservation committee and the SVSC Foundation. Experts from across the U.S. presented papers outlining their findings on many phases of wind energy technology, and economics of wind energy conversion systems were discussed from an investment point of view. The Solar Energy Research Institute of the U.S. Department of Energy told participants of guidelines on the selection, purchase, location, installation and operation of windmills to produce electrical energy. As a result of the conference, SVSC has submitted research grant proposals to the U.S. Department of Energy for Midwest Appropriate Technology grants. If approved, funding of up to $100,000 would be provided to study wind-electric production of nitrogen fertilizer, and to implement a solar and wind energy system for heating and lighting the four modular classroom units south of Pioneer Hall.

--SVSC's Students in Free Enterprise won the Michigan-Indiana regional contest and $1,250 in prize money last Friday. Their win, the second in the past two years, means they will move on to New York City for the national S.I.E.E. competition July 19-21. Second and third place honors in the regional contest went to Western Michigan University and Lawrence Institute of Technology. Assistant professor of law Dr. Michael Sovansky is the group's advisor. Patty Anderson of Bay City recently won the group's "Students in Free Enterprise" essay contest. The Bay City Handy high school senior received a $100 savings bond for her article titled "What Free Enterprise Means to Me and My Future."

GOOD FRIDAY POLICY RESTATED

In observance of Good Friday or Passover, time not to exceed four hours will be allowed for employees to attend services. This time will be granted with pay when it is taken with prior departmental approval. If there are any questions, please contact the personnel office at ext. 4108.

BOARD OF CONTROL RAISES ROOM, BOARD RATES

A 9.9% hike in dormitory room and board rates was approved by the Board of Control Monday, effective this fall semester. Students on the 21 meals per week plan will now pay $2,126 per year, compared with $1,934 during 1980-81. Those on the 15 meals plan will pay a new rate of $2,046, compared with $1,874 before. Vice president for business affairs Jerry A. Woodcock pointed out that the average increase among Michigan's public four-year colleges is 10.5% this year, meaning that we're "becoming less expensive" on a relative basis. An impending natural gas price increase has not yet been passed through because the college does not know what it will be and SVSC's energy conservation committee is trying to reduce the amount of fuel required for dorm operations. Woodcock did not rule out the possibility of a cost adjustment for winter semester.

In response to a question from student body president Micheal Kilpatrick about the adequacy of dorm repairs, Woodcock stated that more than $47,000 has been budgeted this year, compared with $17,800 for dorm repairs and capital expenditures in 1979-80. Forty-five thousand, six hundred dollars has also been budgeted for next year. "We have been
doing a number of things to get the quality up. I feel there will be considerably more improvements this year than in the past," he noted.

Conference rates and prices for guest rooms were also set by the Board. Because many summer activities such as cheerleader camps are planned far in advance, rates were set both for the year beginning this May 1 and in May 1982. Board only contracts will rise from the current $580 to $640 on the 21 meal plan per semester.

A revision in the college travel policy, to be effective July 1, will increase reimbursement for travel by private automobile from the present 18.5 cents per official mile to 20 cents when a motor pool vehicle is not available. In cases where a personal car is used at the option of the traveler, reimbursement for the next year will rise to 18 cents from the present 16 cents per mile.

Grounds specialist and landscape architect Ken Ropp reported on plans for Arbor Day on Saturday, April 25 (see separate article). He predicted that approximately 2,000 trees and large plants will be required during the next two to five years at SVSC, depending on campus development and construction of the new loop road. A wide variety of trees will be planted at the new nursery site behind the day-care center on Davis road. By placing trees in a controlled environment and permitting them to grow for several years there, a bigger impact will be made when they're actually planted in campus locations. Cooperation with other colleges and agencies such as the Averill Career Opportunity Center, Delta, CMU, Grand Valley and MSU were mentioned by Ropp, and Board member Dr. G. James Williams cautioned that future problems could arise if ownership and maintenance responsibilities are not clearly established from the onset.

President Jack M. Ryder reported that "SVSC is at the top" in terms of the percentage of increase distributed among Michigan's colleges and universities for 1981-82. Last week the legislature completed action on the appropriations bill, which includes a 16.7% gain for SVSC over last year's state allocation. He cautioned that future cuts in the state budget are likely this fall and said he does not feel we will be able to depend upon receiving the full amount.

Ryder was obviously pleased, though, that "for the first time the governor's office has really recognized the growth involved at SVSC, particularly our enrollment increase. I feel good that both the legislature and governor's office took this into account. That's important to us," he said.

Because of last year's 6.13% reduction in state funds, our resulting increase is actually just 10.4% more than was obtained two years ago. "The result is a fairly modest increase, especially when compared with inflation. Therefore at the next meeting, we will recommend a tuition increase which will exceed the surcharge put on this winter semester," Ryder predicted.

Tuition increases will be kept as low as possible, he predicted, because students are also being pressed by limits on financial aid which President Reagan has recommended. "If limits are placed on federal aid to students and we also raise tuition, it means that students will get it from both ends. Clearly that could affect their access to higher education," he warned. Ryder also said college officials need to be sensitive to whether students have the resources and whether they'd be willing to pay additional tuition.

In other action, the Board
--learned that trustee Dr. Richard Gilmore is feeling much better and expects to be released from St. Luke's Hospital in several days. The Board wished him a speedy recovery and expressed hope that he would soon be returning for meetings,
--established a special committee consisting of trustees Mrs. Ned S. Arbury, Barbara Darin and Melvin Zahnow to nominate Board officers for 1981-82, with Zahnow to convene their activity,
--named trustee Dr. G. James Williams to the business finance and investments committee. Williams was also appointed on an interim basis to a committee setting policies on investments by the Board. He will serve in Dr. Gilmore's absence,
--learned that because of the uncertainty of Michigan's budget, the college has asked the North Central Association for additional
time before its visitation originally slated for this fall. As a result, the report from the college to NCA will now be due January 15, and the on-site visit will take place March 25-26, 1982. Ryder said that North Central "understands the problems of the state and thinks things will be somewhat better by then, with steps clearly indicating where we're going. They'd also like to see the state's decision on new facility development," he noted.

--learned from vice president for development and college relations Dr. A. Jefferson Sharp that 689 students will be eligible to participate in graduation exercises on Saturday, May 9. Four hundred and fifty will be receiving bachelor's degrees, with 239 obtaining graduate degrees. Two honorary doctoral degrees, the Landee award and the distinguished alumni award will also be presented. Graduates and their parents will gather on the lawn behind the gymnasium for a reception following the ceremony,

--learned from Ryder that an offer was made in January but not accepted by a person selected for the position of assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Control,

--was informed that contracts have been signed with Delta College regarding use of computer terminals for the new library computer program. Contracts regarding services by the consortium are currently being studied by Delta and Saginaw public libraries. Ryder indicated the whole service should be operational in the next three months and predicted that consideration could then be given to adding the Bay county library system along with other members of the White Pine system.

PERSONNEL

COMPUTER OPERATOR - Funded through the Valley Library Consortium. Full-time, permanent. Salary range $9,600-$11,000. This position was specially posted on April 8, and applications should be submitted to the personnel office no later than 4:30 p.m. this Wednesday, April 15.

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