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WELCOME BACK TO WINTER SEMESTER!

Winter classes resumed this week in the midst of extremely cold temperatures and a record low wind-chill factor. The semester started Monday at the same time that many area public school districts closed temporarily to wait out the cold.

Lots of things will be happening on campus this week along with the resumption of classes. A 16-page winter 1982 calendar of events is included with this issue, so you'll know what's happening on campus throughout the semester. Please call Marilyn Frahm at ext. 4054 if you would like additional copies for friends or others interested in SVSC activities.

SVSC STUDENTS NAMED TO "WHO'S WHO"

Twenty-five students from SVSC will be included in the 1982 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." They join an elite group of campus leaders chosen from more than 1,300 institutions of higher education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Selections were based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. All candidates were screened by a nominating committee composed of administrators, faculty and students at SVSC.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual "Who's Who" directory since 1934. Named this year from SVSC are: Bay City - Kathryn J. Curtiss; Big Rapids - Michael J. Langworthy; Bridgeport - Jerry R. Hamling; Detroit - Delphine Prysock; Essexville - John T. Essex and Ruth L. Noble; Harbor Beach - Catherine F. Bohlig.

From Midland - Susan A. Gottlerber, Judith Shaughnessy and Thomas J. Tangney; Nawaygo - Duane A. Duchemin; Oscoda - Victoria L. Buchinger; Portage - Andrew S. Wilson; Roscommon - Claudia J. Anderson.

Saginaw students are Elizabeth A. Balbi, Stella K. Crowe, Zeline R. Ellis, Dean L. Jex, Dawn M. Metzger, Michael J. Molesky, Stephen J. Sopcak and Jaclyn G. Taylor.

Completing the list are, from Spring Lake - Fred T. Harring; Twining - Paul F. Ankney; and Vassar - Jane I. Rodammer.

AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE FILM AT SVSC

Take a walk through the Australian outback when the Valley Film Society presents its next selection at SVSC. At 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, members will view "Walkabout," a 1971 movie starring Jenny Agutlau and David Gumpilil.

Filmed entirely in Australia's wilderness, "Walkabout" is the story of two children lost in the bush after their father takes his own life. It has been described by critics as a rare and breathtaking movie.

The Valley Film Society's schedule continues through May, with films shown at 8:00 p.m. in Wickes Lecture Hall on the first and third Friday each month. Pro-rated memberships are available through the mail or at the door. Those purchased on or before January 15 cost $12.50 and are good for 12 admissions to be used at the holder's discretion.

For more information about the Society, please call Dr. Thomas Herron at ext. 4332.
PROGRAM MAKES SOCIAL SECURITY HELP POSSIBLE

High school seniors from the Thumb area who receive social security benefits can retain them for four years of college through a special program offered by SVSC. Because of federal budget cutting, there will be no social security benefits for college students who are not enrolled full-time by May 1, 1982.

Classes will be offered at Cass City high school by SVSC to allow seniors to start their freshman year of college while finishing out their high school requirements. The courses offered will be beginning pycology, political science and English composition. Combined they will give the students 12 credit hours, qualifying as a full-time load.

Classes begin January 25 and run for fifteen weeks. Cost will be $53 a credit hour, a total of $636, and there is financial aid available for those who qualify. Credit will apply toward a degree at SVSC or transfer to other colleges and universities.

Interested students and parents should contact their high school guidance counselor for details or call Jim Dwyer at ext. 4205.

8-WEEK COURSE TEACHES CALLIGRAPHY

An 8-week beginning course in italic hand lettering will be offered at the Arts Workshop Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon between February 17 and April 7. "Introduction to Calligraphy" will be open to the general public. Instructor Joan Schroeder has designed the non-credit class for beginners, as well as for those with some experience in hand lettering. She will work individually with intermediate students.

Schroeder holds an art degree from Whitworth College, Spokane, WA, and did graduate work at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. There she studied under Donald Jackson, royal calligrapher for Queen Elizabeth and president of the British Society of Scribes and Illuminators. She has exhibited works in Minnesota, California and Michigan and has taught at the Midland Center for the Arts and the University of Idaho. Preregistration is advised and may be arranged by calling ext. 4159 daily before 2 p.m. Cost for the course is $40.

PERSONNEL

ASST./ASSOC. PROFESSOR OF MUSIC (Replacement). Full-time, permanent. Salary negotiable. For fall semester, 1982. SVSC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and is non-discriminatory in its policies and practices.

FACILITIES RENTAL FEE ADOPTED

The college Executive Committee recently approved formal policy outlining conditions which determine the assessment of rental fees for campus facilities used by SVSC employees. Major points of the policy, which will be included in the "SVSC Policies Manual," are:

1. No rental fee will be charged for facilities when they are used by and for college personnel for bona fide college events.
2. Employees/SVSC groups may offer free sponsorship of events involving outside groups when the intended audience is SVSC students, faculty or staff. Rental fees will be charged for events which do not directly involve the SVSC community.
3. Full-time SVSC employees may use college facilities rent-free for personal events once per academic year (September 1-August 31). This includes such gatherings as wedding receptions, showers, etc., but excludes events/meetings sponsored by organizations in which the employee holds membership.
4. Costs for food services, physical plant staff and similar services will be charged to the individual or department sponsoring the event.
5. Individuals or groups who wish to use college space to distribute materials or promote non-college interests must receive approval from the campus activities office. (This would include distribution of campaign literature for non-campus elections, marketing and sales promotions by non-campus groups, etc.)

For more information about these policies, please contact Liz Kornacki at ext. 4093.

ORIENTATION COORDINATOR SEeks STUDENT LEADERS

With winter's frigid temperatures, summer orientation programs seem a long way off to most of us. But coordinator MaryAnne Lustgraaf is already making preparations to insure that next fall's students will receive help in adapting to campus life.

This week she will begin accepting applications and interviewing present SVSC students interested in assisting with orientation activities set for June 22 and 23, July 13, 14, 27 and 28, and August 10 and 11. Qualified students
should be sophomore or higher grade level by fall semester 1982, be in good academic standing and have the ability to work closely with others.

According to Lustgraaf, these campus leaders are extremely helpful in assisting new students. She asks SVSC employees who know students with strong academic and interpersonal skills to encourage them to become candidates for the orientation positions. Those selected will receive training for their duties, and should be available for all orientation dates.

Applications may be picked up at the information desk, student government office and dean of students office. Deadline for return is Wednesday, January 27. For more information, call Lustgraaf at ext. 4260.

STORM STRANDS SVSC SPORTS TEAMS

Blizzard conditions along the Lake Michigan shoreline this past weekend left the SVSC bowling team stranded in Benton Harbor, where a weather emergency has been declared. The team expects to return to campus by Wednesday (January 13) if accumulated snow can be removed and roads re-opened.

Meanwhile, the men's and women's basketball teams found their upper peninsula excursion extended by winter's icy blast. At last word, they were to leave Hancock at noon Monday for a late night or early Tuesday arrival at SVSC. Both the Big Mac bridge and I-75 were closed much of the weekend, but were cleared for traffic by mid-Monday.

Instructors who wish to verify team membership of students missing classes may contact coaches Ted Nitz (bowling), Bob Pratt (men's basketball) or Marsha Reall (women's basketball) later this week.

By the way, the men's basketball team bowed to Lake Superior 60-58 on January 7, but defeated Michigan Tech 65-58 on January 9. Their season record is now 9 wins and 3 losses, while they are 3-1 in GLIAC conference play. The women's team defeated Lake Superior State handily, winning 79-52, and rolled on to an 85-55 victory at Michigan Tech. They are now 7-1 overall and 4-0 in league play.

BOARD REAFFIRMS ARMED OFFICERS POLICY

The Board of Control has unanimously affirmed the position taken by SVSC's administration concerning the possession of firearms by campus police officers. Their action came during the regular monthly Board session and followed a lengthy presentation by Dr. David Rayfield, professor of philosophy, on Monday.

Rayfield had requested a reconsideration of the policy allowing officers to be armed in July 1980. He appeared before the Board to appeal a decision by president Jack M. Ryder in October which concluded that campus police should continue to be armed as they have been for the past five and a half years. Rayfield said he was appealing because answers given to him by Ryder had not satisfactorily resolved the question, that points the president made did not support his answer and that Rayfield did not believe Ryder or others have taken steps to answer the question in a democratic community.

Although there are more than 4,300 students and 400 employees at SVSC, Rayfield argued that a 1980 letter writing campaign which netted between 140 and 150 anti-gun responses "was a major victory on this campus." He also said that a recent student government poll indicated there is "no unanimity" on the police gun issue which "at best is a 50-50 vote." According to him, the informal student government poll showed that 55 percent of the 100-150 responses were against guns on campus.

Rayfield felt the Board should develop an alternate policy lying somewhere in between having police officers and weapons or security officers who are unarmed. He also said "there certainly is no need to have our officers as visible as they are to the extent that they are now -- that can be played down," he proposed.

In response, Ryder said his October 7 letter to Rayfield stated his position. He added that it is obvious that Rayfield's proposal is not self-serving for him and is a reasonable, logical thing for him to do. "We will continue to look at the issue," Ryder promised. "I wish our present police weren't required. The problem is whether the presence of police just reflects society as appears to be the case or is there something we can change in the role of our police that really will affect the future."

Trustee Charles B. Curtiss said his understanding is that all state colleges except four have armed police on campus and that the rest have contracts with outside police agencies. "We felt initially that if we had our own
force which could understand our academic community as well as the community at large, this would minimize the likelihood of having other officers from off-campus coming in and aggravating situations. SVSC's current solution has stood the test of time and has appeared to work, he felt. Student body president Jerry Hamling agreed that police need to be armed at certain times but said he doesn't feel the present policy should simply be left as is without considering alternatives. He stated that the student poll was "pretty even" and believed that some aspects of the present policy should be reconsidered.

Both Curtiss and Board chairman John Kendall stated that the present policy is not "cast in stone" although they currently support it. "We are charged with the responsibility of continually looking at all policies -- that's our ongoing responsibility to the state and to this community," Kendall noted. Trustee Dr. Richard Gilmore underscored the duty of the Board to assure optimum safety on the campus.

In other business, an endowment of 10,000 shares of Dow Chemical Company common stock, valued at $238,125, was accepted from the Charles J. Strosacker Foundation of Midland. The gift is intended to help maintain Pioneer Hall and insure its continued aesthetic and functional properties. Only endowment income, estimated at $15,000-$18,000 per year, is to be used for ten years, after which the Board will decide how to utilize the principal.

The Board next voted to adopt a Housing and Food Services budget for 1981-82 which will leave $55,000 as this year's contribution toward required reserves. The administration was authorized to make capital expenditures deemed appropriate from the Repair and Equipment Reserve Account, with the understanding that at least $25,000 is to be retained in that account as of June 30, 1982. Vice President for Business Affairs Jerry Woodcock said housing facilities are "in decent financial shape. We have done a lot to upgrade our facilities and furnishings, while maintaining integrity with our bond holders at the same time.

Discussion then turned to the 40-unit apartment project planned for construction by the start of fall semester on land north of Pierce and east of Davis roads. Basic provisions of the agreement with a private developer are completed, but the College is now waiting for Architects, Inc. to finalize their financing arrangements. Trustee Barbara Darin said she is concerned that the proposed rental cost of $350-400/month might be too high for married couples and that groups of four dorm students might go to the apartments instead. Ryder told her that the dorms will be filled first, that two-bedroom rates in the area are comparable and that a final figure has not yet been set. Everything will depend on square footage of the units, which will be somewhere between 650-1,000 feet. After learning from trustee Hugo "Ted" Braun, Jr. that the final letter of intent likely will be substantially different from an earlier draft, the board decided to call a special board meeting after President Ryder has concluded negotiations. Purpose of that public meeting will be to approve the final agreement formally. The Board also reaffirmed the college Mission Statement as originally adopted in March, 1979.

In his remarks to the Board, President Ryder decried anticipated cutbacks in student aid support at the federal level next year. "My judgment regarding the national interest is that higher education should be taking a high place along with defense, and education is a cornerstone of the defense of this nation," he pointed out. "At the national level, we're moving toward higher education only for those who can already afford the costs of college. Coupled with state cuts and our present economic and employment problems, the student is in the middle, and the net result is people standing on street corners." Ryder urged Board members to communicate with their legislators particularly at the federal level about America's priorities. "Both education and defense are critical to the long term security of the nation. We're in an economic war and it is obvious we're not doing well," he concluded.

Ryder also blasted what he called the "irresponsible comments" made last week by state House Minority Leader William Bryant, Jr., that serious consideration be given to closing some public colleges. "This throwing out comments occasionally creates fear in the minds of some people, particularly students. How can we expect the private sector to maintain its contributions if there is any question of a college's continued existence?" he asked. Trustee Braun said he completely concurred with Ryder and Chairman Kendall suggested asking the Governor to make a public statement on the matter to put the recurring rumors "to bed."