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STUDENTS FIND ON-LINE BETTER THAN IN LINE

When registration begins for SVSC's winter semester classes next week, chances are there won't be lines forming outside the registrar's office. That's because computers are being used to streamline class scheduling.

Persons signing up for classes can watch information appear on a computer terminal and finalize their schedules almost immediately. According to Registrar Paul Saft, it requires only about two minutes to enter and process a schedule, including time for the operator to obtain information from the student.

"We've found that students seem to enjoy seeing responses show up on a computer screen," Saft said. "They appreciate the increased accuracy and speed of our on-line system. Also, class registration is now a one-step procedure with a stop at a computer terminal rather than visits to four separate registration stations required under the old method."

Class registration is linked to student records originating in the admissions office. Persons enrolling for the first time can be admitted on their first visit to SVSC if they supply needed transcripts and meet admission requirements.

"If information is complete, we can enter data into the computer system right away," said Richard P. Thompson, director of admissions. "It takes only two or three minutes to input information from the application form. By the time the student goes from our area to the registrar's office, records will be available on the computer network."

SVSC's scholarships and financial aid office also ties into the on-line system.

Registration Dates

Nov. 8-Dec. 11 ... Advance Registration
Nov. 25-26 ... Closed; Thanksgiving
Dec. 13-17 ... Registration; Adjustment
Jan. 4-5 ... Registration; Adjustment
Jan. 10-13 ... Late Registration

See printed class schedule, available next week, for registration hours and locations.

Students needing assistance with college costs can supply basic family financial information to office personnel and learn from the computer how much and what types of aid they are qualified to receive. "While it may take a few weeks to process paperwork with appropriate agencies, students know right away how much help they'll get. That is noted on their award letters for winter semester so they can be billed appropriately for fees and tuition," Thompson said.

Beginning with winter semester, all SVSC freshmen, sophomores and new transfer students are required to meet with an academic advisor for program planning. While this procedure is not presently part of the computer network, interviews can be arranged on a walk-in or appointment basis. "With some advance preparation, it is possible to be admitted to SVSC, receive counseling and sign up for classes with just one trip to campus," noted Thompson.

Open registration for winter semester classes at SVSC begins Monday, November 11 and continues through Wednesday, December 8. Additional registration and schedule adjustment periods are set for Monday through Friday, December 13-17, plus Tuesday, January 4 and Wednesday, January 5.

SVSC HAS FIRST LEADER DOG

"He's my best friend!" That's how 22-year-old Ken Graf describes his leader dog, Tiny. Graf, a junior at SVSC, acquired Tiny just this summer. Prior to that he had located classrooms and other campus facilities with the help of a cane.

Graf confesses that a motivation for securing a leader dog was finding he was "tired of using a cane and banging my shins. I had heard about the leader dog program and did some research on my own to learn more about it." He was assisted by a hometown friend, Bob Brueggeman, who is a member of the Lion's Club in Pigeon. "Bob helped me fill out the necessary applications and obtain recommendations," Graf explained.

Having a leader dog, Graf finds, gives him much greater mobility. "With Tiny, I can weave through pedestrians if I want to," said Graf. "He takes me right around people."

While Graf has not yet obtained his bachelor's degree from SVSC, Tiny is a graduate of the Lion's Club Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan. And he has a certificate to prove it. Graf's photo also appears on the 'diploma', since he, too, completed a training session. He spent three weeks at the Rochester center this summer, learning how to work with Tiny.

Graf found all the practice helpful when it was time to take Tiny home and begin adjustment to a new lifestyle. After spending a few weeks at his parents' home in Pigeon, the pair came to SVSC for a brief orientation period before other students arrived on campus. Tiny is the first leader dog ever used at the college.

There's been much for Tiny to learn about campus. The 22-month-old black Labrador has had to become familiar with the buildings where Graf attends classes. And he's had to learn locations of the dorm, cafeteria, library and various other campus spots on Graf's schedule.

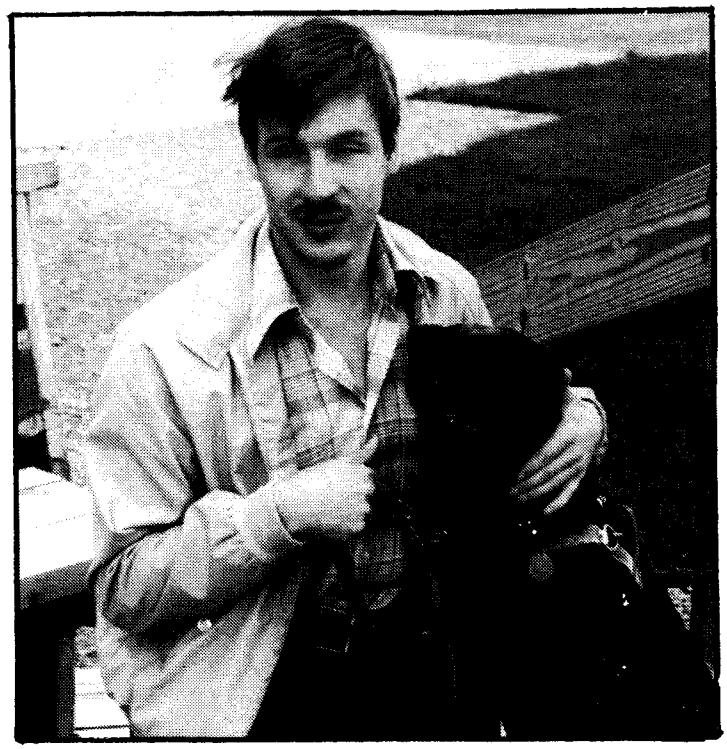
"Sometimes he makes mistakes," Graf admits. "Then I have to correct him. One day he ran away from me in the cafeteria, and sometimes he forgets where a particular building is. But he's learning."

Graf has found owning a dog carries responsibility. "Tiny has to be on a regimen," he points out. "I brush him every day, and water and feed him at set times. He gets walked at 6:00 and 11:00 a.m. and again at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. It's important that we stick to a schedule, and I must take care of Tiny myself. No one else can do it, or it will sever our relationship. If people knew how important it was for the dog to learn commands and not become lazy or dependent, it would eliminate some problems for us," Graf feels.

He says people shouldn't pet leader dogs or offer them food. "Also, they shouldn't open doors for us, or try to steer by taking my arm. If you feel a blind person and his dog may need help, ask," Graf advises. "After finding out where they are going, walk toward that location and the dog will be instructed to follow." He adds that it helps to stay in touch by talking.

Tiny is happy in his leader dog role, Graf believes. "He has a purpose in life. When I put his harness on him, he gets excited because he knows it's time for work. And he's comfortable with the classroom routine. Sometimes when the lectures are dull he even falls asleep in class," Graf jokes.

Graf is completing a major in history with a minor in political science at SVSC. He hopes to study civil law after graduation. One thing is sure -- a black Lab named Tiny will be right there, helping lead the way.



Ken Graf and Tiny

HIGH SCHOOLS STUDENTS TO TEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

Area high school students will have an opportunity to test their foreign language skills when they attend the seventh annual Foreign Language Day at SVSC. Activities for students and teachers of French, German, Latin, Polish, and Spanish are planned on campus from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10.

Competition will highlight the day's activities, with certificates and prizes awarded to winning entries in each event. Students will perform skits, songs and dances they have created in any of the five languages.

A poster contest incorporating the theme "Foreign Holidays Around the World," will combine art and language skills. Entries will be judged in two categories -- lower division for first and second year students or upper division for third year and above.

In addition to the competitions, visitors will be able to tour a fair with booths oriented toward the various cultures represented by each language. There will also be ethnic artifacts for sale, and movies of different cultures will be shown.

"We invited over 50 high schools primarily from the tri-county area," said Dr. David Barker, an associate professor of French. "We expect about 500 people."

Barker said that because of the tremendous response to the program in past years, reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis through November 3. For more information on events, please call Dr. Barker at ext. 4303.

This week at SVSC

Nov. 3-15 ... Alma College Print Show II
Nov. 4 ... International Soccer Awards
Nov. 4 ... High School Counselors Wkshp.
Nov. 5 ... Valley Film Society
Nov. 6 ... SVSC vs. Ferris State; home
Nov. 6 ... Alumni Basketball Game
Nov. 8 ... Arthritis Foundation Meeting
Nov. 9 ... Valley All-Star Crosscountry

See monthly calendar for times and details

VAMPIRE, HOOFERS, IN NOVEMBER FILMS

The original vampire film and one of Lucille Ball's finest performances are the Valley Film Society selections for November.

"Nosferatu," a German film and first in a long line based on the Bram Stoker novel, will be presented on November fifth. The 1922 silent thriller is a prime example of German expressionism and considered by many to be the finest vampire film ever to be produced.

On November 11, Lucille Ball and Maureen O'Hara team up as two competitive dancers in the American film, "Dance, Girl, Dance." The 1940 black and white musical is seen by many critics as a subtle statement of feminism. As it unfolds, the women find out that they're not rivals at all.

Both movies start at 8:00 p.m. in Wickes lecture hall. Starting in November, adult memberships in the society are pro-rated at $16.50 and will decrease each movie. Student and trial memberships remain only $5. All memberships are available by mail or at the door.

For more information about the society, call Dr. Thomas Hearron at ext. 4332.

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS TO MEET AT SVSC

Counselors from high schools in Saginaw and surrounding counties will meet in the SVSC theatre this Thursday, November 4 for a day-long financial aid workshop. The session is designed to provide updated information regarding federal, state and institutional student aid programs.

Paul S. Gill, director of scholarships and financial aid at SVSC, is coordinating the activities, which begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m. Gill, director of Michigan Student Financial Aid Association's region IV, has extended an invitation for all interested SVSC personnel to sit in on all or part of the workshop.

"The information presented will be useful to anyone who counsels high school or college students," Gill said. " There have been several changes in federal guidelines, and we will relay these updates to program participants." For program details, call his office at ext. 4103.

LAST CALL FOR FALL TEXTBOOKS

Bookstore Manager Betty Wineland has asked faculty to remind students that fall textbooks should be picked up this week. "Beginning this Friday, November 5, we will be clearing fall semester textbooks from the shelves to make room for winter books," Wineland said.

CARDINAL RUN TOTALS REPORTED

According to computer records on October 27 total pledges to the 1982 Cardinal Run were $30,973.30, up from last year's figure of $28,264.45 on a corresponding date. After expenses are deducted, proceeds will be evenly split between SVSC and participating groups. "Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to all who made this event another success story," said Pam Binder, Run coordinator.

ACROSS CAMPUS--

--Dr. Kenneth Wahl, professor of education, was a presenter at the MANSEC conference in Cobo Hall on Friday, October 29. His topic was "Pre-School -- A Positive Adventure in Education." On Friday, November 12 he will be keynote speaker for the Huron County Teacher Inservice at Laker High School. His presentation is titled "Lonliness in the Schools."

--Named recently as "Most Respected Staff and Faculty at SVSC" by residence hall students were: Dr. Walter Rathkamp, associate professor of biology; Carol Thomas, dormitory head resident; and Gene Wolff, dormitory custodian. Food Service Director John Curry and Mike Korn of the residential life staff were tied for fourth.

SPORTS REPORT

SVSC's Fighting Cardinals were victors over Wayne State in **football** Saturday. Sophomore kicker Dave Berkey booted three field goals in the fourth quarter to lift his team to a 23-14 win, its first of the season.

Great Lakes Conference champion Ed LaBair led SVSC to a fifth place finish at one of the most competitive **cross country** meets of the season Saturday. SVSC harriers are now ranked 4th nationally in NAIA polls.

Cardinal **bowlers** won a pair of matches Sunday to remain in first place in the MIBC standings. Their record is now 23-5.

GOBLINS AND GHOSTS BUMP INTO SVSC

It isn't exactly an old familiar haunt yet, but that didn't deter pre-school ghouls from the SVSC Children's Center last week as they toured campus looking for Halloween treats. After spooking college students in Wickes Hall, the youngsters mixed in a bit of Mexican Christmas when they batted their treats out of a piñata at the Bilingual Center. Dressed in costume, the children visited several offices in Wickes Hall and annex.

A favorite attraction in the School of Education office was a jack-o-lantern version of E.T. The extra-terrestrial came from a pumpkin patch and the skilled hands of Dr. Harold Peterson, professor of education.

Christy Thomas, 4, (L) and Sara Browning, 5, perform a Halloween song about witches to earn their treats. Christy is the daughter of head resident Carol Thomas. Sara's parents are Dennis and Susan Browning of Saginaw.

PERSONNEL

TEACHER'S ASSISTANT - CHILDREN'S CENTER. Part-time, permanent. (New position) $4 per hour. Hours vary; approximately 20 per wk. Interested persons should contact SVSC's Personnel Office at ext. 4112.

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