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- SVSC/DELTA BOARDS HOLD JOINT MEETING
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## SVSC MARCHING BAND READY FOR FALL FINALE

Bill Wollner is impressed with the changes he's seen in the SVSC marching band this year. In fact, the first year director feels the band is well prepared for their biggest concert of the year at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 14, in the SVSC theatre.

The band's size is one of its most notable gains, Wollner feels. "This is the largest band at SVSC in quite some time. We have over 60 people now and that's important for a solid sound," Wollner said. He credits the recruiting efforts of student assistants Lynn Sonsmith and Dean Bass for the band's growth.

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The effort band members have put into practice and routines have also contributed to the marching Cardinals' improvement, Wollner adds.

"We only had two weeks of practice before the first football game in September, so we really had to hustle. But over the course of the season the band has really worked to get it together, and they deserve a lot of credit for their progress."

Wollner has drawn on varied experience while working with SVSC musicians this fall. He brought ideas from Indiana University, where he received his bachelor's degree in music education and was member of the Indiana Marching 100.

An accomplished French horn player, Wollner earned his master's at the University of

Denver and taught in the city's school system. He has also worked as a studio musician, sitting in on recording sessions in Denver.

The indoor concert will feature highlights of this fall's football half-time shows, which include numbers from many movies and Broadway plays. Selections will be performed from "West Side Story," "Evita," "Annie," "E.T.," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," and "The Jazz Singer."

The big band era will also be represented by such tunes as "In the Mood," "Sing, Sing, Sing," and "Satin Doll." Several members of the band will be featured as soloists and the flag line and twirlers will perform.

Tickets for the concert may be purchased at the door and are \$2.00 for general admission or \$1.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information, please call the SVSC fine arts office at ext. 4159.

## SVSC TO HOST SOLIDARITY PANEL

Wednesday, November 10, marks the second anniversary of the formal recognition of Solidarity trade union in Poland. SVSC will host a panel discussion examining its successes and problems at 7:00 p.m. that evening in lower level Doan Center.

"Solidarity Is Outlawed -- What Next?", will be presented by the Students' Polish Club of SVSC. Expected panel participants include Senator Carl Levin, a representative of the U.S. State Department, and a member of the Polish American Congress. Father Ludwik Modej of Fenton will also take part in the discussion. He is a native of Poland and a graduate of one of his country's two Catholic schools, the Catholic University of Lublin.

"All points of view will be represented," said Dr. Cezary Mendelius, acting director of SVSC's Institute of Polish Studies, who is helping the Polish Club. "Club members are even attempting to contact the Polish Consulate in Chicago because they want representatives from all political organizations involved."

The program will begin with a five minute documentary chronicling the imposition of martial law in Poland. The video tape was contributed by NBC News especially for this event. Prior to its start, members of the Polish Club will sell Solidarity materials and distribute literature.

The discussion is open to the public, with no admission charge. For more information, please call Dr. Mendelius at ext. 4315.

#### SVSC STUDENT HAS TAXING JOB

Terri Brzezinski, 21, is entering her senior year as an accounting major at SVSC. She has completed the usual general education requirements and foundation courses in business and accounting.

But she's also added something extra. When Terri graduates next year, she'll not only have a bachelor's degree in her chosen field, but an established on-the-job performance record and, more than likely, a position waiting.

Terri is one of 97 SVSC students currently participating in the school's cooperative education program. Students in the program combine classroom experience with work in an area related to their majors to gain a competitive edge in the job market.

As a co-op student with Internal Revenue Service in Saginaw, Terri has had a variety of interesting job experiences, plus specialized training provided by her employer.

"One of the benefits of the co-op program is gaining job experience that pertains to my specific field," said Brzezinski. "Classroom courses in accounting primarily deal with theory, and there can be a lot of difference between theory and the real world."

Terri's co-op assignment is with the Examination Division of Saginaw's IRS office. She applied for the opening in December of 1981 and was hired in time to

begin Unit I training sessions for IRS field agents in January, 1982.

"I spent a week in the Saginaw office for orientation, then participated in an eight-week session in Detroit," she recounts. "There were 24 co-op students from various IRS district offices, most in the third year of college. These training workshops prepared us for job responsibility and laid the groundwork for what we could be getting into while on the job."

"We had a week of introduction, followed by seven weeks of intensive classroom work in tax law. We also learned that an IRS field agent must establish effective communication with the taxpayer."

Terri's supervisor is Raymond Wolff, examination group manager for the Saginaw office. He is enthusiastic about the cooperative education program. "Our objective is to get good, qualified individuals as IRS employees, and one way of doing that is to tap community resources," Wolff explained.

"Through cooperative education we are able to get people while they are still in college and groom them for positions with us. It is an investment for IRS, and it has been very good for us. Students 'learn the ropes' before they graduate and can do a good job for us."

Students who co-op with IRS are on an 'alternating plan' which requires full-time work one semester followed by full-time study the next semester.

"We require six credit hours of accounting to enter the program," Wolff noted. "And we like to keep our students until they graduate; thus they have two to four semester of work experience with us."

According to Wolff, the Examination Division performs two basic types of audits on returns that are selected by computer. "There is an office audit which deals with individual returns and other relatively simple forms. We also do field audits where our agent goes to the business, professional office, farm or wherever the organization's books are kept. Field auditors handle such things as large sole proprietorships, partnership and corporate returns, trusts and employer/employee tax returns.

"After an initial training period we commonly schedule office exams for the co-op student. A coach is designated to assist in setting up office and field experiences, and eventually a student will spend 50 to 70 percent of the time out of the office. The position carries a lot of responsibility, but students have the support of close supervision."

Mrs. Carol Wright, assigned as Terri's coach, describes the role as being similar to a mentor. "The coach fields questions that arise about procedures and helps to manage situations so they don't become major problems."

"The coaching system is very effective because you work on a one-to-one basis. Our first priority is to encourage independence. We want to be accessible, but not doing work for our student. Typically we would review work and know the status of all cases when the student returns for a semester in the classroom."

Wright emphasized the importance of communication. "It is a difficult process to tell people they may owe money. A potential field agent must be concerned about the taxpayer's feelings. We cannot be insensitive. When we are able to gain 'voluntary compliance,' it means we have done our job."



Terri Brzezinski, Bay City, discusses a cooperative education work evaluation with Gary Apsey, director of Placement and Cooperative Education. Terri, a senior at SVSC, alternates semesters in the classroom with semesters as an Internal Revenue Service student employee.

Summing up her job experience with IRS, Terri compared her work in auditing a return with assembling a puzzle. "You try to put together the pieces the taxpayer used to see if you come up with the same result." She pointed out that being selected for an audit does not necessarily mean there is anything wrong with a return. "In some cases we discover the taxpayer has overpaid and is entitled to a refund."

She noted that her field experiences were diverse and added she enjoyed the responsibility and independence of her co-op position. "I was doing the same work as other full-time employees. I scheduled my own appointments, used my judgement to come to my own conclusions about cases, and received advice from my manager and coach," she stated.

Terri has been approached about working for IRS after graduation, but has not made a firm decision. "I like the work, but want to check other opportunities. In any event, the co-op work experience will help me reinforce my final choice," she concluded.

#### VAN TUYLE DISPLAY TO OPEN AT SVSC

The work of an accomplished local artist will be on display at SVSC this month. "Mary Van Tuyle: Works in Fibre" will open at the Art Workshop Gallery on November 16 and continue through December 3.

Van Tuyle works with many fibers to create large sculptures. "I am fascinated by fibers of all kinds -- unspun linen, silk, cotton, sisal, sticks, wood, wire and feathers," she said. "I've found all sorts of objects and it's caused me to do a lot of experimenting. Most of my weavings are contemporary in design, very natural and free."

A Bay City resident, Van Tuyle has shown her art throughout the tri-cities. Her work has been displayed at Midland Center for the Arts Little Theatre, the Galleria Internazionale in Saginaw, and the Museum of the Great Lakes and Gallery of Arts, both in Bay City.

She has been working with fibers since 1968 and has received acclaim from many places. Van Tuyle has won awards from the Michigan League of Handweavers, the Saginaw Art Museum, Studio 23 in Bay City and the Midland Center for the Arts.

In addition to being an accomplished artist, Van Tuyle has been very active supporting visual arts in the area. She is a founder of the Bay City Art Fair, has served on several art councils, and is a past chairperson of the Art Train. Last year she received an award from the Michigan Women's Studies Association for distinguished contributions to the arts.

The workshop gallery is open to the public from noon to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Admission is free. For more information, please call ext. 4159.

#### KENNEDY MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY

During the month of November, an exhibit of John F. Kennedy memorabilia will be on view in the display cases located in SVSC's library. The exhibit, which includes coins, busts, plaques and miscellany from the Kennedy era, are on loan from Lester Stark. An instructor at Bay-Arenac Skills Center, Stark has an extensive collection of Kennedy artifacts which he will be sharing with the community as the twentieth anniversary of Kennedy's death approaches. He has also provided a temporary display for the Midland Center for the Arts. Admission to either exhibit is free.

#### CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

--Two SVSC seniors have been recognized for outstanding academic performance in accounting. Each received a scholarship worth \$250 toward books and college costs during the 1982-83 school year. Named were Laurie Daignault of Saginaw and William Mulders, Jr., Essexville. The awards are presented annually by Yeo & Yeo Certified Public Accountants to junior or senior accounting majors who are recommended by their instructors.

--A donation of \$1 can earn a 10-pound turkey and benefit the SVSC Children's Center. Tickets for the November 18 drawing are available from Linda Baese, Elaine Schnepf or Mimi Smith.

--An article by Dr. Sam Sarkar, professor of economics, appeared in the fall issue of "Health Care Management Review." Titled "Pain Centers; An Alternative for Management of Chronic Pain," the paper states that "the traditional health care system has not adequately treated patients suffering from chronic pain." Sarkar feels

that benefits for patients using pain center services offset higher costs.

--Registration for Saginaw Township Recreation fall and winter leagues is now taking place, with membership open to all interested persons. Sports include co-ed volleyball, men's and women's volleyball, and men's basketball. For more information call the recreation office at 799-1428.

#### DIRECTORY CORRECTION

The correct home phone listing for Plant Services Director Thomas Ferguson is 799-5873. Please make this correction to your 1982-83 faculty/staff directory.

#### HOLIDAY POTTERY SHOW/SALE SET

Early Christmas shoppers can take advantage of a pottery show and sale on Thursday, November 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Art Workshop Gallery. The show will feature the work of Charles Koucky, a Saginaw native who now creates pottery for "The Crockery" near Traverse City.

Koucky will offer traditional, functional pottery such as teapots, mugs, cups and bowls. Many of his items are finished with a warm brown glaze, and pieces are affordably priced.

An Albion College graduate, Koucky has won awards for his pottery and art work in Traverse City and Petosky. He has also exhibited at the West Side Saginaw Art Fair.

The show/sale is open to the public free of charge. For more information contact the fine arts office at ext. 4159.

#### SPORTS REPORT

SVSC' cross country team captured the District 23 NAIA title last weekend and will advance to the nationals. The Cards had 27 points to 60 for their nearest competitor.

Although the statistics gave SVSC the edge, Ferris had the most points when the game was over. Final score in the SVSC/FSC football contest was 20-17.

Ted Nitz' bowling team turned in another fine performance and continues to lead MIBC competition. Their next outing is Saturday.

# BOARD REPORT

NOVEMBER 8, 1982

The SVSC Board of Control met jointly with Delta's Board of Trustees Monday to be updated on areas of cooperation between the two colleges. Heading the agenda was a report by SVSC President Jack M. Ryder on progress of the Valley Library Consortium.

Ryder noted that the consortium "is a vehicle for resource sharing. It is very important for the three units that are directly involved, and in the future it can serve all libraries in the Saginaw Valley." Ryder gave a brief history of the consortium, pointing out that funding for a computer system which serves as its core came from a \$189,000 grant by the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation, plus interest on money previously donated by the Foundation. The computer is housed at SVSC and currently serves SVSC, Delta and the Saginaw Public Libraries. It is anticipated that Bay County may participate in the consortium as early as next year, and other library systems will be added in the future.

Presently, all holdings of the Saginaw Public Libraries are listed on the system. Cataloging of SVSC titles will be completed by the end of November, and Delta will enter its holdings into the system during winter semester. Computer terminals are located at each participating library. User requests can be filled from any library that is part of the system, and books picked up at the most convenient location. A shuttle service between SVSC, Delta and Saginaw libraries makes daily trips to pick up and deliver requested materials.

Delta President Don Carlyon added that "hours of discussion have to go into that kind of agreement. The fact that we have

been able to work as smoothly as we have between three institutions is a result of the good will of those people involved."

Next Gene Arnold, administrative dean at Delta, presented a report on activities of the Delta/SVSC Joint Ventures Committee. He stated that subcommittees and individuals had met throughout the year to discuss recommendations which had been presented at the 1981 joint SVSC/Delta Board meeting. Arnold said, "The following actions have occurred through their efforts."

1. Calendars for the two colleges are now generally aligned for fall and winter semesters to allow for easy flow of students between the institutions. The starting date for fall classes at Delta is prior to Labor Day, while SVSC begins its classes after Labor Day. However, access by students to classes at both colleges has been facilitated.
2. Academic deans and directors have scheduled September, January and May meetings for each year.
3. Academic deans and directors at each institution will arrange academic department meetings for fall and winter semesters of 1982-83.
4. A review of community interest is being conducted to determine those off-campus sites where there is adequate support for sequenced Delta/SVSC classes and programs.
5. There is on-going dialogue between the registrars of SVSC and Delta to expedite resolution of problems related to credit transfer.

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6. Placement officers from the two schools share job listings, coordinate on-campus employer interviews and allow students from both institutions to attend career days and career-oriented workshops.

7. An electronics instructor was employed to teach at both institutions, and consultations continue on vacant positions which could be filled by joint SVSC/Delta appointments.

8. Cooperative Education personnel from both colleges have coordinated materials, workshop attendance and student cooperative education transfers between institutions.

9. The language departments have held initial discussions regarding a joint Language Institute, but thus far have not implemented concrete plans.

10. Some SVSC students unable to find vacancies in dormitories there are housed in Delta's residence halls.

11. There are joint intramural tournaments in men's and women's volleyball and basketball. Tournaments in racquetball and touch football will be added.

12. Cooperative arrangements exist between the departments of public safety at each school, and between physical plant personnel.

Arnold noted that "an important, but less visible, result of this project is the communication which occurs between acquaintances rather than with a stranger on the other end of the phone line." He concluded by noting that some recommendations had been rejected after careful consideration. These include a combined printed class schedule, as well as cooperative marketing plans for the two schools.

In another information item, President Carlyon reported on Delta's efforts to support economic development in the Saginaw

Valley. He listed numerous workshops, seminars and other programs which had been implemented in the past year. President Ryder outlined the activities of SVSC's Business and Industrial Development Institute and reported on the Entrepreneurship Forum held last May. He announced a second Forum set for May, 1983.

The final agenda item was a discussion of ways to promote higher education for the tri-counties specifically and Michigan generally. President Carlyon called attention to the decline in state support for higher education in Michigan, comparing present funding levels to previous years. "We have probably been too understanding of the kind of struggles the State has been undergoing," he said, and pointed to executive orders which have cut higher education budgets in recent years. "That's a tough way to run a railroad," he said, adding that it was particularly disastrous when such cuts came late in the fiscal year after funds had already been committed.

SVSC Board member Charles B. Curtiss pointed out that "the most critically affected (by the current recession) area of the state is the I 75 corridor. Yet Michigan legislative focus has been very strongly Ann Arbor and East Lansing. The State's economic situation will be no better than the sum of its parts. These two institutions (SVSC and Delta) must get their heads together to develop positive ideas that we can take to Lansing. We must be able to take that step."

Following further discussion, the Boards charged Presidents Carlyon and Ryder with responsibility for exploring possible joint approaches to area legislators. It was also suggested that they examine the feasibility of contacting other legislators or personnel from the Department of Management and Budget.

