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SVSC INSTRUCTOR BRINGING PROFESSIONAL DANCE TO AREA

Barbara Zivich began training as a dancer when she was five years old, and she's still working to perfect her art. She's also set a goal of sharing her art with audiences in the tri-city area.

"Most people will leave the area where they are born in order to be successful at their chosen art form," said Zivich. "But I think this community will be receptive to having artists live in Saginaw. Many will be quite happy about it."

Because she believes so strongly that the time is ripe for professional artists in the Saginaw Valley, Zivich has rented a rehearsal space in Old Saginaw City and has been the catalyst for a newly formed group. "We've taken 'Khoros, Inc.' as our title," she explained. "Khoros is the Greek root word for dance, music, chorus and similar words, and it seems to fit our group."

Members of the group include five dancers, a sculptor, poet, painter (her husband Matt Zivich) and two musicians. "We are coming together as artists. We try not to exclude anyone, but find people who share the same goals."

"Our major objective is to produce serious works of art right here in Saginaw. We are attempting to make our art our living, just as we would if we had moved to New York. I believe in being the change you want to see happen, rather than waiting for it to take place."

Zivich sees many positive indications that artists and their work are appreciated in

this area. "We have Saginaw Valley State College and we have Delta. There is something of an artists' environment here. There is a great deal of art and music in the schools and in the community, but not much professionally, particularly in dance.

"People everywhere need art," Zivich comments. "It makes your life that much richer and fuller. The things we create and produce -- our creative works -- are what make us human."

"It's not so much where you live; it is what you are doing. Find out what you want to do and give yourself permission to do it. Opportunities will provide themselves," is her philosophy.

And it seems to work. In 1981 she was awarded a creative artist grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts. The grant enabled her to choreograph two new dances and complete production of a solo dance concert which premiered at SVSC on September 26, 1981.

During 1981-82 she was dance artist in residence for the Saginaw Schools gifted and talented program. Presently she teaches dance at SVSC, where she will introduce a new course winter semester, as well as continuing classes in modern and jazz dance.

Describing the addition to SVSC's dance curriculum, Zivich notes that "Dance Composition" teaches the art of making dances. "Students will be learning really basic skills involved in dance composition and choreography. They will discover how time, space and other elements can be combined to create a dance."



It is beginning to intrigue me that the class will meet in SVSC's gym. There are all kinds of spaces there, including stairwells, open space, bleachers, nooks and crannies; and there are many different ways of dealing with them."

She also plans to encourage her students to be creative in using accompaniment and props. "Accompaniment can be voice, instrument, recordings or just the sound of the gym itself. Basketball practice has a rhythm that suggests a dance routine.

"Props can vary from the traditional top hat and cane to innovative ideas like a newspaper or a ball. Students will learn to team the prop with movement. I'll ask them to come up with a concept or idea, then use all the dance elements to express that concept."

There are no prerequisites for the class and it is open to people of all ages whether or not they have previous experience in dance. "Success or failure is never the aim in my classes," Zivich states. "The experience and the process are what is important. Skill is developed through repetition, and everyone is capable of repetition.

"If I have excited my students, enlightened them, helped them appreciate dance as an art form, I will feel successful."

In the future, Zivich hopes there will be enough interest in dance to develop a minor at SVSC. "My hope for the dance program here is not for a professional group, but rather that the program will continue to grow and that our courses will become a part of the campus community. Perhaps when we are established, a student dance group will be initiated in the form of a club."

"Dance Composition" meets Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Cardinal gym. "Jazz Dance" is scheduled from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays, and is followed by "Modern Dance" from 8:00 to 10:00. Both classes meet in room 16 of the '68 Building.

All dance classes are open to the community. For information about registration, please call the admissions office at ext. 4200. SVSC employees are entitled to a 50% tuition discount.

SVSC TO HOST POLISH CHRISTMAS EVE

Oplatek sharing, then Wigilia, followed by Jaselka. To most those words are meaningless, but to someone of Polish heritage the terms have a very special meaning at Christmas.

They signify the focal points of a Polish Christmas Eve, and two SVSC organizations are preparing a traditional evening that people of all nationalities can enjoy on Saturday, December 18. The Institute of Polish Studies and the Student's Polish Club at SVSC are sponsoring the event, set for 6:00 p.m. in Doan Center cafeteria. 'Wigilia', the Polish Christmas Eve supper, will consist of a 12 course meal of traditional dishes.

"It will be a sample of old Polish cuisine in accord with the centuries of Polish Christian Advent tradition," said Dr. Cezary Mendelius, head of the institute and a native Pole.

The menu includes mushroom soup, noodles with poppy seed and raisins, sauerkraut with mushrooms, mashed potatoes, a twelve-fruit compote and a variety of Polish Christmas pastries. The main course will consist of fish, Mendelius said. "It's traditional to have two fish dishes, one hot and one cold. There will be pike Polish style -- cooked with vegetables and served steaming hot, plus fish in horseradish sauce, which is chilled."

Preceding supper will be the sharing of the wafer, 'oplatek'. "It is symbolic of the Last Supper, and of sharing," Mendelius said. "The wafer is passed around the table and everyone breaks off a piece, saving it until all are served. It is then eaten accompanied by a wish."

Following the meal comes 'Jaselka', the Polish Nativity play. It is similar to most Nativity plays, except that this one will be full of Polish Christmas carols -- also performed in English. Guests will be entertained by members of the Polish club and The Friends of Polish Culture, all in native costume.

Tickets for the evening are \$10. Reservations can be made by calling ext. 4315 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., weekdays except Wednesday. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

ISSUES EXAMINED AT B.G.S. FORUMS

Two open forums held last week generated discussion on issues surrounding a proposal to add a Bachelor of General Studies to the degrees offered by SVSC. The new degree would require 124 credit hours which would include a minimum of ten credit hours each in three of four divisions: Humanities, Science, Social Science and Professional. The proposal stipulates that at least 62 credit hours must be earned at a four-year college, and not less than 50 at SVSC. Copies of the proposal in which additional requirements are spelled out in detail are available from Dr. Robert S. P. Yien, vice president for academic affairs.

Several persons in attendance at the meetings expressed concern that the BGS degree is widely viewed as a less demanding curriculum than other bachelor's degrees currently offered at SVSC. "Would we diminish our level of prestige if SVSC is to offer a B.G.S.?" was the issue raised by some faculty members and administrators.

Richard Thompson, director of admissions, and Dr. William Barnett, dean of arts and behavioral sciences, noted that many other Michigan colleges, including U. of M. and Oakland, offer a B.G.S. without any apparent loss of prestige. They also noted the degree would meet a need expressed by a number of area residents who hold associate degrees from a community college and wish to apply those credits toward a four year degree. However, neither administrator had a specific count of such students.

Other areas of concern were the availability of adequate counseling for B.G.S. candidates, added cost of administering a new degree program, adequacy of general education requirements in the proposal, and seeming lack of thorough study of all aspects of the proposal. The present schedule calls for action by the Curriculum Committee early next year. If the committee recommends approval of the proposal, it will be submitted to the faculty for a vote. Acceptance by a majority of faculty members voting would constitute approval, and the proposal would then be subject to ratification by SVSC's administration.

Persons who wish to know more about the proposed degree, or who have questions or comments about it, are invited to contact Dr. Yien at ext. 4296.

"GENEVIEVE" NEXT ON VFS SCHEDULE

A 1954 British film, "Genevieve," will be shown Friday, December 17 to members of the Valley Film Society. The movie depicts the wild adventures resulting when a young man enters his roadster in a vintage car race. Dr. Thomas Hearron of the film society calls it "British humor at its best, full of absurd situations." John Gregson and Kay Kendall play lead roles.

The movie will screen at 8:00 p.m. in Wickes lecture hall. Adult memberships in the society are now pro-rated and will cost \$13.50. All memberships, including student and trial packages priced at \$5, are available by mail or at the door. For more information, contact Hearron at ext. 4332.

SVSC TO OFFER SOLAR CLASS

Solar heating has been successful in Michigan as a supplement to current heating systems, and its use has been incorporated by architects, builders and homeowners. Now SVSC is offering a course that will explore the technology and economics of active and passive solar systems currently available.

Construction Technology 351, titled "Solar Energy Systems," will be offered this winter semester on the SVSC campus. The course can be taken for three credits, and will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., starting January 13.

"The effectiveness and success of solar heating to date has interested many people in installing their own systems, and that's what this course will address," said Frank Ford, an adjunct faculty member who will teach the course.

Course emphasis will be on components, design, location of collectors and sun spaces, photovoltaics and calculation of building energy use. Ford will be sharing information acquired on a 1980 solar inspection of Israel, plus visits to many solar installations throughout the United States. For further information on the course itself, please call Mr. Frank Ford at 832-3554. For information about registration, contact SVSC admissions at ext. 4200.

SVSC STUDENT ELECTED TO MUSICIANS' UNION

Dean Bass, a music education major at SVSC, was recently elected vice president of local 57 of the American Federation of Musicians.

He will assist the president of the 200-member union, which covers the Saginaw area, and will sit on the organization's governing board.

"It's unusual for someone as young as me who is also a student to be elected," said Bass. "But the union has plans to increase its membership among younger musicians and they knew I could help."

A bass trombone and tuba player, Bass has been active in performing groups at SVSC for four years. He is currently a member of the jazz ensemble and the brass ensemble. He was also a member of the Cardinal marching band for four years.

Bass, 21 is a senior at SVSC and the son of D. George and Angie Bass, 9566 E. Saginaw, Reese.

ACROSS CAMPUS--

--Dr. Hong Youl Park, associate professor of economics, recently addressed the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce on "The Saginaw Valley Economy: Prospects for the Future." On December 1 he spoke to the northeastern Michigan chapter of the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters about "The Economic Outlook of Saginaw Valley with Emphasis upon its Impact on the Insurance and Related Financial Industries."

--SVSC's School of Education has renewed its membership in the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). The organization is a common voice for schools, colleges, universities and departments of education on the challenges of changing times.

'INTERIOR' TAKES HOLIDAY BREAK

Following next week's issue (December 21), the "Interior" will take a break for the holidays. Publication will resume on January 11, 1984. Please submit any copy for that issue by noon Friday, January 7.

SPORTS REPORT

The Lady Cardinal **cagers** are off to a flying start after one of the most successful weekends in the history of the program. SVSC defeated DePaul University, 72-57, Friday night in the first meeting ever between the two schools to earn a berth in the finals of the Eastern Michigan University Classic Tournament. The Lady Cards followed up by dumping Eastern, 67-53, on Saturday to claim the tournament crown. It was the first SVSC victory over EMU after four previous losses. SVSC boasts a 3-1 record.

The SVSC men's **basketball** team continued its dominance in Cardinal Gymnasium with an 82-75 victory over Siena Heights last Saturday. SVSC has won 16 of its last 17 home games, including two straight wins this season. The Cards will try to make it three victories in a row this Saturday when they host the U. of M.-Dearborn for "Christmas with the Cardinals." Admission will be free for anyone bringing canned goods for donation to the Salvation Army. The goods will be distributed to needy families in the Saginaw area. A special appearance by Santa Claus will highlight the halftime show. He will have treats for all the good little Cardinal fans.

The SVSC **bowlers** continue to lead the Michigan Intercollegiate Bowling Conference by a seven-point margin despite a 5-2 loss to the University of Michigan-Dearborn last Sunday. The Cardinal keggles managed to bounce back with a 7-0 win over Central Michigan University. SVSC travels to Michigan State University this weekend to meet second-place Eastern Michigan and Lawrence Institute.

COMING EVENTS AT SVSC

Dec. 15 ... Open Mtg., Bilingual Center
Dec. 17 ... VFS Showing of "Genevieve"
Dec. 18 ... Polish Christmas Party
Dec. 18 ... Men's Basketball; UD/Dearborn
Dec. 20 ... Men's Basketball; Tri-State U
Dec. 23-Jan. 3 ... HOLIDAY BREAK

See monthly calendar or call Information Services for times and details.

BOARD REPORT



A Report of the
Saginaw Valley State College
Board of Control

December 13, 1982

SVSC's 6.1 percent increase in residential housing room and board rates adopted last May for the 1982-83 academic year was among the lowest for the 12 public colleges with dormitories, the Board of Control learned at its December meeting. Increases for the year at other institutions ranged from 6 to 12.4 percent, according to Vice President for Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock. He also told the Board that SVSC no longer is third from the top in dormitory rates, but now costs less than six of the other residential institutions. "We continue to offer quality meals and good service while maintaining a financially viable food and housing program," Woodcock said.

His comments provided additional background for a Housing and Food Services 1982-83 operating budget presented to the Board for approval. The budget projected net revenues from operation of \$117,256 with interest income pegged at \$25,000 and a debt service grant expected to contribute an additional \$10,002. After a required debt service payment of \$109,255, college administrators anticipate \$43,003 will remain to be placed in reserve funds for dormitory use. The budget figures were based on an average occupancy of 462 students in the dormitories.

Board member Charles B. Curtiss commended SVSC administrators on "a remarkable piece of management" in providing outstanding service to students at reasonable cost while generating revenue sufficient to retire outstanding debt for residence hall construction. "Unlike some older institutions, we have no dorms that are debt free to help bear the cost of new construction," he pointed out. The operating budget was unanimously approved.

The Board learned of President Ryder's concern about a potential deficit in the State's budget during its next fiscal year.

"What that deficit is going to be no one seems to know," he said. "It is unlikely that the legislature will deal with it before January; it will probably be an item for the new governor," Ryder felt. Ryder noted that college administrators have not received any indication of executive order budget cuts, but "we will keep you posted. Any future cuts in college appropriations will be extremely detrimental."

Ryder pointed out that the state's economy has not turned around as had been projected for the last two years. "How much of the resulting deficit will be borne by higher education no one knows. If we look back over the last three years, this is the bleakest period in the State of Michigan, and the bleakest in my whole career which now spans nearly thirty years," Ryder stated. "It comes at a time when this college has been extremely successful in providing higher education opportunities for the people in this area. We continue to grow in the face of declining enrollments at other institutions. I know it has resulted in some frustration for our faculty, administration and staff when we know we are doing a good job but lack sufficient resources for continued growth.

"If Michigan is to recover and continue in the future to develop progressively, then the state is going to have to provide the resources necessary for investment in its human capital," Ryder asserted. "I think it is time that we, the people of the state who are working, stand up and be counted and tax ourselves sufficiently to provide the essential services of the state.

Board member Curtiss cautioned, "Don't be too pessimistic. We are late in the economic cycle, and indications are that we may have bottomed out. The recovery may not be a boom, but it will translate into state revenues. Don't get caught out of cycle

with reality," he warned. Curtiss noted that University of Michigan hospital bonds sold in just 20 minutes, indicating that "people are willing to invest in Michigan in spite of what rating agencies say."

Board members Mrs. Jo Saltzman and G. James Williams concurred they felt the public will resist when asked to increase taxes. "Perhaps we ought to work to change priorities in the way revenues are allocated," Williams said, "or even consider earmarking any tax increases for higher education."



Reporting on progress toward construction of IF2, Ryder informed the Board that "preliminaries have been approved and we are authorized to complete working drawings, using the \$100,000 which the state allocated in its capital outlay bill last fall. Private money may also be used for this purpose. Institutions whose projects were included in the bill were asked not to proceed on actual construction at present.

"SVSC is proceeding on the working drawings and we could be ready to let bids on the complex by July. We sense no waning of commitment by the State to fund the project. The commitment has been made and the State will live up to it," Ryder believes.

In other action, the Board:

--approved a resolution to use remaining income from the sale of the radio station to purchase and install sound and intercommunication systems for the SVSC Theatre. This would include remaining payments of \$5,000 each due in January 1983 and 1984, plus payments and interest accumulated to date, bringing the total to approximately \$18,000. Sound and intercommunication systems for the theatre are expected to cost about \$18,300 installed.

--approved a change in the Board operating policy which would require that the vote or abstention of each member be recorded except for actions by consent or by the unanimous decision of those members present.

--accepted the 1981-82 audit by Yeo & Yeo, Certified Public Accountants.

--passed resolutions commending the 1982 cross country team for its outstanding accomplishments, and praising the 1982 grad-

uating class of the School of Nursing for outstanding academic achievement which resulted in recording the highest average scores in the state on the "National Council Licensing Examination - R.N." taken in July. Dr. Crystal M. Lange, dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, also informed Board members that she had been told SVSC's average score was highest in the nation. She added that she had not been able to substantiate that information thus far.

--welcomed Dr. Leonard F. Herk as new director of the Business and Industrial Development Institute. Herk responded by stating he was "pleased and challenged by the opportunity to be here."

--reviewed detailed student profile data for fall 1981 and the current fall semester. Commenting on the prepared report, Dr. Ann K. Dickey, director of Institutional Research and Planning, pointed out that SVSC was one of three public colleges in Michigan to show an enrollment increase this fall. She noted that the percent of evening commuters was down slightly, from 39 percent to 38. "All classrooms are filled in evenings," she said. "When more sections can be offered, we expect enrollment by evening commuters to increase again." She also said that strong demand for programs in the health sciences and in science, engineering and technology would seem to mandate more extensive course offerings in these areas when resources are available.

--heard a report by Jo Saltzman on November and December meetings of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of state colleges and universities. She informed members that MAGB had held exploratory meetings with representatives from boards of Michigan's private colleges to discuss mutual concerns in higher education. The two groups have identified as areas of common interest (a) the image of higher education; (b) effectiveness of higher education in meeting student needs; and (c) adequacy of financing.

Following a brief recess, the Board reconvened in executive session for a discussion related to collective bargaining.

