IHLER IS NEW SVSC FOOTBALL MENTOR

Three is a charm for George Ihler. Just before holiday break, SVSC Athletic Director Bob Becker announced the hiring of Ihler as head football coach.

The announcement ended a nationwide search which resulted in 53 applications for the position. Gene Epley, defensive coordinator at West Point, and Ross Fortier, head football coach at Moorhead State were also interviewed for the position.

Ihler fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Jim Larkin which became effective on November 22. He was interviewed twice previously and was offered the position when SVSC founded the program in 1973.

"After evaluating the applications and the top three candidates, we felt George was the best man for the position," Becker said. "His background speaks for itself and we believe he will not only put the program back on its feet, but he will draw community support to the SVSC football program."

"We're extremely pleased to be able to identify and appoint such an outstanding high school football coach," added SVSC President Dr. Jack M. Ryder. "His reputation for strong discipline, high ethical standards and emphasis on character building were important elements in his selection."

"I think it's an ideal situation for me," said Ihler. "It's a chance for me to grow professionally and is a great opportunity without having to reestablish myself from a residence and community standpoint."

Ihler racked up an impressive 83-25-1 record as head football coach at Saginaw Arthur Hill High School during the past 12 seasons. During that time he led the Lumberjacks to at least a share of eight Saginaw Valley League championships. His 1973 squad staked a claim on the mythical Class A state championship with an unbeaten and unscored-upon season.

During a three-year stint at Owosso High School he recorded a 20-6-1 mark while winning two Big-Nine Conference championships. His 15-year coaching record is 103-31-2.

The 39-year-old graduate of Western Michigan University received his bachelor's degree in physical education. He completed his masters degree in secondary school administration at Michigan State University in 1971. During the past five years he has completed 60 hours of graduate work at Central Michigan University in secondary administration.

Ihler plans to start actively recruiting student-athletes immediately and is in the process of interviewing prospective coaches to fill out his coaching staff.
SVSC TO OFFER INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN JAPANESE

Yoko Mossner has experienced two vastly different cultures. She has seen the effects of war, but has also observed the common bonds between people of different nations. And she believes in promoting peace through international understanding.

Mrs. Mossner plans to put that belief into action by teaching a course in "Beginning Japanese: the Language and Culture" this winter. The class will meet in room 15 of SVSC's '68 Building from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for 15 Tuesdays beginning January 11.

Born and raised in Tokyo, Japan, Yoko married Saginaw attorney Eugene Mossner and became a U.S. resident. She has been a leader in Saginaw's chapter of "People to People" and often hosts Japanese guests visiting the tri-city area.

"It is my wish that people here could have good relationships with Japanese people," she said. "I have a special interest because I still have family and friends living in Japan."

Mrs. Mossner will share her Japanese heritage with class participants to broaden their understanding of Japanese culture. "New Year's Day is the biggest holiday in Japan," she noted, "so I will explain some of the customs and celebration to the class at our first meeting."

Throughout the semester, members will concentrate on mastering the basics of the Japanese language. "It is a very difficult language to learn, but I expect class participants will be able to speak simple phrases and communicate at a basic level by the time we finish."

The course is recommended for persons planning to host Japanese visitors, those who will travel to Japan, or business and professional people who work with Japanese firms. There is a $45 registration fee which covers the cost of instruction, plus a specially prepared text to use when communicating in Japanese.

Participants may register at the first class meeting. For more information, contact SVSC's office of continuing education at ext. 4068.

SVSC TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SVSC students, faculty, and staff will take time out on Friday, January 14, to pay tribute to and learn about the man who personified the civil rights movement in the 1960's. "Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." is the theme that will underlie this observance of King's birthday. Starting at 11:30 a.m. in lower level Doan Center, the program features a presentation by a local educator and a documentary film of King's work.

Dr. Roosevelt Ruffin, principal of North Intermediate School in Saginaw, will discuss King's use of peaceful resistance and the politics of non-violence. He will trace the "making of the man," and "the reality of what peaceful resistance meant."

Ruffin also plans to explore the movement to make King's January 15 birthday a national holiday, and will relate his feelings on the need to remember King's contributions to America. "It's been about 14 years since Dr. Martin Luther King's death, and I talk to kids now who don't know what he meant to this country," Ruffin said. "King was a man with strong emotions, one of this country's true heroes, and I feel we need to keep the memory of this man alive."

Preceding Ruffin will be a 35-minute CBS documentary, "I Have A Dream," which chronicles the life and times of King. After Ruffin's presentation, a question and answer session will be held and then the film will be shown again.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Visitors are invited to bring their own lunch. Hot and cold drinks will be served. For more information, please call MaryAnne Lustgraaf, coordinator of campus activities at ext. 4250.

COMING EVENTS AT SVSC

Jan. 11 ... SVSC Polish Club meets
Jan. 11 ... New Student Orientation
Jan. 12-28 ... Brinker Art Exhibition
Jan. 13 ... M & W Basketball; home game
Jan. 14 ... "Honoring Martin Luther King"
Jan. 15 ... M & W Basketball; home game
SVSC's Board of Control covered a brief agenda at its January 10 meeting before ad\journing into executive session to consider issues related to personnel. Actions taken by the Board included approval of the appointment of Yeo & Yeo Certified Public Accountants as financial auditors for the year ending June 30, 1983. Noting that an annual independent financial audit is considered good management practice, Vice President for Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock recommended this action.

Approval was granted for sabbatical leaves for eight faculty members with six or more years of service. Those recommended for leave by the administration and the Professional Practices Committee included: Dr. Robert C. Braddock, professor of history; Dr. William G. Elliott, professor of business law; Dr. Barron Hirsch, professor of art; Dr. John V. Jeziorski, professor of history; Mr. Wayne Mackie, associate professor of finance; Dr. J. Ricardo Pastor, professor of Spanish; Dr. Thomas J. Renna, professor of history; and Dr. Suk Koo (Tom) Yen, professor of physics. In addition, the Board authorized the administration to grant sabbatical leaves at a later date to Dr. Albert E. Busch, associate professor of management; Mr. Lawrence J. Kickham, associate professor of accounting; and Dr. William F. Smith, professor of English, if sufficient resources become available. The cost of hiring adjunct faculty to replace professors on sabbatical is estimated at $55,000, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Robert S. P. Yien. Since sabbatical leave affords an opportunity for study, research or other experience outside the classroom, it is considered a worthwhile investment in faculty development, Yien noted.

The Board approved a leave of absence without pay for Dr. Joseph Matti, associate professor of mathematical sciences, for the 1983-84 fiscal year. Student Government President Fred Harring relayed to Board members concerns over rising tuition costs expressed by students. Harring stated that tuition is the number one concern of students, and that they are alarmed by rumors of an anticipated increase for the 1983-84 academic year. "While we realize that faculty, staff and administration have all sustained budget cuts and have made personal sacrifices during the current financial crisis in the state, students have suffered the most," Harring believes.

"Students feel the Board and administration should set priorities for allocating scarce resources, and most feel that academics should be our number one priority," he stated. Harring commented that many students perceive SVSC's athletic program as receiving smaller budget cuts than other departments, and pointed to the number of athletic scholarships available. He added that he had transferred to SVSC from Michigan State University to take part in our track program, but had stayed because he found an excellent academic program here. "SVSC must continue to do a good job with limited resources."

Board member Mrs. Ned Arbury assured Harring that his concerns were well stated, and that the Board is aware of budget problems. President Ryder added that the support level from the state of Michigan for higher education has been the real problem, and that many factors are involved. "We are a growing and developing institution," Ryder said. "Our academic progress has been phenomenal. We have a strong faculty, and the only thing that limits us is a weak budget and lack of facilities." He noted that "no one thought the current recession would go as far as or as long as it has. The state is beginning to look at its priorities. The issue you raise is a legitimate concern for SVSC's faculty and administration."
Ryder added that, because of frugal management, it has not been necessary for the college to borrow to maintain an adequate cash flow. He also pointed out that all administrative departments, including athletics, received budget cuts of 10 percent early in the 1982-83 fiscal year. A later cut of 10 percent was applied to both academic and administrative units. "These measures, along with limitations on salary adjustments, enabled us to maintain our academic programs with only a modest 9.1 percent increase in tuition this year."

Board member Charles B. Curtiss indicated that academic scholarships had not been cut, so a decision not to reduce athletic scholarships did not constitute evidence that athletics were receiving higher priority than academics. He commented on the trend in recent years to move away from tax support for services and toward the philosophy of "user fees." "For higher education in Michigan, this translated into the legislature forcing schools to increase tuition and asking students to pay for their own education. At SVSC we have seen the students' share of educational costs move from approximately 25 percent a few years ago to over 38 percent currently. The pattern is similar at other institutions, and an increasing percentage of costs will be passed through to students until the legislature changes its attitude," Curtiss felt.

He also informed Harring that the athletic program was adopted over ten years ago "partially to help build name recognition for SVSC. We viewed it as another way to market the institution." Curtiss said the Board feels that athletics can serve to strengthen academics.

President Ryder concluded by stating that the solution to present problems is not to draw resources from one department to strengthen another, but to "direct our attention externally. We don't know at the present time what the attitude of the new Governor and the legislature will be. We will have to wait until they send a clear signal before we can deal with the situation. In any event, I would hope that this institution can maintain its academics, sports and all programs. They are all interrelated."

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Shortly after the conclusion of the meeting, the Board and administration learned that Governor Blanchard had announced the "indefinite delay" of $500 million due in state aid to education during January and February. The deferment is to affect all levels of education, from elementary to college and university.

"While we obviously regret learning that our January and February payments will be delayed, we understand the necessity for Governor Blanchard to deal with the state's financial crisis," Ryder said.

"Because of frugal management and limitations on salary adjustments, SVSC has not had to borrow any money to maintain current cash flow, and because we have current revenue from winter semester registration, we will not plan to borrow in the immediate future. However, the state's delay of approximately $623,000 each month for January and February will result in a loss of interest income to the college of approximately $14,000.

"Of course, we do assume that the state will restore the funds at least by March," he concluded.

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BRINKER WORKS ON DISPLAY AT SVSC

The paintings and drawings of area artist William Brinker will be featured in an exhibition when the SVSC art workshop opens for the new year on January 12. Brinker’s craft includes watercolors, acrylics, pencil, pen and ink, and various combinations of these techniques. His forte has been called “fine arts illustration,” and he has been influenced by such artists as Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper and Andrew Wyeth. According to Dr. Barron Hirsch, chairman of SVSC’s art department, Brinker’s art is included in many private collections throughout the United States.

Art work by Brinker has been accepted for several Mid-Michigan Artists Exhibitions, the annual Saginaw Museum Art Shows, Studio 23, and many art fairs and shows throughout the state. He has also had one-man shows at the Left-Bank Gallery of Flint, The Bay City Players, and the Rifle River Players.

A Standish resident, Brinker works as a commercial artist in Saginaw. He received his art education the Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids.

Brinker’s exhibition will run from January 12 through 28, and is open to the public free of charge. Starting this month, the gallery has new public hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information, please call the SVSC fine arts office at ext. 4159.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURE OUTLINED

According to Amy Millette, acting coordinator for sponsored programs, SVSC faculty and staff members interested in preparing grant proposals can expedite processing of such applications by observing proper procedures before submitting an application to an outside funding organization. “To allow for sufficient review and approval by the respective department chairperson, dean, vice president and president, a final draft of each proposal must be received by the Office of Sponsored Programs at least seven days in advance of deadlines established by sponsoring agencies,” Millette stated.

She added that each proposal must be accompanied by a transmittal sheet which indicates the course of action to be followed internally to secure College approval and commitment. Transmittal sheets may be obtained from the appropriate dean or the Office of Sponsored Programs. Millette noted that grant applicants who fail to follow established procedures will not receive College authorization for submission of their proposals. “For a more detailed explanation of these policies, please refer to the SVSC Operations Manual, Section 4.6-1, pages 1-7, or contact me at ext. 4048,” she concluded.

LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

Two concurrent exhibits are on display in the library showcases, according to interim director Dorothy Horwath. One features the grand prize won by the Association of Hispanic Students at SVSC for their entry in the annual “5 de Mayo” parade in 1982. The second is a display of Bolivian post cards which includes the various ethnic and geographic aspects of Bolivian life and culture. Both exhibits can be viewed free of charge during the month of January.

Dr. Ricardo Pastor, professor of Spanish, has placed the following titles by G. Garcia Marquez on reserve at the circulation desk: “Autumn of the Patriarch,” “Leaf Storm and other Stories,” "No One Writes to the Colonel," and "One Hundred Years of Solitude." 1982 Nobel prize winner Marquez will be visiting SVSC for a March 29 symposium.

Mrs. Horwath reminds readers that a new computerized system for checking out materials has been in effect since October. Personnel at the circulation desk will attach a "zebra" label to SVSC I.D. cards (available from the Orientation Office in Doan Center) to speed book checkouts.

The library has a suggestion box located at its circulation desk, and the staff welcomes suggestion for improvement of library collections and services.

ACROSS CAMPUS--

--The Dearborn field trip and tour of Henry Ford Museum originally set for January 14 has been postponed until January 22. The tour is free to international students. It is also open to other students and SVSC faculty or staff, contingent upon space. Vans will leave SVSC at 8:00 a.m. on the 22nd and return that evening. For more information, please contact Dr. Ricardo Pastor at ext. 4486.
SPORTS REPORT

The fourth-ranked Lady Cardinals have rolled to seven straight wins in women's basketball since losing their opener to Central Michigan University. SVSC (7-1) pounded Indiana Tech., 89-68, and Taylor University, 89-43, during a two-game swing through Indiana last week. After a 10-month absence, SVSC played its first home game of the season, Saturday. The 15th-ranked Gussies from Pittsburg St. University (KS) were no match for the Cardinals as they cruised to a 71-48 win.

Sophomore forward Beverly Sanders was named NAIA District 23 "Player of the Week" for her efforts in the three games. The 5-foot-8 Arthur Hill graduate scored 67 points and grabbed 46 rebounds for SVSC in three games since the Christmas break.

Adjusting to a new lineup, the Cardinals' men's basketball team has some key question marks as Great Lakes Conference play begins this week. SVSC (8-4) split two games last week on a return trip to Kentucky. The Cards lost to Transylvania University, 74-65, then bounced back to knock off Bellarmine College, 81-77.

Sophomore center Dan Farley and senior guard Spider Edwards combined for 88 points in the two games. The pair have been battling for the team lead in scoring.

The defending NAIA indoor track national champion SVSC Cardinals will officially open their season this weekend in Ypsilanti at the Eastern Michigan University Invitational. Coach Doug Hansen is optimistic about the chances of challenging for a repeat of the title with a host of lettermen returners, including several All-Americans.

Coach Bob Maybouer will take his Lady Cardinal track team to East Lansing for the Michigan State Invitational this weekend. Maybouer claims his squad is weak in some key areas, but he still thinks he can break the top ten in the NAIA national meet at the end of the season.

The Cardinal wrestlers will travel to the upper peninsula this weekend for a pair of dual meets to begin the new year. SVSC will meet Northern Michigan University on Friday and Lake Superior State on Saturday.