FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT POLISH INSTITUTE

SVSC's Institute of Polish Studies has benefited in the past from support by the area's Polish organizations. Now that several groups have joined together to sponsor the upcoming Polish Festival, the Institute stands to gain from their collective efforts. "We are very pleased at the commitment festival organizers have made to the Institute," said Dr. Cezary Mendelius of the Polish Institute. "When the festival is over, 50 percent of the profits will be donated to the Institute via the SVSC Foundation."

The festival will run from June 17-19 at the New Pulaski Hall, 6525 Weiss in Saginaw. It was organized by the Polish Heritage Committee of Mid-Michigan. Mendelius, who is also president of the committee, said the three-day event is part of a long range project to support SVSC's Polish Institute and cultural programs.

Research, scholarship and culture are three main programs Mendelius would like to see the Institute expand. "More historical, sociological and linguistic research is needed. For example, many believe that Parisville in the Thumb is the oldest Polish settlement in America, but its early records have been destroyed by fire. Without research, that claim is a legend."

Scholarship in Polish studies is an area of vital interest to the Institute and the organizations that support it. The Heritage Committee was formed by members of the Brothers of Kosciuszko, Polish Falcons, and Friends of Polish Culture -- "all of whom strongly believe in passing on their heritage," Mendelius said. Expanding cultural programs is another benefit Mendelius would like to see come about. "I would like to sponsor more plays, concerts and exhibits.

In the fall I hope to work out a program called 'Not for Polish Americans Only,' a series of cultural evenings with various experts."

The Heritage Committee has also received some support of its own. Michigan National Bank recently donated $200 to the committee for its festival efforts.

Mendelius hopes the Polish Festival will be a success not only for the Institute, but for the community as well. The event will feature Polish gourmet food, a cultural exhibit including arts and crafts, bingo and rides. There will also be a beer tent with dancing and music from by Polish bands.

On Sunday at 11:00 a.m., Bishop Kenneth Untener will be the main celebrant in a Polish mass that will also feature choirs from St. Rita in Saginaw and St. Stanislaus in Bay City.

The festival begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 17. On Saturday the gates will be open from 10:00 a.m. to midnight and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are $1 in advance, $1.50 at the gate, with children under 12 free. Tickets are available on campus from Dr. Mendelius or Dr. Len Herk, BIDI Director.
SVSC SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM RECEIVES C.S.W.E. ACCREDITATION

SVSC's social work program has received accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Certification followed an extensive study of SVSC's social work curriculum, instructional materials, faculty, facilities, administrative support and student field work experiences. In addition to reviewing a detailed self-study document prepared by SVSC's social work department, CSWE sent a site team to campus on March 28.

"The team evaluated every aspect of our program, and was a vital part of the accreditation procedures," noted department chairperson James E. Syphers. "We are very happy to secure CSWE's confirmation that our curriculum meets their rigid standards for accreditation."

CSWE accreditation provides advanced standing for students seeking Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees after completing bachelor's degrees at SVSC, Syphers said. "Certification of our program by CSWE also opens new job opportunities for our graduates," he stated, "since many positions require graduation from a CSWE-approved institution. We are extremely happy to be able to offer our students a program which has received this national acceptance."

Syphers indicated the initial accreditation period is two years, with a program review for on-going accreditation. He added that SVSC social work graduates will now earn a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree, representing a change from the previous program which granted a bachelor of arts. More than 250 persons have graduated from SVSC's social work program, which enrolls approximately 30 students each year.

CSWE, headquartered in New York, is the national accrediting body for both undergraduate and graduate programs. Its functions include establishing standards and certifying schools of social work; aiding better selection and education of students and social workers; and assisting the continuing professional growth of employed social workers.

Dr. Robert S. P. Yien, vice president for academic affairs, noted CSWE accreditation was the culmination of five years of preparation and strengthening of the school's curriculum. "We are pleased this effort has reached a successful conclusion," he said, "and feel it affirms the high quality of SVSC's academic standards."

SVSC is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition to CSWE accreditation of its social work program, the college holds specialized accreditation for its programs in chemistry, medical technology and nursing.

SVSC, DELTA, REOPEN NATURE CENTER

SVSC and Delta College recently entered into a lease arrangement with the DNR to reopen and operate the Jennison Nature Center at Bay City State Park and adjacent Tobico Marsh. In addition to reopening the area to the public, this allows the colleges to use the 5 miles of nature trails and marsh for field studies and research.

"This facility represents a tremendous instructional asset for the two colleges, not only for science students, but also photography and art students, those earning special credit and student volunteers," said Dr. Emerson Gilbert, vice president of administration and student services.

Dr. David Dalgarn, associate professor of biology at SVSC, and Dr. Bruce Corliss, chairman of Delta's natural sciences, will coordinate operation of the center along with a naturalist-interpreter that will be hired in June.

The center will operate on a $5,000 budget this summer, of which Delta and the SVSC Foundation are contributing $1,000 each. The remainder will come from private sources and Bangor Township in Bay County. State Reps Lewis N. Dodak, Thomas L. Hickner, and James Barcia are lobbying to obtain funds this fall for a full-time naturalist, busing of students to the facility and educational materials.

AS A MATTER OF FACT...

The announcement of Dr. Earl L. Warrick's appointment as interim dean for the School of Science, Engineering and Technology in the May 24 issue of the "Interior" should have noted him as an internationally known physical chemist, not a physiological chemist. Our apologies.
SVSC's Cardinal Gym has often been filled with large, noisy tournaments, and during June 16-19 over 800 competitors will be there to square off against each other. Yet it will be relatively quiet, and the bleachers won't overflow with cheering spectators. That's because the event is the Great Lakes Regional Bridge Tournament featuring some of the best players in the country. More than 1,200 people are expected to participate over the weekend with 600 to 800 playing at any given time.

"It will be an interesting sight, but it'll be more exciting to play than watch," said Dr. Shiv Arora, SVSC marketing professor who is tournament chairman. "We have people coming from as far away as Texas, Colorado and Georgia to play. Our allotment of 200 people in the SVSC dorms is already booked up."

The tournament is drawing people from so far away because many players are trying to improve their ranking. "The event is sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League and members can earn points toward a life master, the ACBL's highest ranking," said Arora, who holds that distinction. "To earn that title, you need 300 points, including 25 gold points and 25 red points. Gold and red points can be earned only at national and regional tournaments."

The competition will feature three days of paired events, while Zip Swiss teams of four will play on Sunday. With informal "breakfast and bridge" sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings, it's possible for avid bridge fans to play from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. the next morning.

Organizing the tournament was hectic at times, Arora said. "We had to go to Flint to find 150 card tables and 600 chairs to rent. After you line up ACBL officials, make sure you have enough accommodations, and get publicity out, you realize what a chore it is." Arora will be busy during the tournament also, making sure events run smoothly and publishing a daily newsletter.

Arora noted that the tournament is open to all bridge players, but that only ACBL members can earn points. However, all top teams are eligible for prizes. Play starts at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16. For tournament details, call Arora at 799-1279.

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SVSC's Head Football Coach George Ihler and his staff will conduct a skills camp June 20-24. The program is for boys entering grades 4-9 this fall and will feature Brad Van Pelt of the New York Giants and Eugene Marve of the Buffalo Bills. The camp will cover offensive and defensive skills, including stances, ball handling, pass receiving, patterns, coverage, kicking and quarterbacking techniques. Weight training and conditioning will also be covered.

Ihler is in his first year as SVSC's coach, following twelve years at Saginaw's Arthur Hill High School. Van Pelt is an Owosso native who earned All-America honors as a defensive back for Michigan State and All-Pro recognition as a Giant. Marve was SVSC's first football All-American as a linebacker and is expected to play a key role in the Bills' future.

Camp cost is $60, which includes individual and group instruction, lunch and a T-shirt. Participants are required to have had a complete physical within the past year. To register, call Kathi Curtiss, SVSC Conference Bureau at ext. 4162.

SVSC HOLDING SPORTS MEDICINE WORKSHOP

High school students who want to learn athletic training skills will have an opportunity to get fundamental instruction when SVSC sponsors a one-day workshop in sports medicine this week. Cardinal Athletic Trainer Dave Bertie is directing the Sports Medicine Workshop set for Saturday, June 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"It's the first time we've run our own workshop," Bertie said. "We've brought in people who are involved in local athletics because we feel they are sensitive to the needs of area high schools." Assisting Bertie with the workshop will be SVSC team physician Dr. Dennis O'Connor, D.O.; Delta College basketball trainer Gary Hagenbach, E.M.T.; and Lynn Squanda, A.T.C. (Athletic Trainer Certified) at Hemlock High School.

Students will hear from various speakers and get "hands on" experience in taping procedures and evaluating injuries. Workshop cost is $32 per person and enrollment is limited to 30 participants. For details, call Bertie at ext. 4114.
CONDOLENCES

The college community wishes to express its sympathy to the family of President Jack M. Ryder on the death of Mrs. Ryder's brother. Funeral services for Mr. Larry Baker of Riley, Indiana, were held May 27.

CONTROLLER TELEPHONE CHANGES

Due to additional staffing, there have been changes in telephone numbers in the controller's office. Current extensions are: Jane Anderson, 4230; Kathy Lake, 4211; Elizabeth Moran, 4230; John Spreeman, 4217.

YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

SVSC yearbooks for 1982-83 are still available for $5 from the residential life office. To order, call ext. 4255.

FACULTY, STAFF WELCOME AT ALUMNI PICNIC

Tim Lipan, SVSC Alumni Association president, has issued an invitation to the campus community to join SVSC grads at their annual picnic June 18. Festivities get underway at noon at the softball field near lot B (in case of inclement weather, at the Children's Center). The menu features a hot dog/bratwurst buffet with potato salad, baked beans, a variety of melons and assorted beverages. The $4 dollar cost (children under 12 attend free) includes a chance at special door prizes for those who register in advance. For details or reservations, call Jo Stanley at ext. 4050.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--MaryAnne Lustgraaf, coordinator of campus activities and orientation, was recently commended for her work as a elected member of the directorate of the American College Personnel Association Commission II.

--Dr. James Syphers and Nellie Monroe, associate professors of social work, recently conducted an in-service program on youth suicide prevention for the child welfare unit of the Saginaw County Department of Social Services. Syphers and Monroe tested staffers before and after the program on their knowledge of suicide and are now writing a report on increased knowledge and awareness among child welfare unit members.

--Dr. Syphers also presented two papers recently. At the annual meeting of the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, held in Traverse City, he discussed "Peace and Social Welfare in Families." At Michigan State University for the spring meeting of the Michigan Council on Human Services and Education, Syphers presented the topic, "Teaching Social Work Practice Skills."

--Gary Apsey, director of placement and cooperative education, will serve as membership chairperson for the Cooperative Education Association. The committee works in promoting and recruiting employers and educators for cooperative education. Apsey was also a presenter at a workshop sponsored by the Midwest Center for Cooperative Education. People from the Midwest and East met to discuss placement of liberal arts graduates through cooperative education programs.

--Special agent J. Robert Switzer, a 1971 SVSC business administration graduate, recently received two awards for his outstanding contribution as a member of the Vice President's Task Force on Crime in South Florida. A 36 year old special agent at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) in Washington, D.C., Switzer received the Bureau's Special Achievement and the Director's Awards.

PERSONNEL

LABORATORY SUPERVISOR - Science, Engineering and Technology. Full-time (new position). Associate degree required, bachelors preferred. Salary negotiable.

COORDINATOR OF SVSC WURTSMITH/OSCODA EDUCATION CENTER - 3/4 time position (replacement). B.A. or equivalent required, masters degree preferred. Salary negotiable. Should be current or potential resident of northeastern Michigan.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, SPONSORED PROGRAMS/BIDLI - (replacement) Half-time position, to be made full-time on or around 1/1/84. Secretary to Director of BIDLI and Acting Coordinator of Sponsored Programs. Level 5, $5.30 per hour.

For details on these positions, call the personnel office at ext. 4112.

SVSC is an affirmative action employer and is non-discriminatory in its policies and procedures.
Citing indications that the college may receive a larger state appropriation than had been anticipated, President Jack M. Ryder recommended Monday that SVSC's Board of Control delay action on setting 1983/84 tuition rates. "The legislature appears ready to increase funding over the level recommended in the Governor's budget proposal," Ryder said. He also explained that colleges may receive appropriations on an accelerated payment schedule.

"In his budget message, Governor Blanchard indicated he would favor a payment plan which would provide state funding to the colleges during their fiscal year rather than the state's," Ryder said. "It would be accomplished by moving money from the state's fourth quarter (July 1 through September 30) to our fourth quarter (April 1 through June 30). This would make a substantial difference in the need for a tuition increase or for adjustments to commitments in our faculty contract, or some combination of the two."

Ryder noted that the Senate has passed an appropriations bill which contains increases over the governor's recommendations for higher education. House action is expected in two weeks or less, with any necessary compromises between House and Senate versions to be worked out soon after. "In view of this, I feel it is not prudent to adopt a tuition rate at this time," Ryder said. Instead, a special session for the Board to consider tuition rates was set for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 6.

President Ryder also updated Board members on the status of the capital outlay bill which contains $1.1 million to begin construction of IF 2. "The bill, which was reported out by the Joint House-Senate Capital Outlay Committee, has been passed by the House. It will be taken up this Wednesday (June 15) by the Senate, and we are quite confident that it will pass. While SVSC's building project was not in the Governor's budget proposal, it is now in the legislative bill through the efforts of Rep. (James) O'Neill and Sen. (Jerry) Hart," Ryder pointed out.

SVSC was allocated $100,000 last October "to complete working drawings and begin construction" of the $28.4 million facility which will house science laboratories, classrooms, offices and a library. If additional state funding is approved, construction could begin as soon as January 1, 1984. Noting that the legislature could fund the project from cash flow, then sell bonds when the rate is better, Ryder said the building would be "a tremendous asset to us in our plans to move ahead."

In other action, the Board --

-- approved an operations guide setting forth procedures to be followed in preparing and distributing the agenda for Board meetings. It provides that, with the approval of five Board members, action items may be added to the agenda on the day of the meeting. Such additions must be announced prior to remarks by the President and discussion of action items already on the agenda.

-- authorized the administration to continue General Fund expenditures for salaries and such other expenses as may reasonably be required at a level consistent with the anticipated operating budget for the 1983/84 fiscal year until state appropriations are known and a 1983/84 general fund operating budget can be adopted.

-- gave authority to President Ryder and/or Vice President for Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock to acquire a Prime 550-II computer system for college use.
-- approved appointment of Dr. James L. Mitchell, dean of the school of business and management, and Dr. Eugene J. Hamilton, dean of placement and continuing education, to the reappointment and tenure commission.

-- authorized application for a special liquor license for the Great American Music Festival scheduled for July 29-31 at SVSC. The application may be submitted by either SVSC or by the Great American Music Festival, Inc.

-- adopted a schedule for 1983/84 Board meetings, including an October meeting in Cass City.

-- amended the agreement with Kochville Township to assign full rights of use and control of an additional 2,682 feet of force main now serving the college in return for $13,793.49 to be credited to SVSC's sewerage bills over the next 15 years.

-- authorized the administration to submit an application to fund new residence hall construction under the U.S. Department of Education College Housing Program. Dr. Emerson D. Gilbert, vice president for administrative affairs, said the new unit would provide living quarters containing 200 beds. He said he felt optimistic that SVSC's request for the low-interest (3%) loan stands a good chance of being funded, since "we were 36th on the list last year, and 14 requests with higher priority were funded."

Board members also --

-- learned that SVSC will host a joint meeting of SVSC and Delta boards in November.

-- were informed that SVSC's social work program received accreditation from the Council of Social Work Education (C.S.W.E.). Dr. William K. Barnett, dean of the school of arts and behavioral sciences, noted the accreditation would make SVSC's program eligible for certain federal grants and facilitate admission of SVSC graduates to advanced degree programs. He added that only about half of the schools in the U.S. have achieved accreditation from C.S.W.E.

-- received a Sponsored Programs report showing six grants pending and three grants approved since October 1, 1982.

-- received a personnel report listing five additions to the SVSC staff. Included are Jane Anderson, staff accountant; Gerald Lutri, assistant football coach; M. Elizabeth Moran, staff accountant; John Spreeman, staff accountant, and Dr. Earl L. Warrick, interim dean, school of science, engineering and technology.

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Concluding the meeting, Board members voted to convene in executive session for the purpose of considering issues related to collective bargaining.

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