SVSC EMPLOYEES ENJOY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A cross section of campus personnel enjoyed good food, fellowship, and a touch of pre-season Christmas spirit at the annual SVSC Christmas party. The luncheon was held Thursday, December 8, at Jack Revette's Regal House in Bay City.

SVSC FOOTBALL TEAM TAKES RUNNER-UP TROPHY IN NAIA SEMI-FINALS PLAY

The Fighting Cardinals travelled to Jefferson City, Tennessee, last weekend to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division I semi-final play. While their dreams of taking the national championship were dashed 41-7 by a rugged Carson-Newman team, the Cardinals received the NAIA national semi-finals runner-up trophy. This was the highest placing ever earned by an SVSC football team, and capped a 9-3 season.
SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR PLANNING UNITS

As college units begin preparation of plans to be submitted to the Planning Resource Council, Dr. Guy M. Lee, Jr., dean of the school of education, has provided a bibliography to supplement the earlier listing by Dr. Ann K. Dickey, director of institutional research and planning. Lee is sending several copies of a summary of related publications to the library, where they will be placed on reserve. In addition, he has ordered A Place Called School: Prospects for the Future by John Goodland, and School and College: Partnerships in Education by Gene I. Maeroff for his office, and will make them available for checkout.

Another article of interest was reported by Dr. Eugene Hamilton, dean of placement and continuing education. Titled "Student Retention: Six Steps to Success," the article appeared in the fall edition of the Kellogg Foundation magazine, Profiles. It summarizes a study conducted by the eight-college Southern California Retention Consortium.

Their study was prompted by a Carnegie Council report showing roughly half of all students never graduate from the four-year college they entered as freshmen; approximately 30 percent never graduate from any college. The Council also found that nearly 60 percent of the students who drop out of a typical college do so during or just after their first year.

As a result of the Consortium study, member colleges implemented a six-step retention effort: (1) Development of an "Early Warning System" to identify potential dropouts before they arrive on campus and provide high intensity advising programs; (2) Major dorm renovations and a search for ways to increase on-campus employment opportunities; (3) Provision of commuter student centers with lounge, study areas and academic counselors available; (4) Improved undergraduate curriculum and resources for remedial programs; (5) Strengthened advising programs, including links between freshmen and upperclassmen, faculty; and (6) Implementation of effective recruiting programs that match student and institution. For the full text or an interpretation of this article, please contact Dean of Students Phil Beal.

CLASS NOTEBOOK

Thumb area residents will find a variety of SVSC classes offered when the winter semester begins on Monday, January 9, at the Cass City Center. They'll also be able to register and receive academic counseling at the site.

Students not requiring counseling can register until December 14, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Cass City High School. On Wednesday and Thursday, January 4 and 5, Gerald Survant of the continuing education office will be on hand from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. to admit students and assist with enrollment procedures and class selection.

SVSC's Cass City center will offer 13 courses winter semester, including sections in accounting, biology, communication, criminal justice, economics, English, management, mathematics, psychology and sociology.

Course offerings include both teleteaching and regular classes held at Cass City High School, as well as two computer science courses offered in Caro at the Tuscola County Skill Center.

Persons with a high school diploma or satisfactory scores on the General Education Development (G.E.D.) test will be considered for admission to SVSC, required for registration in all classes. Many courses are open to qualified high school seniors, and all carry academic credit toward a baccalaureate degree. Textbooks and course materials will be available for purchase at course locations.

For more information on classes offered in the Thumb, call the continuing education office at ext. 4066.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING - EVENTS & INFORMATION

--The Valley Film Society will present "Stage Door" on Friday, December 16, at 7:45 p.m. in Wickes lecture theatre. Katharine Hepburn and Ginger Rogers star in the 1937 comedy. Admission is by adult, trial, or student membership, available at the door.

--The Saginaw Valley Bridge Association will host a charity game on Sunday, December 18, beginning at noon in lower Doan Center. Proceeds will go to the
Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.
Two sessions of Swiss team games will com-
prise the tournament, which is section rat-
ed by the American Contract Bridge League.
Dinner will be served between sessions and
a Christmas party will cap the evening.
Enter fees are $16 for the general public
and $12 for members of the Eastern Michigan
Bridge Association. For registration and
information, call Dr. Shiv Arora at ext.
4301.

--The Snack Bar will be closed for
Christmas vacation from December 17 to
January 8. Regular hours will resume on
January 9.

--Media Coordinator Bruce Rossman is produc-
ing a series of short tapes for radio broad-
cast during Black History Month in
February. The tapes will focus on Blacks
and their historical and current contribu-
tions in the Tri-City area. Rossman asks
that anyone with information, leads or sug-
gestions please call him at ext. 4054.

--Copies of the Saginaw Valley State
College Cooperative Education Handbook
have been distributed to deans, directors,
department chairpersons and the executive
committee. The booklet gives an overview
of cooperative education and SVSC's pro-
gram. For more information, call Gary
Apsey at ext. 4070.

--In response to several inquiries,
Sergeant Craig Maxwell of Public Safety
has issued a statement on the policy for
granting access to campus facilities on even-
ings and weekends when offices and build-
ings are closed. Officers do carry keys to
all buildings to provide immediate police
services in case of fire or medical emergen-
cies and to initiate property inspections.
However, the department does not provide a
general door unlocking service for college
personnel.

Department officers will gladly assist per-
sons who have locked their keys in their of-
cices or cars. If a campus community
member requests Public Safety to unlock an
area not normally under that person's con-
trol, permission must be obtained from the
supervisor or vice president of that area.
The vice president or supervisor must con-
vey such permission to Public Safety before
any area can be unlocked for a member of
the campus community. This policy is de-
signed to insure that only authorized per-
sons have access to locked areas on campus.

Maxwell reminds those planning a special
event that may require access to a locked
campus building to contact the facility
scheduling office, ext. 4093. Scheduling
office personnel will assist in all phases of
planning for such an event. Anyone with
questions regarding this policy are encour-
aged to contact Public Safety at 4141.

--Copies of "What's Cooking at SVSC II," the Children's Center cookbook, are avail-
able for holiday gifts. The book has been
reduced to $5 a copy and can be ordered
through evening services. All profits from
the sale benefit the Children's Center.

--Blank IRS Forms are available at the
circulation department of the library, on
the shelves beside the copier.

--The Bay County Heart Unit, Bay County
Convention/Visitors Bureau and Bay Valley
Inn are sponsoring a Ski for Heart cross
country event to be held at Bay Valley Inn
on Sunday, February 12 from 1-4 p.m. The
fundraiser is open to all regardless of age
or level of proficiency. Skiers will seek
sponsors to pay a small contribution per
lap they ski. Money raised will help sup-
port the programs of the American Heart
Association. According to program chairman
Dan Hatton, there will be prizes awarded
for high point fund raisers and drawings
for other participants. All participants
will receive a Cross Country Ski for Heart
patch. For information or registration
forms, call Bay County Heart Information
Center at 684-7910.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Dr. Ricardo Pastor, chairman of the de-
partment of modern foreign languages, was
one of ten people named to a list of hon-
ored hispanics and others in the December
issue of Spanish Today. The magazine is
the largest hispanic publication in the
country.

--Dr. Donald Bachand, associate professor
of criminal justice, recently participated
in the annual American Association for
Adult and Continuing Education Conference
in Philadelphia. He co-chaired a panel
HIGH FIVE

The Cardinal football squad ended its dream season in disappointing fashion by losing to Carson-Newman (TN) 41-7 Saturday. SVSC was making its first appearance in the NAIA semi-finals, but caught the Eagles on perhaps their best day of the season. Sophomore quarterback Mike Leibinger replaced injured Rusty Mandle and drove the Cards 80 yards in the third quarter for their only touchdown. SVSC finished the season with a 9-3 overall record, the most wins ever by a Cardinal squad, after setting preseason goals of four or five wins.

The Lady Cardinal basketball team cruised through the most difficult portion of their schedule last week. SVSC, 6-0, dumped Indiana Tech 91-58, then thumped Division I opponents Cleveland State 94-66 and Eastern Michigan 73-49. The Cards will get a long break in the schedule until January 6 when they host Alma College. SVSC opens the GLIAC campaign on January 9.

Coach Bob Pratt is bearing with his young Cardinal men's basketball team. SVSC's record dropped to 2-6 with a 55-53 loss to Siena Heights Saturday. The Cards also lost to Alma 75-66 last week. Junior forward Mark Oates is expected to join the team for this Saturday's home contest with St. Mary's, and two transfers will become eligible in early January.

SVSC CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS SET

College offices will be officially closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. New Year's holiday closings will be Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2. Offices are to remain open on the 27th, 28th, and 29th unless departments have the approval of the appropriate member of the Executive Committee.

INTERIOR SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to the upcoming holidays, the Interior will appear in an abbreviated form on December 20 and will not be published again until Tuesday, January 10. The copy deadline is noon on the Wednesday preceding distribution.
Approval of a proposal to establish Bachelor of Science degree programs in electrical and mechanical engineering headed action items on the Board of Control agenda at its December 12 meeting. Local demand for the programs was demonstrated by a current comprehensive needs assessment of the Saginaw Valley's industrial societies and manufacturing employees. Faculty members overwhelmingly ratified the curriculum proposal for the program on October 21, and the Academic Affairs Officers of the State universities and colleges gave the measure a positive vote on November 11.

In presenting the resolution for Board approval, Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S. P. Yien noted that more than a decade of planning had gone into preparation for the degree programs. Commented Dr. Ann K. Dickey, director of institutional research and planning, "We have looked forward to the time when we felt we were ready to implement these degrees."

Dr. Earl Warrick, interim dean of science, engineering and technology, outlined plans to hire one faculty member each in mechanical and electrical engineering beginning fall semester 1984, with an additional electrical engineering faculty person to be added in 1985 and a second member in mechanical engineering in fall 1986. Equipment costs for the first three years of the program are estimated at $417,000, mostly for computer graphics systems. A total of $777,000 for faculty, books and equipment will be needed from the private sector for the first three years of the program until state support can be secured. Board member Charles B. Curtiss noted that development of the engineering program followed the "building block" approach outlined in "Design for a College." "We already have a lot of the key items currently being used in our engineering technology curriculum," he said.

In other action, the Board approved --

--sabbatical leaves in 1984-85 for nine faculty members. They are: Dr. Shiv Arora, Dr. Anna Dadlez, Dr. David Dalgarn, Dr. Joseph Matti, Mr. Dwight Means, Dr. Merlyn Mondol, Dr. David Rayfield, Mr. Robert Thaler, and Dr. Frederick Webster.

--raising the tuition rate for the Oscoda/Wurtsmith program to $70 per credit hour for undergraduate classes effective fall semester 1984.

--adoption of a $1,109,405 Housing and Food Services operating budget for 1983-84.

--a reconciliation showing variances of $144,830 less in general fund expenditures than had been budgeted during the 1982-83 fiscal year.

--a general fund operating budget request for 1984-85 of $9,373,245. If granted by the state, the budget request would allow hiring of four additional faculty, provide modest salary increases for present personnel, cover an expected increase in utilities cost, restore a portion of the funds cut from Supplies, Materials and Services budgets in previous years, increase expenditures for library acquisitions and general equipment, and facilitate elimination of an accumulated operating deficit while keeping tuition increases at a minimal level.

--a capital outlay request for 1984-85 which gives priority to lighting and walks to the new campus road, campus site improvement and landscaping, and construction of a maintenance building to house the college fleet of equipment and vehicles.

--revisions to the college's travel policy governing reimbursement for meals, lodging, mileage and other travel expenses.
--a resolution authorizing a bonding and leasing package between the State Building Authority and the State of Michigan and the Board of Control relative to Instructional Facility No. 2. The agreement is required before bonds to cover construction costs can be sold by the state.

--a resolution commending the football team on its outstanding performance during the 1983 season.

Board Chairman John W. Kendall asked for clarification of several points in a proposal for the establishment of an SVSC Faculty Association endowed scholarship program. The matter was referred back to the administration to be brought before the Board at a future meeting.

Board members received reports showing applications for admission up 21 percent from the same time a year ago, student enrollments up 5 percent from December 1, 1982, and a 3 percent rise in credit hours from the same period last year. Executive Director of Admissions and Student Development Richard Thompson reported a dormitory waiting list of 46 for winter semester housing.

Concluding the meeting, Dr. Yien told Board members that a steering committee composed of five faculty members and four administrators had been appointed to begin preparations for the 1985 North Central Association comprehensive accreditation visit. He said one of the first tasks to be undertaken is a review of the college's mission statement, and noted that several subcommittees will be named in 1984 to assume various responsibilities connected with the accreditation visit.

Later in the afternoon, the governing boards of SVSC and Delta College met jointly to share information and review cooperative efforts between the two schools. The first report was presented by Dr. Brad Smith, director/naturalist at Tobico Marsh and Jennison Nature Center. The center, which had been closed for some two years due to state funding difficulties, was reopened last summer through a cooperative arrangement involving the two colleges and the Department of Natural Resources. Smith reported there had been more than 2,500 visitors, including some 45 tour groups, since the summer opening. Future plans include a museum with exhibits built around a wetland interpretative theme, and expanded on-site class offerings by both Delta and SVSC. Smith noted the center is unique among sites in the nation, both in the number and variety of waterfowl, and the facilities for observation. It includes two 30-foot observation towers which are not matched anywhere in Michigan, and a 300-foot boardwalk into the marsh.

Other reports detailed joint ventures in televised class offerings by the two schools, and cooperative efforts to share computer facilities where feasible. Karen M. Arthur, coordinator of telelearning at Delta, reported that some 320 students are enrolled in six telecourses offered by Delta over Channel 19, while SVSC has 60 students registered in its "History of Vietnam" class. More extensive offerings are planned by both schools in future years.

According to a report prepared by James Finzel, director of computer services at SVSC, the two colleges agreed in 1978 to work toward the objective of having compatible computer systems. In 1981 SVSC obtained a Prime 550-II computer, and added a second Prime 550-II this year. Delta purchased two Prime 750 computer systems in 1983, and the systems owned by each college now are compatible. Directors of computer services at Delta and SVSC will develop during 1984 a disaster plan that will specify operational assistance to provide emergency backup services. Finzel and Ben Paulson, director of Delta's computer services, also recommended establishment of an Academic Computing Committee with key members from each college to seek ways to share programs in academic areas.

President Donald Carlyon of Delta and Jack M. Ryder of SVSC each expressed concern about negative effects of restricted funding for education in Michigan. According to Carlyon, the deterioration of college physical plants due to reduced maintenance and repair budgets will be felt for years to come. He said budget constraints demand that cooperation continue between Delta and SVSC to provide high quality educational opportunities for community residents. Ryder added that adequate funding for higher education in Michigan is necessary if the state is to maintain its position of leadership.

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