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20th ANNIVERSARY

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VOLUNTEERS PRESENT SCHOLARSHIP CHECK

A number of SVSC students will benefit again next year from the efforts of a volunteer group that has contributed thousands of hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars to the College over the past several years. The Triskelions, an independent, non-profit organization open to tri-county women, presented a $12,000 check to SVSC President Jack M. Ryder on May 24.

Their gift will be used to fund scholarships worth $200 per semester. Awards are made to incoming freshmen who have attained a national Merit Semifinalist or commended student status, or whose high school grade point average is 3.5 or higher. Scholarships are renewable up to eight semesters by maintaining a 3.0 or higher grade point average and full-time enrollment at SVSC.

With the 1984 contribution, Triskelions have donated a total of $245,000 for SVSC scholarships. The income is generated by the sale of quality used clothing and household goods that are donated or sold on consignment in a shop located on Townsend Street in downtown Midland. Volunteers staff the store and perform support and clerical functions.

Triskelions also have provided financial assistance to the SVSC Children's Center, and have assisted with college events. They also distribute scholarship information to junior high and high school students throughout the tri-county area.

At the May 24 luncheon, recognition was given to Mrs. Priscilla Gorman for service as treasurer of the consignment shop; Mrs. Jane Rubens, club president, for help with shop records; Mrs. Jan Lanigan, chairman of the shop's executive board; and to Mrs. Ruth McCollister for service to the Triskelions, including a term as club treasurer. The women are Midland residents.

SVSC COMMUNITY INVITED TO PICNIC

Members of the campus community are invited to spend an afternoon with SVSC alumni at their annual picnic on Saturday, June 23. The festivities will begin at noon by the softball field, or lower Doan Center if the weather is inclement. The menu features a bratwurst/hot dog buffet, with potato salad, baked beans, melons and beverages. Participants are encouraged to bring a mitt and join in a softball game against alumni. There will also be volleyball, soccer and horseshoes.

Cost of the picnic is $4 for adults, $1 for children 5-11. For reservations and information, call Jo Stanley at ext. 4050.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR POSITION NOT FILLED

Despite months of hard work by college community members to find a director for the Library and Learning Resources Center, the position will not be filled until next year. The finalist for the position chose employment elsewhere, said Dean Guy M. Lee, who chaired the search committee. A search will begin again this fall, Lee said, adding that a goal has been set to hire someone highly qualified for the directorship by July, 1985. Lee also added that the search committee wished to express its appreciation to everyone involved in the past screening process.

INCOMING STUDENTS TO VISIT CAMPUS

Students slated to enroll at SVSC this fall will be attending five orientation programs this summer. Sessions are scheduled for June 12-13 and 27-28; July 10-11 and 26; and August 2.

Sessions that are not full include July 10-11, July 26, and August 2. "By providing a choice of dates, we hope to accommodate all students who will be entering SVSC classes for the first time this fall," said MaryAnne Lustgraaf, orientation coordinator. "New students have special needs, and we want to help them start their college careers with a solid foundation."

Lustgraaf adds that transfer students also may attend any of the orientation programs. All students who participate will be able to register for fall classes with the guidance of college academic advisors. Participants also complete required basic skills tests and have the option of taking special placement exams in math, chemistry, and foreign languages. Other activities include campus tours, meetings with SVSC deans and media presentations.

Parents and spouses of entering students also are encouraged to visit the college. A special program has been planned for them and they may stay either in SVSC residence halls or off campus.

Each session is limited to 160 registrants. For more information about orientation programs, call Lustgraaf at ext. 4260.

NITZ ELECTED TO V.O.I.C.E. BOARD

Ted J. Nitz, personal counselor at SVSC, has been elected to the board of an organization formed to assist speech and hearing impaired residents in the tri-county area. Valley Organization for Improved Communication and Equality (VOICE) is a non-profit agency formed to promote practices and policies that improve the lives of persons with speech or hearing impairments.

VOICE will attempt to identify the needs of such individuals, provide a framework for easy access to support services, and render services to all on an equal and non-discriminatory basis. The group's primary goal is bridging of communication barriers that exist between deaf and hearing individuals in a variety of community situations, Nitz said. This can be accomplished most effectively through use of a qualified sign language interpreter, according to VOICE leaders. "The interpreter is responsible for relaying the content and the intent of a message by manually signing the spoken message to the deaf party and voicing the 'signed' message to the hearing party."

Other services the group plans to provide include advocacy in such places as nursing homes, hospitals, doctors' offices and apartment complexes. VOICE staff can write letters, make phone contacts, and have personal contacts with service providers, explaining and educating them about a deaf or speech impaired person's needs. They also will provide assistance with telecommunication, and, pending availability of a qualified sign-language interpreter, interpreting services for such needs as medical and dental appointments.

According to Nitz, there will be hearing and speech impaired students enrolled in fall classes. "I want the campus community to become aware of their special needs," he said. Membership in VOICE is open to all interested persons, and the group accepts donations. For more information, contact Nitz at ext. 4273, or call 792-3539.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PHONATHON

SVSC will be conducting a phone survey of returning students this summer, and the admissions office is requesting assistance with the activity. About 50 volunteers are needed, according to Assistant Director of Admissions Collette Mercier. "Calling dates are Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 29, and there will be an orientation session in the faculty lounge at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13," Mercier said. "We consider this an important part of our recruitment and retention activities," she said, "and it can be a very positive experience for the caller as well."

Faculty and staff interested in participating in the phonathon should contact the appropriate academic dean or unit director.

COMMISSION SUMMARIES ON FILE IN LIBRARY

Copies of two summaries prepared by the Governor's Commission on the Future of Higher Education have been placed on reserve in the SVSC library for review by SVSC employees and students.

One report summarizes testimony heard at the recent statewide public comment sessions conducted by the commission. According to James K. Robinson, commission chairman, the six sessions were attended by a broad representation of higher education and community leaders, as well as legislators and commissioners. "The comments from these sessions, as well as written input and organizational presentations, were thoughtful and diverse," Robinson said. "The common theme throughout the sessions was a concern for maintaining quality and reinvesting in the entire higher education enterprise."

The second report analyzes the distribution of programs in most academic areas at Michigan public colleges and universities. Chairman Robinson said the commission looked at program data because study prior to the group's mid-year progress report indicated, "Given likely enrollment levels and undeniably scarce resources, ... the current configuration of the Michigan higher education institutions and program offerings cannot be sustained at today's levels."

Robinson said program analysis "shows that there are a large number of institutions offering bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees in the same academic categories and that many of the programs generate few degrees. While this finding does not prove that unnecessary duplication occurs in the system, it does suggest areas where, after a more detailed analysis is conducted, it may be appropriate to recommend reduced activity."

TAX INFORMATION COUNCIL SETS CONFERENCE

Myth: Washington's cutting spending; Lansing isn't.

Fact: Since 1980, Federal spending, when adjusted for inflation, has increased by 13.1%. State spending has actually declined by 14.7% in 'real' dollars.

Myth: The 38% income tax increase means that another 38% of my paycheck goes to the state.

Fact: The '38% income tax increase' refers to an increase of 38% of the previous tax rate (from 4.6% of income to 6.35%)

These are typical topics tackled by the Michigan Tax Information Council in its monthly newsletter and informational activities. The council was created in 1982 to inform its membership and the public about Michigan's present tax structure and spending policies. The Presidents Council of State Colleges and Universities is among member organizations.

At its spring conference, which begins at 8:30 a.m., Friday, June 8, at M.S.U.'s Kellogg Center, the council will discuss the services and benefits gained by the income tax increase, and address the issue of taxpayer dissatisfaction with state and local taxes. Fees for the day-long meeting are $20 for members or $25 for non-members. For more information, contact Gary Davis at ext. 4034.

TAPE LINE TO CARRY INFORMATION

The office of information services has extended the use of the weather line to include facts on coming events and College programs. Through the summer, a monthly taped message on events of interest will be run. Information will be updated weekly beginning fall semester. Scores of the NAIA National Golf Tournament, hosted by SVSC, will be on the tape line this week. The information line number is ext. 4477.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING - EVENTS & INFORMATION

--Registration for the **final two sessions** of SVSC's summer semester will be held Wednesday through Tuesday, June 13-19, in Wickes Hall. The registrar's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Session IV is seven-and-a-half weeks long, beginning June 25 and ending August 15. Session V also begins June 25, but runs five weeks, ending on August 1. Late registration for both sessions will be held Monday and Tuesday, June 25-26. For more information call the admissions office at ext. 4200, or the registrar's office at ext. 4085.

--A **workshop on assertiveness** will be held tomorrow in lower Doan for secretarial/clerical employees. Ann Gallegos, former SVSC instructor of nursing, will conduct the program. Two sessions will be held, one running from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and a repeat program from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information, call the personnel office at ext. 4108.

--SVSC will be hosting the NAIA National Golf Tournament today through Friday. Many of the best small college teams in the country will be competing from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is free. For details, call the athletic office at ext. 4114.

--The **Children's Center** is now accepting enrollments in their preschool/childcare program for this fall. Children aged 2 1/2 to 6 years are eligible, and affiliation with the college is not required. For more information, call 753-8631 or ext. 4290.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Dr. Hong Youl Park, associate professor of economics, was one of 40 economists chosen nation-wide to attend a summer conference at the University of Chicago. He will participate in a two-week program on "Recent Developments in Applied Economics." The program will be in session from July 29 through August 11, and is supported by the General Electric Foundation. Park also recently presented a paper at the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association meetings in Chicago. His topic was "Stability of Economic Base Multipliers."

--James Adley, a painter and art instructor at Michigan State University, has received national attention for his March exhibition in SVSC's Art Workshop Gallery. Adley's exhibit was favorably reviewed in the May issue of **New Art Examiner**, a national publication. The review was the first national recognition SVSC's gallery has received for its yearly exhibitions of state and national artists.

--The campus community extends its sincere condolences to Women's Basketball Coach Marsha Reall on the death of her mother last month.

--Linda Bateson, a Midland teacher who received her master of arts in teaching degree from SVSC, was recently named as one of the recipients of the annual Gerstacker Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Bateson is a teacher at Carpenter Elementary School and has taught in the Midland district for 15 years.

HIGH FIVE

The **men's track team** finished just six points shy of a national title at the NAIA outdoor championships in Charleston, West Virginia. SVSC earned 77 points to finish behind Asuza Pacific of California. Senior Eddie Brown set a NAIA record of 50.05 seconds in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

The **women's track team** also showed their strength by placing third in the nationals at Charleston. They were paced by Cindy Reinhart, who won the marathon and placed second in the 10,000 meter event.

SVSC EVENTWATCH

June 5-8 ... NAIA National Golf Tourney
June 12-13 ... Orientation
June 18-23 ... National Boxing Tourney

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

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