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SVSC ESTABLISHES COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Effective May 1, SVSC will have a Department of Computer Science with its own separate listing in the college catalog. The computer science major previously has been located in the Department of Mathematical Science.

In announcing formation of the new department, Dean Thomas E. Kullgren said differences in the missions of mathematics and computer science made the change desirable.

"Computer science prepares graduates for jobs in information systems and other computer related fields," Kullgren said, "while mathematics prepares students for graduate studies in mathematics or for the teaching of mathematics in secondary schools."

He added that faculty and students seek out colleges having well defined programs in computer science directed by a separate department with that name. "Independent departments of mathematics and computer science are now common at most universities, and each area now has separate professional conferences and accrediting activities."

Dr. Robert S. P. Yien, vice president for academic affairs, said the new departmental structure reflected progress in providing a strong computer science program to meet needs expressed by students. "The plan for a separate department had been under consideration for some time," he said. "As we have added more instructional equipment and course offerings in the computer science area, we felt it was appropriate to grant departmental status to the program."

President Ryder also endorsed the move, noting that expanded classroom space as construction is completed on Instructional Facility No. 2 will facilitate enhancement of the computer science program. "There are increasing career opportunities for people with computer science backgrounds," he said, "and SVSC will be equipped to offer strong academic preparation in that area."

Initially, Dr. Peter Shiu, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, and Randall Hock, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, will be assigned to the new department. Dr. Shiu will retain his joint appointment in mathematics and computer science, Kullgren said. He indicated that two new faculty members are expected to be appointed in the fall.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY INVITED TO DINNER/DANCE AT SKY ROOM

A semi-formal dinner/dance for SVSC faculty, staff, students and alumni will be held on Saturday, April 13 in the Sky Room at Tri-City Airport. The theme for the night is "Dancing In The Dark."

Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m., and guests have a choice of prime rib, chicken cordon bleu, or whitefish. A cash bar opens at 8:30 p.m., and the dancing follows at 9:00. Providing the entertainment will be "Park Avenue." A photographer will be on hand to shoot portraits of couples attending the semi-formal affair. Cost for the evening is $25 for a couple, and $13 for individuals.

Advance registrations are required by Thursday, April 4. For further information, or to make reservations, call the information desk in Doan Center at ext. 4260, or call the Student Government office at extension 4232.
SPRING CONCERT SET

With a program ranging from Renaissance music to selections from "A Chorus Line," the upcoming Spring concert at SVSC promises something for everyone. The concert features the collegium musicum, as well as the concert and chamber choirs in a Monday, April 15 performance at 7:30 p.m. in the SVSC Theatre.

The collegium musicum is an ensemble of period instruments including lute, recorders, krummholz, organetto, vielle, cornetto, shalmei, and percussion. The group will perform music written between the 14th and 17th centuries, including several in celebration of Spring.

The chamber choir will sing pieces by Schutz, Handel and Dowland. This year marks the 400th birthday of Heinrich Schutz, recognized as the greatest German composer of his century. His "O bone, o dulcis, o benigne Jesu" and "Sumite Psalmum" will be performed.

John Dowland has been called the best lutenist England produced, and also was acclaimed as a composer. The chamber choir will sing his "Come Again," "If my complaints," and "What if I never speeded." Also on the program, in celebration of the 300th birthday of George Frederick Handel, is the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "Messiah." Although most audiences are accustomed to hearing this work performed by a large number of voices, there has been a movement toward smaller, lighter-toned forces, which are more authentic.

The concert choir will open with Alec Rowley's "Praise," an anthem in praise of music. "To be sung on the water," a highly atmospheric piece by U.S. composer Samuel Barber, and "Fire, fire my heart" by Thomas Morley, will follow.

Morley, noted for his madrigals and ayres, gives us an enthusiastic 16th century "fa-la-la," in contrast to Barber.

A touch of the unusual follows in Ernst Toch's "Geographical Fugue," a spoken four-part piece that uses the names of various locales to demonstrate classical fugue form. Topping the evening are selections from Marvin Hamlisch's "A Chorus Line," including "I Can Do That," "What I Did For Love" and "One."

Complimentary passes will be provided for faculty and staff. General admission is $3, $2 for students and senior citizens, and may be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information call ext. 4159.

CONFERENCE BUREAU SCHEDULES COMPUTER AND HARNESS RACING COURSES

SVSC and INACOMP are offering four non-credit computer courses. Included are "Introduction to BASIC," "Introduction to Word Processing," and "Introduction to Spreadsheets."

"Introduction to BASIC" is a six-week course designed for people just beginning to learn about small computers. It provides the fundamental building blocks for programming that support all programming languages. The concepts introduced in class will help students get better use from purchased software. Cost of the course is $60, and classes meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The course will be taught in Saginaw on April 23 and 30. Bay City dates are April 18 and 25, and again on May 2, 9, 16 and 23.

"Introduction to Word Processing" will examine the software tools available to increase productivity in the office. In the three-week session students will learn how to build and edit documents, move texts and use special control characteristics. Special attention will be given to general techniques so students can adapt to another package if necessary. The course costs $40, and will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Saginaw dates are May 6, 13 and 20; Bay City dates are April 10, 17 and 24, and again May 6, 13 and 20; and Midland dates include May 6, 13 and 20.

"Introduction to Spreadsheets" is a three-week course geared toward students who operate the Lotus worksheet. Sessions will cover introductory as well as some of the more advanced features of 1-2-3 so students will have a practical working knowledge of the program. Course cost is $60, and classes will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. In Saginaw, dates are April 15, 22, and 29, and again May 15, 22 and 29; in Bay City, April 8, 15 and 22, and again May 15, 22, and 29; and in Midland, April 10, 17 and 24, and again May 15, 22 and 29.

All classes will be held at INACOMP centers in Saginaw, Bay City and Midland.
Also, SVSC is offering a non-credit course titled "Harness Racing: The Sport and The Business."

The eight-week session will provide an opportunity to learn the history of harness racing from professional horsemen. Included will be presentations on the skills of breeding, breaking, training, and driving the harness racehorse. Employment opportunities within the sport will be examined. Students will be shown how to read a race program, and how to handicap a race. Demonstrations at a local harness track or at a training center will be included, along with a visit to a breeding farm.

The class will meet on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon beginning April 27 through June 15, 1985. The first three classes will be held at SVSC in '68 Building, room 14. Cost is $40. Early registration is encouraged since class size will be limited.

To register for any of the above courses, send name, address, phone number and a check (made payable to SVSC) to Kelly Higgs in the Conference Bureau. SVSC reserves the right to cancel classes with insufficient enrollment. For further information, call ext. 4162.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--There are still some openings for the Trip to France sponsored by SVSC. Travelers will spend nine days in Paris and the Chateaux between June 29 and July 7. Cost of the tour is approximately $1,060, including round trip air fare from Detroit, transportation in Europe, tour guides, hotel accommodations, and service charges. Registrations are being accepted up to Friday, April 5. For further information, contact Dr. Ricardo Pastor, trip organizer, by phoning ext. 4486.

--John Hofer from Interchange Plus will highlight developments in the field of business communications at the Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club meeting on Wednesday, April 10 in lower level Doan. The evening begins with a 6:00 p.m. social hour, followed by a buffet dinner at 6:45. Cost is $7, and advance registrations must be made by Friday, April 5. For more detailed information, call the BIDI office at extension 4048.

--Have you made reservations for the Spring Concert Band Concert to be held Monday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Theatre? All faculty and staff will receive a complimentary ticket by phoning ext. 4159.

--Learn how to handle stress by following the advice of Beth Kriewall at the luncheon/lecture Tuesday, April 9. The presentation will begin at noon in lower level Doan, and guests may bring a lunch along or purchase one at the Doan snack bar. Admission is free. For information, call ext. 4260.

--The final Leadership Workshop will be held today at 4:30 p.m. in lower level Doan. Diane Brimmer will present "Publicity for Campus Activities." Please encourage your students to attend. For additional information, call ext. 4260.

--The Valley Film Society will screen "The Rules of the Game" on Friday, April 5 at 7:45 p.m. in Wickes Hall lecture theatre. Admission is by pro-rated membership. Call ext. 4303 for details.

--A Good Friday Holy Hour will be held April 5 from noon to 1:00 p.m. in lower level Doan. A service of readings, meditations and sermons will be presented every ten minutes. Admission is free. Call ext. 4423 for further information.

--The fifth annual Student Recognition Day is set for Wednesday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the Theatre. Offices included in the program will be asked to submit materials. A dessert reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the theatre lobby. For additional details, call Diane Brimmer at ext. 4260.

--The Saginaw Valley Blood Program will conduct a blood drive on Thursday, April 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the third floor Wickes Concourse. According to Gloria Hansen, only three to five percent of the population give blood while 95 percent of people who reach age 72 will use it. Health Services would like to double the amount of giving units, and have set a goal of 100 pints. If you have questions, contact Health Services at ext. 4272.
ACROSS CAMPUS

--Dr. Ricardo Pastor, professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, was elected by the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters to serve as the 1986 vice-chairperson for the Foreign Languages and Literatures section. Pastor attended the 89th annual meeting of the Academy held at Michigan State University March 22 and 23, where he presented a paper titled "La Telarana: Novela Argentino de la Supervivencia del exiliado."

Dr. V. Emilio Castaneda, associate professor of Spanish, also attended the meeting to deliver his paper on "Pedro Paramo: El Muerto Imperio del Poder." Others attending and making presentations include: Dr. Robert C. Braddock, professor of history, on "J.H. Plumb and the New Eighteenth Century"; Dr. Thomas J. Renna, professor of history, on "The Celestial Jerusalem in Apocalypse Illuminations"; and Dr. Drew E. Hinderer, associate professor of philosophy and English, on "Anselm's Ontological Argument and 'Conceivability.'" Hinderer serves as chairperson for the Medieval Studies section, and Dr. Basil A. Clark, professor of English, is the vice-chairperson.

GOOD FRIDAY POLICY

Time not to exceed four hours per year will be allowed for employees to attend services in observance of Good Friday, Passover or other religious occasions. Time will be granted with pay when taken with prior departmental approval. Questions may be directed to Personnel at ext. 4108.

EVENTWATCH

Apr. 1-22 ... Art Gallery: Hiedi Hobde
Apr. 2 ... Leadership Workshop
Apr. 4 ... W SB: SVSC vs Alma College
Apr. 5 ... Good Friday Holy Hour
Apr. 5 ... VFS: "The Rules of the Game"
Apr. 8 ... Concert: Concert Band
Apr. 8 ... W SB: SVSC vs Lake Superior
Apr. 9 ... Luncheon/Lecture: Beth Krlewall
Apr. 9 ... W SB: SVSC vs Michigan State

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

HIGH FIVE

SVSC was well-represented in this year's NAIA men's and women's basketball All-American teams. Center Dan Farley earned First-Team honors for the men's team, while point guard James Preston received honorable mention status. Farley averaged 15.5 points and 9.7 rebounds in his fourth season as a starter at SVSC, while Preston led the Cards in scoring with a 16.3 average.

On the women's side, center Beverly Sanders was named to Second Team and point guard Gail Goestenkors to Third Team honors for their outstanding play, while forward Sophia Yarger was an honorable mention selection. Sanders led the Lady Cards with a 15.8 scoring average this season, while pulling down 8.1 caroms per game. Goestenkors averaged 10.3 points per game and led the team in assists with 152. Yarger scored 9.6 points and averaged seven rebounds per game.

Both teams won their respective GLIAC championships this season, while the Lady Cards went on to finish second in the nation in the NAIA national tourney.

THE SALAD BAR CONCERT SERIES IN DOAN MALL MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO ENJOY LUNCH DESPITE A BUSY SCHEDULE AND A LOW LUNCH MONEY ALLOWANCE. HERE, BLUEGRASS FANS APPRECIATE THE ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY HELEN HOSKINS AND HOME-GROWN BLUEGRASS.