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SVSC RECEIVES GRANT FOR FINE ARTS PROJECT

A grant of $2.5 million has been contributed by The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland to SVSC. College officials expressed gratitude to the Foundation for the gift, which will be used to assist in the construction of a Fine Arts Center.

"This new Fine Arts Center will replace obsolete classrooms, and will provide SVSC with excellent facilities for our programs in both music and the visual arts," said President Jack M. Ryder. "In addition it will include a unique sculpture gallery exhibiting the work of Marshall M. Fredericks, a world-renowned sculptor from Birmingham, Michigan."

The facility will allow for the development of musical talent for solo, ensemble, band, orchestra and vocal performance through the use of individual and small group practice rooms and a full scale rehearsal hall. A variety of studios will be available to develop talent in the visual arts, including drawing, painting, lithography, ceramics, photography and sculpture.

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery will include models, drawings, photographs and bronze castings of the artist's work. Also, it will have educational displays depicting the process of sculptural creation from the conception of an idea through the finished work.

"Marshall Fredericks' contribution of his life's work is a priceless gift to the College," Ryder said. "The Gallery will be a fitting tribute to a master sculptor whose contribution to humanity extends well beyond his art."

In announcing the Dow Foundation grant, Ryder said the contribution "is the most significant single gift Saginaw Valley State College has received in its 22-year history." The grant is the lead gift received by SVSC in its efforts to raise private contributions for completing the project. Ryder said the College plans to raise the entire cost of the estimated $7 million structure from a variety of foundations, corporations, friends and alumni of SVSC.

Herbert H. Dow, president of The Dow Foundation, said the gift demonstrates the Foundation's faith in the future of SVSC as a dynamic force in the development of the Saginaw Valley region.

Additional gifts have been received from individuals and families in the amount of $2,580,000. Other foundations and corporations in Midland, Saginaw, Bay City and Cass City have contributed a year-to-date total of $695,000. In addition, Ryder announced an anonymous challenge gift of $250,000 from an individual. The amount can be claimed if the fund raising effort is completed by December 31, 1985. Including the challenge gift, a total of $6,025,000 has been committed toward the estimated $7 million cost of the Center. The balance of $975,000 must be raised by the end of December, 1985. Ryder called for an "outpouring of community support for the new Center." He said only commitments are needed by December 31, and pledges may be paid over a three-year period from 1986-88.
SURVEYS STILL BEING ACCEPTED

Survey forms on off-campus educational programs, circulated to the campus community in November, still are being accepted by Mary Hawkins, coordinator of the Oscoda/Wurtsmith Center. Hawkins, who thanks those who have completed the survey, will mail forms to anyone interested in responding. For further information call ext. 4097 or 4068.

PRESENTATION COMMEMORATES BIRTH OF MARK TWAIN

Dr. Gary Thompson, associate professor of English, will travel to Siena College in New York on December 13 to deliver a paper titled, "Doubles, Twins, and Dopplegangers."

Thompson is among 50 participants from throughout North America and Hawaii who will deliver papers at the major symposium, "Mark Twain and His America," in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Langhorn Clemens, and the 100th anniversary of the publication of Huckleberry Finn.

Thompson has studied and taught courses in Twain for a number of years, but does not consider himself a "Twain scholar."

"Twain is a minor sideline for me," said Thompson. "It is difficult to conduct too much research when you are responsible for 12 hours of classes, too, but I find that [the subject of] Twain draws students into class." In preparing his paper, however, Thompson found time to research. He used information gathered previously, as well as new data.

"I had traveled earlier to the University of California where Twain's papers are located, and had done some research there," said Thompson. "Then I checked the indexes at the library here, and found the sources I needed here and at the Central Michigan Library."

"Twain wrote to popularize himself, and that is what has happened," commented Thompson. "People see the Twain they want to see: some see him through his works; some see him as a social critic; others may see him as the teller of tall tales," he added.

According to Thompson, Twain is probably the most universal American author.

"When I was in Warsaw, I found a Twain text of No. 44 The Mysterious Stranger. Twain was known world-wide at the time of his death," Thompson said. "Twain isn't near the artist that some authors are, but the character of Twain transcends itself."

Thompson recently spent two years in Poland on a Fulbright grant, finding out how much students really knew about Twain. He was assigned to Katolicki Universytet Lubelski (Catholic University in Lublin), Poland. Thompson added that he taught other subjects as well, depending on the needs of the department at the university.

Also in commemoration of Twain and his Huck Finn will be a new edition of Huckleberry Finn and a new edition of No. 44 The Mysterious Stranger, to be published by the University of California, which publishes scholarly editions of Twain's works.

SVSC HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS NAMED

New Honor Society officers are Geraldine Broughman, president; Patti Tucker, vice president; and Ann Clynick, secretary. The Honor Society meets the first Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in Pioneer Annex #1. Encourage students who are members to contact Broughman at 777-3628 or Clynick at 793-6833 for information on upcoming events.

1986 APPOINTMENT CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Departments may order 1986 calendars through Central Stores. Calendars available include: Stock #30, Calendar refills, $.88 each; #31, Desk pad calendars, $1.69 each; #32, Weekly appointment books - pocket style, $2.22 each; and #33, Weekly appointment books - desk style, $2.49 each.

HONOR SOCIETY ACHIEVES NATIONAL STATUS

The SVSC Honors Society of Nursing received national recognition on November 15, 1985, when delegates at the 28th Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau voted to admit the local group to chapter status. Sigma Theta Tau is a national honors society of nursing.

Attempts to establish an SVSC chapter of Sigma Theta Tau began several years ago when nursing faculty who were members of the organization found themselves more than a hundred miles from the nearest state chapters. In 1983 SVSC organized an honors society in nursing, and has been working since then to gain chapter status, according to Margaret M. Flatt, assistant professor of nursing.
"The Honors Society has brought nursing leaders to SVSC to conduct programs, and has provided opportunities for local nurse researchers to share their studies with peers," Flatt said. "It has enhanced collegiality among nursing leaders in the Tri-Cities area."

An official chartering ceremony will take place at SVSC next spring, marking the honors society's attainment of chapter status. The Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, based at the University of Michigan, has been named as mentor chapter to the SVSC group. "Rho Chapter will provide consultative services to SVSC's group, and the two chapters will work together on a regional assembly to be held in Ann Arbor in 1987," Flatt said.

She said a national officer from Sigma Theta Tau will preside at the chartering ceremony. "Membership is a great honor bestowed on those registered nurses and nursing students who demonstrate exceptional capability in the areas of academic achievement and professional leadership."

Officers of the SVSC group for 1985-86 are: president, Sally Decker, assistant professor of nursing; president elect, Mary Mullen Graiver, assistant professor of nursing; vice president, Sandra Fritz-Kelly, an assistant professor of nursing at Delta College; secretary, Susan Gatza, a staff nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw; and treasurer, Deborah Bowman, adjunct professor of nursing at SVSC. Flatt and Janalou Blecke, associate professor of nursing, serve as advisors. SVSC was represented at the Biennial Convention by Graiver, R.N., M.S.N., and Flatt, R.N., M.A. Nearly 1,200 delegates attended the conference.

SVSC will offer two courses taught by Yoshida during Winter 1986 semester. The first, titled "Japanese Culture Through Arts" (Humanities 355), is a three credit hour course that will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00. Yoshida will present video tapes as well as actual samples of Japanese arts and crafts.

"Arts of Japan" (Art 470) is the second offering, a three credit hour course that will meet on Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students, influenced by Yoshida's teachings, will learn how to create ceramic sculptures.

Arrangements have been made for Yoshida to use a kiln at Delta College, and he will be presenting demonstrations and workshops there at various times throughout the year.

Members of the SVSC community are encouraged to welcome Professor Yoshida and his wife to Saginaw. Those interested in participating in his classes or workshops may contact Gene Hamilton at ext. 4069 for more information about Yoshida or the courses, or the registrar's office for details on registration.

**BRIEFLY SPEAKING**

-- The **Snack Bar** will be closed Friday, December 13, at 9:30 p.m., through Saturday, January 4. It will reopen Sunday, January 5, at 2:00 p.m. Regular service for winter semester will resume Monday, January 6.

-- The **Baha'i Club** of SVSC will host a **Global Holiday Exhibition** on Wednesday, December 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Doan Mall. Admission is free.

-- Persons interested in attending the **Annual Holiday Luncheon** still may make reservations. The luncheon will be held at the Sky Room, Tri-City Airport, on Thursday, December 12, beginning at noon. Cost is $7. To make reservations, call ext. 4293, 4296 or 4045.

-- **Flu vaccine** is available in Health Services for a $6 fee. Any faculty or staff interested in receiving the vaccine can stop in at Wickes 316 A and B, or phone ext. 4272.

-- **Eventworks** is sponsoring a spring festival of media and performance art held in Boston in April. Funding is available for persons interested in submitting a proposal for the event. Deadline is January 1, 1986. Call (617) 731-2040 for more detailed information.

**VISITING JAPANESE PROFESSOR TO TEACH AT SVSC**

A professor of art from Shikoku Women's University (SKU) in Tokushima, Japan, will be in residence at SVSC from January through August, 1986. Mr. Naoyuki Yoshida teaches art and ceramic sculpture at SKU, and will come to SVSC as part of an exchange program between the two institutions.

Yosida, 36, is a graduate of Tokushima University. An accomplished sculptor and artist, he has had several individual exhibitions in such locations as Tokushima, Kochi, Nagoya and Kyoto, Japan. His works also have been on display at the Faenza National Museum in Italy.
ACROSS CAMPUS

--Mr. Tirumale Ramesh, instructor of electrical engineering, presented a lecture, entitled "V.L.S.I. Technology: A Tutorial," on Tuesday, December 3, at SVSC. Ramesh discussed advancements in V.L.S.I. high-technology and its social impact, and provided examples of some novel V.L.S.I. design styles. Ramesh has several years of experience in the development of advanced V.L.S.I. technology at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPAC).

--Dr. Elaine Stephens, associate professor of education, spoke at the Midland County Reading Association dinner meeting on November 12. Her topic was "Teaching Reading In The Content Areas."

--Ms. Gayle Leece, publications designer, is one of 90 artists whose works have been accepted for exhibition in the Saginaw Art Museum's "All Area 1985" show. Also displaying are six SVSC students and graduates, including Dennis Ullrich, Vicki Hollenbeck, Patricia Williams, Jean Bortner, Marilyn Longtain, and Christine Krabbe. Dr. Joseph Ishikawa, director of the Kresge Art Museum at MSU, was the juror. The show runs December 8 through January 5, 1986.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE EFFORT UNDER WAY

On Wednesday evening, December 4, fire completely destroyed the home of Brenda Peters, instructor of sociology. She and her four children lost everything except the clothes they had been wearing. The loss is only slightly covered by insurance. Donations of food and household items are desperately needed for the Peters family. A series of drop-off locations have been designated around campus. For more information, contact Bob Thaler at ext. 4372.

HOLIDAY CLOSING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCED

To conserve energy and reduce expenditures during the Christmas/New Year's holiday break, campus offices will be closed beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 20. All offices except Admissions will remain closed through Sunday, December 29. Offices will reopen Monday, December 30, but will close again Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1. The official paid holidays will be December 24 and 25 for Christmas, and December 31 and January 1 for New Year's.

The Admissions Office will be open Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The library will continue to receive weekly shipments of approval plan books during holiday break, but faculty will not be able to review the books after Friday, December 20, or before Thursday, January 2. Other library services will be available on Monday, December 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Employees wishing to receive payment for December 23, 26 and 27 must use either vacation or personal days. Employees who are members of a bargaining unit are covered by the provisions of their contract, and should contact either the personnel office or the executive committee of their unit with questions about arrangements. Those employees who do not have sufficient vacation or personal time may request advance leave.

To facilitate the December 27 payroll, time cards should be submitted at regular pick-up spots by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 16. This will require that hours be estimated for December 16-20. Paychecks for the 27th will be delivered December 20, and can be cashed on December 20. For further information, call ext. 4216.

Mail will not be sorted or delivered during holiday break. Dale Irish, director of business and auxiliary services, anticipates there will be some backlog when offices reopen on January 2. "Please be assured, however, that all outgoing mail will be processed and delivered to the post office as usual when offices reopen," he said.

Physical Plant personnel will assist with moving heavy or secured equipment to an area designated in each complex. Please turn off all lights, unplug portable radios, clocks, refrigerators, etc. Departments that have electric typewriters should call ext. 4080.
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The Saginaw Valley State College Board of Control approved retaining the firm of Giffels/Hoyem & Basso as architects for a proposed Health and Physical Education Complex to be constructed at SVSC. Board action was based on the recommendation of an architectural review committee that had interviewed five finalists from a field including over 30 applications.

President Jack M. Ryder noted that Giffels/Hoyem & Basso have completed or are working on several major projects, including the Spartan All Events Arena and the Plant and Soil Science Building at Michigan State University. He said reasons for selecting the firm include their up-to-date approach that uses computers to aid in building design. "They can move ahead rapidly," he said, "which is important to us because we have an immediate need for the building."

According to Board member Charles Curtiss, who served on the review committee, Giffels/Hoyem & Basso have an excellent reputation for designing energy efficient buildings. Board members also gave positive consideration to the fact that the firm is Michigan based, with headquarters in Troy.

Ryder expressed appreciation to local legislators, to the program statement committee that prepared the proposal presented to the State of Michigan Bureau of Facilities for approval, and to the architectural review committee. Included on the program statement committee were Dr. Gary Davis, assistant to the president; Ms. Donna J. Roberts of the Board of Fellows; Dr. Sam Sarkar, professor of economics; and alumnus Joe Vogl. The architectural review committee, chaired by Dr. Douglas E. Hansen, professor of physical education, included Ms. Cheryl A. Thiem, instructor of nursing; Dr. George W. Eastland, Jr., professor of chemistry; Robert D. Hanes, director of engineering services; Robert T. Becker, athletic director; and Board members Charles Curtiss and John W. Kendall.

Board members heard a brief report from President Ryder on his recent visit to Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the People's Republic of China. While in China, Ryder signed an exchange agreement with Suzhou University. "We also were able to reinforce exchange agreements that we have (with Shikoku Women's University in Tokushima, Japan and Khyung Hee University in Korea), and to make them more specific," he said.

Board members learned that Dr. William Hoffmann, professor of history, will be the first instructor to represent SVSC at Suzhou University. Also, Dr. Norman Sterchele, associate professor of education, will teach at Shikoku Women's University this winter. In return, SKU is sending Professor Naoyuki Yoshida to SVSC in January. (See story on page 3.)

A preliminary report on winter semester admissions and course registrations was presented by Dick Thompson, executive director of admissions and student development. Total admissions for the coming
semster are slightly ahead of the figure for the same period a year ago. Saginaw and Midland counties show increases in the number of first-time-in-college students admitted this year, but Bay County is below last year's total. All totals compare admissions through November of 1984 to those through November of 1985.

Thompson reported that registration for winter semester courses is about 70 percent complete. Based on totals to date, he expects an increase of about five percent in the number of students registering for winter '86 compared to winter '85.

The Board approved a resolution granting sabbaticals to 12 faculty members. In asking support for the recommendation, Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Yien noted that faculty must have at least six consecutive years of service at SVSC to be eligible for sabbatical leave. He said that service, research and other factors also were considered, and that faculty are expected to return for at least one year of teaching following sabbatical leave.

Those approved were: Dr. Kay Harley, professor of English; Dr. Leslie Whittaker, professor of English; Ms. Sally Decker, assistant professor of nursing; Dr. William Gourd, professor of communications/theater; Ms. Janalou Blecke, associate professor of nursing; Dr. Terry Ishihara, professor of mechanical engineering; Dr. Janet Robinson, professor of psychology; Dr. Norman Sterchele, associate professor of education; Dr. Harriet Tillock, professor of sociology; Dr. Samuel Levine, professor of chemistry; Dr. William Hoffmann, professor of history; and Dr. Thomas Gillespie, professor of mechanical engineering. "This represents about 9.5 percent of our full-time faculty, and is indicative of the administration's commitment to support faculty professional development," he said.

In other action, the Board:

--learned that Dean of Education Guy M. Lee, Jr., would be returning to full-time instruction effective July 1, 1986. The search for a replacement will begin immediately.

--scheduled a planning retreat for Saturday, April 5, 1986. Dr. Ann K. Dickey, director of institutional research and planning, will be canvassing Board members to determine topics to be covered at the retreat. "We will go beyond the annual (planning) process and look at the longer term future of the college," Dickey said.

--voted to accept the annual financial audit by Yeo & Yeo, CPA's.

--approved a housing and food services operating budget for 1985-86 that projects net operating income of $130,800. In addition, the budget forecasts $70,000 income from bookstore operations, $27,000 in interest income, and $10,002 from debt service grant. A required debt service payment of $134,351 is expected to leave approximately $103,451 as a contribution to required college reserves. Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock explained that income and expense figures for the apartment complex are incomplete because this is the first year of operation for the facilities.

--updated the 1978 delegation of contractual authority to the president and vice presidents. The approved changes recognize organizational changes that reduced the number of vice presidents from four to two.

--approved adoption of an investment policy that outlines the philosophy and objectives for two types of asset groupings. They are 1) working capital assets, needed to meet operational requirements of the college; and 2) endowment fund assets to meet long-term investment needs when appropriate.

--approved the establishment of the Harold W. Peterson Award for Excellence in Elementary or Secondary School Teaching. The award will be funded through the Harold W. Peterson Endowment Fund. Initially, $600 will be awarded annually, to be split equally between the recipient of the honor and his/her program in the school where he/she is employed. The total amount to be expended annually will be increased to $1,000 when the endowment is fully funded. Senior students in SVSC's School of Education will be invited to nominate one of their former elementary or secondary teachers from the SVSC service area for the award. A selection committee will make the final choice from the nominee list. The recipient will receive a plaque, and names of awardees will be placed on a permanent plaque to be placed in the School of Education office or other appropriate location. The recipient may be invited to serve as an adjunct faculty member the year following receipt of the award.