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FEDERAL PROGRAM HELPS WOMAN ACHIEVE EDUCATIONAL GOAL

"The first time I heard the word 'thesaurus' I thought it was a dinosaur!" said 49-year-old Ofelia Olivarez. Olivarez recently became the first graduate of the SVSC 1985-86 Title VII Bilingual Teacher Training Program with a degree in elementary education.

"I left school in the tenth grade, got married and had four children. I didn't think much about a career other than the one I had as a wife and mother," said Olivarez. "That was my work, and my goal was to see my children educated."

Upon seeing her children educated and married, Olivarez began working in a bank and attending night school in Bridgeport to obtain her General Education Diploma (GED). "That is where I was first given the idea to attend college," Olivarez said. She discussed her plan fully with her family twice before making her decision.

In 1977, Olivarez accepted a job as a teacher's aide in the Saginaw School District, a position that would pay her tuition, and she started classes at SVSC in 1978. "I always felt so much a part of the group here," said Olivarez. "The night classes allowed me to take classes at times when I needed to, and I found that there were students like



**Ofelia
Olivarez**

me all around. Now that I have my first degree, I feel good! I feel like I have accomplished something for myself."

The bilingual endorsement certifies Olivarez to teach children in Spanish. "When a child hears you speak in his language, he just perks right up," said Olivarez. She added that she has dealt with many Spanish speaking children in her work in the Saginaw area.

Olivarez is now taking classes and substitute teaching for the Saginaw School District, and hoping to secure a full-time position in the district. Her next project is to begin working on a Master of Arts degree, with a major in Spanish.

"My husband asks me when I'm ever going to be done with my classes. I just tell him that once you start, you must never give up. I will never be through learning," concluded Olivarez.

. . . Only 2 million of the 12 million college students in the country are of ages 18 to 22, attend class full time, and live on campus.

Source: **AASCU Memo**

. . . "If your institution wishes to actively recruit nontraditional students, it must commit itself to providing for them, not only with courses and degrees but also with services."

William W. Lace

Tarrant Cnty. Jr. College

. . . "The future of many colleges may rest on their ability to reorganize and initiate new educational opportunities for the non-traditional student."

Carnegie Commission Report

. . . "(Education) should become a part of all of life...learning is a year-round, lifelong, continuous process."

Newman Report on Higher Education

. . . By 1993 students age 25 and older will account for 49 percent of college enrollment.

National Center for Education Statistics

. . . In 1976 43% of SVSC students were 25 or older. By fall 1985, 50% of our students were in that age bracket.

Source: **SVSC Fact Book**

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS HEALTHY DESPITE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS

International education administrators who met recently in San Antonio, Texas studied the impact of terrorism on study-abroad programs and concluded that most programs were operating as scheduled.

More than 200 administrators, representing over 800 study-abroad programs, met in conjunction with the 38th annual conference of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA). They issued a statement expressing concern that "there had been media exaggeration" of the risks related to international travel.

"Of the 6.6 million Americans who visited Europe last year, ten were killed by terrorists," observed Joe Lurie, executive vice president of Open Door Student Exchange. "The chances of being killed or injured in a terrorist attack are comparable to that of being struck by lightning."

A resolution supporting the promotion of a more informed and objective reaction to the threat of terrorism and reaffirming the association's commitment to international educational exchange was adopted unanimously at NAFSA's annual business meeting.

Dr. Eugene Hamilton, dean of continuing education and international programs, said reports of terrorism had little apparent effect on participation in international exchanges here. "We had the largest number of students ever go to Japan in May," said Hamilton. He pointed out that there has been little or no terrorism in the far east to influence the decision of

students and parents regarding travel there. "Of course, there was not a nuclear incident in the Orient that could have a negative impact on travel plans," he said.

He noted that some students had withdrawn from a June study tour in England. They listed a variety of reasons, including financial constraints, personal problems, and concern about international tensions.

Ten others who signed up for the summer program completed the journey. "Everything went very smoothly, and things were just fine," he said.

SVSC EMPLOYEE SHARES IN HISTORY-REPEATING JOURNEY

Daniel Taylor, an H.V.A.C. assistant in physical plant, was one of 17 men from the Historical Society of Saginaw County to reenact a voyageur canoe trip of some 200 years ago.

"Everything about the trip was fantastic," Taylor remarked. "We had 14 men in a 34-foot birch bark canoe, and it took us just over a week to cover about 240 miles on Lake Huron." The crew headed off Friday, June 27 from Ojibway Island with a destination of Mackinaw City.

"We stopped at the same ports that were used for trade back then. We had mayors and local dignitaries greet us at each stop," Taylor explained. He mentioned there were some frightening moments, particularly when the waves on the lake rose above two feet. "The canoe, when loaded up, was only eight inches above the water. It didn't take long for it to fill up with water when we turned into the waves. Another close call

Three students are registered to study in Greece next winter semester, Hamilton said. They are participating in a program sponsored by the American Heritage Association.

"The Association has years of experience in planning study abroad programs," Hamilton said. "I trust the agencies that we work with. They monitor programs carefully and would tell us if travel conditions were dangerous.

"When our information comes from sources like NAFSA or CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange), we feel that they have looked into it, and it is safe."

was when we barely missed striking the pillars under the [Mackinaw] Bridge."

Taylor said the Historical Society will attempt to make the trip an annual event. This year's event was funded in part by a grant from Michigan National Bank. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Society.

SNACK BAR SETS HOURS

The Snack Bar will be closed beginning Thursday, August 21 through Saturday, August 31. It will reopen Monday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m.

GRAPHICS CENTER NEWS

Persons who will be placing orders in the Graphics Center are reminded to get work in early to avoid the fall semester rush. In addition, please submit orders for letterhead imprinting no later than August 15. Call extension 4278 for further information.

JAPANESE STUDENTS SAMPLE WESTERN CULTURE

Eating can be more than an adventure; it also offers a learning experience if you're far from home. Sixteen students from Shikoku Women's University in Tokushima, Japan, are sampling the cuisine at several area restaurants as part of a course in English Language and Culture. The young women are participating in an exchange program between SWU and SVSC. They will spend three weeks studying and taking field trips to learn about the U.S.

Their adventures in eating range from take out orders picked up at local fast-food chains to elegant dining where they must order from restaurant menus. They also will have an opportunity to sample "home cooking" during weekend stays with local families.

In addition to learning English, their program includes a visit to the State Capitol in Lansing, a tour of Midland's Dow Gardens, sightseeing at Mackinac Island, and trips to Toronto and Niagara Falls. They will take time to share their culture with local residents by performing at the Ethnic Festival in Saginaw at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 2.

They found at least one familiar face waiting to greet them when they arrived in Saginaw. Professor Naoyuki Yoshida has been at SVSC since January, serving as visiting professor of art. SVSC hosts a group of Japanese students each summer, and SVSC students and instructors also travel to SWU under the exchange agreement. Lissa Mallory is serving as coordinator of the students' activities this summer. She is assisted by Joyce Buck and Karen Totten.



SVSC EXPLORES EXCHANGE WITH CANADIAN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Ron Ianni, president, and Dr. Gordon Wood, academic vice president at the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada, visited SVSC on July 9 to explore the possibilities for exchange programs or other cooperative projects between the two institutions. Dr. Eugene Hamilton, dean for continuing education and international programs, hosted the meeting and planned activities ranging from a campus tour to

literature exchange and meetings with SVSC administrators.

Among the linkages under consideration are exchange of guest lecturers through a Canadian Studies Program grant, exchange of co-op or intern students within the physical education and human kinetics programs, and special events involving the music, theatre and art departments of the two institutions. Reciprocal visits of faculty and staff also are under study.



Attending the meeting here are [clockwise from foreground] Dr. Eugene Hamilton, Dr. Ron Ianni, Dr. Robert Yien, Dr. James Mitchell, and Dr. Gordon Wood.

BUILDING UPDATE

Item - I.F. 2: Work on the science building has been substantially completed, and it will be turned over to SVSC this week. "This will allow us to begin installation of carpets and other furnishings that the College has responsibility for providing," said Bob Hanes, director of engineering services. The move into the science building is scheduled to begin August 4. Hanes anticipates that Brown Hall also will be substantially completed and turned over to SVSC the week of August 4. "We will begin installation of carpeting and fixed furniture shortly thereafter."

There was some picketing at the I.F. 2 building site during the past week. The action was of short duration and protested the use of non-union labor brought in by DeMaria to complete such chores as window washing before the buildings were transmitted to SVSC. It did not impact the completion of work.

Item - Fine Arts Center:

Steel erection began on July 24 and will be completed in approximately 2 1/2 weeks. All foundations are complete, and finished floors will be poured. Bricklaying will begin August 1, Hanes said.

Item - H. & P. E. Complex: Bob Hanes, Athletic Director Bob Becker, and Doug Hansen met with the project architects in Troy on July 17 and 18 to check progress on the preliminary drawings. Hansen reported that all work is proceeding on schedule. The group will meet again with the

architects on July 31 to review plans. If the drawings are complete and satisfactory, they will be submitted to the State on August 1 for approval.

"BENEFIT" CLARIFICATION

Recently several members of the campus community have been contacted by phone by an individual claiming to offer a "new benefit provided by the College." The caller then asks to set an appointment, either at SVSC or the person's home, to discuss the "new benefit."

According to Jerry A. Woodcock, vice president for administration and business affairs, the caller is incorrect in saying that SVSC is sponsoring new benefits. "Any changes in our fringe benefit programs will be announced to campus personnel through the **Interior** or a special mailing," he said. The company involved had asked for our policy regarding providing payroll deduction and it is believed they purchased a Faculty/Staff Directory from the bookstore to obtain a calling list. The only way the College might become indirectly involved in the program being presented (cancer insurance) is to extend a service that has been offered for some time; that is, when five or more individuals desire a payroll deduction to the same institution, and an agreement between SVSC and the institution can be reached, the payroll deduction will be offered. Persons with questions about the calls, SVSC fringe benefits, or payroll deduction plans should contact the Personnel Office.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--Some 20 campus employees assisted in making the **1986 Phon-A-Thon to Returning Students** a success. The survey is designed to retain students from one semester to the next. Many thanks to those who participated in this effort.

--The new location for **Evening Services** is room 319, Wickes Hall. This arrangement is temporary until the office is relocated to Brown Hall. Watch for details in the "Interior."

--**Valley State Employees Credit Union** broke ground recently for construction of a new office building, located on McLeod Drive just off Fashion Square Boulevard. An October 1986 opening is planned.

--Campus employees who need to have portraits taken (or retaken) for the **Faculty-Staff Directory** are requested to make an appointment on August 5, 6, or 7. Call Mark Cornillie at extension 4086.

PERSONNEL

STAFF ASSISTANT, Facilities Scheduling/Conference Bureau: Full time (new) administrative position. Requires bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of experience and education. Salary: Minimum of \$14,000, dependent on experience. Deadline for applications is August 4.

HIGH FIVE

Nine SVSC football and 20 men's basketball games will be broadcast on **WBCM** Radio 1440 AM this year.

All SVSC faculty and staff, particularly those who are new, are encouraged to attend the **1986 Faculty/Staff Orientation** program set for Wednesday and Thursday, August 27 and 28 in lower level Doan Center. Copies of the program will be distributed at a future date.