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HOFFMANN READIES FOR ORIENTAL EXPERIENCE

An American teaching English to the Chinese? Not so rare. Maybe. Unless the American instructor's understanding of the language is limited to the chow menu.

But Dr. William Hoffmann is willing to take a risk and take on the challenge. Actually, Hoffmann said the English class probably will assist his Chinese students in learning conversational English. He added that the pupils have a fifth grade vocabulary -- not bad for what to them is a foreign language.

Hoffmann is eager to start his endeavor, beginning with a journey through India December 27. He will teach in Suzhou University, near Shanghai, February 18 through June 14.

"It's not going to be easy," Hoffmann said. "I'm trying to learn to speak Chinese." In addition to teaching English, Hoffmann also will teach history, most likely American history.

Hoffmann is the first from SVSC to make the trip to China as part of SVSC's exchange agreement with Suzhou University in Suzhou, China.

"I hope to learn a lot and I hope to get an understanding of China and get a real feel for the people," Hoffmann said. "I hope, in my small way, I can build a bridge of friendship between two great nations."

Hoffmann said he has been reading information concerning China, particularly the recent history.

When he returns, Hoffmann said he will teach a one-hour class on China. Eventually, however, he said he would like to develop the course into a three- or four-hour class on the Third World nations, of which China is a part.

Hoffmann said he anticipates the students at Suzhou University will be more serious about education than the typical American college student because it is much more difficult to gain admission to the country's colleges.

"On the whole, I feel this is quite an honor and is to be taken very seriously," Hoffmann said. "I hope, too, to bring a better understanding of China back."

Hoffmann said Dr. Xiao-Quan Zhou's tenure as a visiting faculty member in SVSC's physics department did much for the relationship between China and the United States.

"I hope (the Chinese) think as well of me," Hoffmann said. "It's a challenge and I hope they can get something from me."

Etceteras...

"..."No child should grow to adulthood in America without realizing the promise and the peril of the world beyond our borders. Progress made in teaching about world affairs must not lag behind progress made in other areas of American education."

President Lyndon Johnson

"... "A critical leadership responsibility for sensitizing Americans and their elected state and national officials to the urgent tasks ahead in the area of international education rests with faculty members and administrators in state colleges and universities...International programs gauge the extent to which a campus has developed a global perspective...Every scholar who has studied the international education field emphasizes the importance of the institutional mission statement in framing a campus 'world outlook.'"

To Secure the Blessings of Liberty
National Commission on the Role & Future of State Colleges & Universities

"... "SVSC is dedicated to helping students and area citizens acquire the knowledge and skills they need to function effectively in the increasingly interdependent nations of the world."

SVSC Mission Statement
FUTURES FORUM EXPLORERS GENERAL / PROFESSIONAL ED RELATIONSHIP

Session III of the October 26 Futures Forum explored the relationship between general education and professional education for college/university students. Dr. James Hamilton, associate provost at Michigan State University, gave the opening presentation, with responses by Dr. Crystal Lange and Dr. Sachiko Claus.

Saying he considered general education "the essential complement for specialized education," Dr. Hamilton explained that traditionally the responsibility for general education had rested with MSU's Basic College. Currently, general education units are part of related "home" colleges, and a university-wide committee on general education makes decisions on courses, policies and procedures. There are three divisions: art & humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Students may choose between a series option and emphasis areas.

To be included in the general education curriculum, courses must:
1. have social or philosophical perspective.
2. have substantive content.
3. require a range of academic skills.
4. be open to all students.
5. be taught by full-time faculty.

Dr. Hamilton noted that individual colleges or departments may initiate additional admission or graduation requirements for their programs if they feel the university's requirements are insufficient.

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RADIO SHACK OFFERS DISCOUNT

Radio Shack has a special offer on the Tandy 1000EX Computer Package. Full-time faculty and staff of SVSC may purchase the IBM-compatible package for a special price of $998 through Dec. 24. (The regular price is $1,378.85.) For more information and/or a demonstration of the unit, call John Stauffer at Radio Shack, 791-4388.

SVSC COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

SVSC's Office of Placement and Cooperative Education has received a $4,226 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The 1986-87 Supplemental Funds Program for Cooperative Education grant will be used to assist SVSC's coop education programs.

This is the fourth year the College received the grant. The grant amount is determined by the number of credit hours students earn through co-op and work-study programs.

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Dr. Albert Beutler [left] accepts a $2,500 check from Dr. David S. Evans on behalf of SVSC's Campus Ministries board. Evans is executive director of United Ministries of Higher Education in East Lansing. With Beutler and Evans is Betty O'Neal, the student representative to the board. The funding will assist in the restructuring of a Campus Ministries program at SVSC.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The College will officially close beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, 1986 for the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen Monday, December 29, remain open Tuesday, December 30, but will close again at 4:30 p.m. on December 30 and remain closed through Sunday, January 4 for the New Year holiday.

All offices are to be at least minimally staffed on Monday, December 29 and Tuesday, December 30, unless prior approval has been given from the appropriate Vice President or Executive Committee member for that area to remain closed during those two days. Employees not scheduled to work on Monday or Tuesday (29 or 30) must use either vacation or personal leave days to cover their absences.

December 24 and 25 and December 31 and January 1 represent the designated Christmas and New Year holidays. In addition, December 26 and January 2 also are days off that do not have to be charged against vacation or personal leave time. Employees who are bargaining unit members have these additional two days provided for in their contracts, and the College is extending the same benefit to other employees.

The Admissions Office will follow the closing period outlined above, with the exception of also opening for Friday, January 2 from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. The Library, as previously announced, will be closed from December 14 through January 4 in anticipation of moving into the new Library facilities, and will reopen for business on January 5.

In order to process the December 26 payroll, time-cards should be submitted to regular pick-up points by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 15. This means that hours worked from December 15-19 will have to be estimated. Paychecks for December 26 will be delivered on December 19, and can be cashed on December 19. Mail runs will be made as normal on December 29 and December 30 by the Mailroom.

SVSC STUDENT RECEIVES FIRST BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Clifford Suing, a business senior from Saginaw, was the first recipient of the Palmer-Pinnell Business Scholarship, funded by the Wholesale Division of the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce.

The scholarship recently was established to recognize students of SVSC enrolled in the School of Business and Management. The fund was named to honor William Palmer and J. Raymond Pinnell for their contributions to the Saginaw community.

Suing, 21, has a 3.86 grade point average and works with the accounting firm of Ernst & Whinney of Saginaw. He said he plans to remain within the field of accounting after graduation in the winter of 1987.

Clifford Suing [second from left] accepts a $500 check, presented by J. Raymond Pinnell and William Palmer from the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce. Dr. James Mitchell [left] and faculty of the School of Business and Management selected Suing for the award.

Recipients of the scholarship must have a minimum gpa of 3.0 and be residents of Saginaw County.

Suing was nominated by the faculty of the College's School of Business and Management and selected by Dr. James Mitchell, dean of the school.

The initial award of the scholarship is $500. Annual awards are to be made contingent upon available funds.
BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--Clayton Dickey and Dr. Ann Dickey, director of Institutional Research and Planning, will discuss "Russia's Four Grand Cities and Chernobyl," from 4 to 5 p.m., Tues., Jan. 27, in the faculty lounge of Wickes Hall.

--Special rush hours have been established for the SVSC Bookstore to accommodate those returning for the winter semester. The bookstore will be open between noon and 5 p.m., Sun., Jan. 4; from 8:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., Mon., Jan. 5 to Thur., Jan. 8; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fri., Jan. 9; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., Jan. 10. In addition, Fri., Jan. 23, is the last day recipients may charge purchases to financial aid.

--"Tight Little Island," the tale of desperate whiskey-starved islanders making a daring moonlight raid on a wrecked cargo ship, will be shown by the Valley Film Society at 7:45 p.m., Fri., Dec. 19, in the Wickes Lecture Hall.

PERSONNEL

ASSISTANT OR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, Finance: full-time, tenure-track position (replacement). Salary negotiable.

All internal applications must be received in the Personnel Office by Monday, December 22, 1986.

Saginaw Valley State College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. For further information, call the Personnel Office at ext. 4112.

HIGH FIVE

--Junior guard Sue Mayes-Scott [left] prepares to make a move on her opponent in a women's basketball game. The Lady Cards currently are undefeated this season with a 5-0 mark. The team's most recent victim was Siena Heights College, who dropped a 91-48 decision to SVSC Saturday. Coach Claudette Charney's squad ran around, through and by the Saints to win its 35th consecutive contest over NAIA District 23 opponents. Saginaw Valley used a full court swarming defense against Siena Heights that resulted in 34 turnovers by the Saints and 24 steals for the Lady Cards. SVSC was led by Trena Sanders with 21 points and 15 rebounds. Mayes-Scott scored 12.

Next up on the basketball schedule for both teams is a contest against the Bulldogs of Ferris State College. The game, set for Thursday, December 18 in Cardinal Gym, represents the start of GLIAC conference play as well as the final contest before the Christmas break. The FSC men's team, which already has three non-league losses, was picked to finish second in the league while SVSC was projected to be fourth. The women get under way at 5:45 p.m., followed by the men at 8:00 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

--Gloria Wagener, president of the SVSC Secretarial and Clerical Association, has been selected to represent the Michigan Education Association (MEA) at the National Education Association (NEA) Midwest Regional Leadership Conference scheduled for Jan. 29 to 31, in Washington, D.C.

EVENTWATCH

Dec. 18...WBB v. Ferris State
MBB v. Ferris State
Dec. 19...Film: "Tight Little Island"
Jan. 5...Belated New Year's Party
Jan. 5...MBB v. U-M/Dearborn
Jan. 6...WBB v. U of Wisc./Milwaukee
Jan. 8...WBB v. Northwood
MBB v. Northwood

The next issue of the Interior will be distributed Tuesday, December 23. Copy deadline is Thursday, December 18. Additional lead time is appreciated. The first issue after the holiday break will be distributed January 6, 1987. For information call ext. 4054.