Cross country Roadrunners stay on winning streak

By Jim Baldwin

The SMC cross country Roadrunners continued their winning ways, capturing titles in their two recent invitational outings. This leaves the Roadrunners undefeated this season in invitational competition, having a 3-0 mark.

Coach Ron Gunn's team first competed in the Jackson invitational, and easily coasted to victory in this Sept. 23 meet. The SMC squad compiled 39 points, easily outdistancing the host school, Jackson Community College, who had 68 points. Dave Morrill topped the Roadrunner squad with a fifth-place finish in this meet which drew schools from five states.

Sept. 30 took the Roadrunner squad to Kenosha, Wis., and the Mid-American Collegiate Invitational meet. Again the SMC squad prevailed, compiling an impressive 29-point total, far ahead of second place Hillsdale College, who had 96 points.

Roadrunner Mark Wozniak paced SMC with an impressive 25:22 time, and an overall second - place individual finish. Dave Morrill, Steve Mavs, Mike Haag and Greg Orman also scored for the Roadrunners, who seem to have as much depth as they have in past years when SMC was a national cross country power.

Oct. 13 will be the Roadrunners' next invitational action, as they travel to the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

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Special run seeks to help 'boat people'

By Shelly Palin

In a small fishing boat out in the ocean in Southeast Asia, the boat people have nowhere to go. They face suffering and almost certain death.

Members of the First Methodist Church of Dowagiac, in conjunction with the Roadrunner Track Club, are trying to bring one or these families to Dowagiac by sponsoring a "Run For The Boat People." The runs are short — 10 kilometers (6.2 miles), four kilometers (2.5 miles) and two kilometers (1.25 miles).

"I would like to see a couple hundred SMC students in this run," said Mr. Ron Gunn, dean of sports education and cross country coach.

Housing and 30 months of general labor for the head of the family have been arranged. The money from the run will be used to help the family get settled here.

Approximately 75 per cent of the entry fees go directly to bringing a family from a fishing boat.

The run will be on Nov. 3 at 9:15 a.m. Registration the morning of the run will be at the First United Methodist Church of Dowagiac. The church is one block west of Dowagiac High School.

Pre-registration can be done with an entry blank from the bulletin board in the Commons.

Sponsors should be obtained and pledges brought to the run.

Fire-Up winners

Fire-Up award winners for this week are Matt Lisak, Mark Wozniak and Dave Morrill, all in cross country.

Students urged to give careful consideration to withdrawals

By Susan Burkett

Withdrawing from college is a critical step in any student's life and it can be a very difficult procedure. However, the faculty and the office personnel at SMC understand the hardships involved in the withdrawal process and they want to help anyone who is having problems.

Mr. David C. Schultz, the vice president for student services, suggested that students carefully consider the time they have spent and the effort they have put forth in their classes against a decision to withdraw, which is sometimes made on the spur of the moment or made out of frustration or despair.

Oct. 5 was the last day to withdraw and receive an automatic WP (withdrew passing). From now until Dec. 7, students must petition Dean O. L. Vecellio, the dean of students, to receive a WP.

Mr. Schultz said the personnel "doesn't like to promote withdrawal from college but he felt they must" clear up any misunderstandings concerning the procedure. The standard withdrawal procedure is as follows:

1. Students must get a drop slip from the Records office or an adviser.
2. Students must have their instructor sign the slip.
3. Students must have their adviser sign the slip.
4. Students should then turn the slip into the Records Office.
5. Students who are withdrawing from college entirely must also complete a special withdrawal form which can be obtained from the Records Office.

Mr. Schultz said that if a student is having a financial or a personal problem, or if a student feels he can't possibly meet the work standards or the requirements in a class, he should talk to his adviser or a counselor before starting the withdrawal process.

A student may feel the only way to solve problems like these is to drop his class, but often a counselor, an instructor or an adviser can help solve the problems. Mr. Schultz said this is the reason students must talk to their instructors and their advisers before a class is dropped.

Mr. Schultz said SMC tries to do more for students and he personally would like 100 per cent of the students to succeed.

Officer explains why some vets get small checks

By Lawrence D. Minor

Mr. Thomas L. Motter, veterans affairs officer, states that veterans are receiving partial checks this month, and are curious to know the reason for the partial checks.

Mr. Motter said that if veterans weren't attending classes during August, they aren't entitled to be paid over the "full" break. The checks will only be from Sept. 6 through Sept. 30.

Veterans attending classes on a half-time basis, would receive a half-time for the first six days of September and the rest of the month would depend on whether the veteran is attending on a half, three-quarter, or full-time basis.

Mr. Motter said schedules should be put around the third week of November and registration for interim and spring sessions will start in December. Veterans should sign up at the same time for benefits so checks will continue coming.
Game in sociology class aims at showing how society works

By Nancy J. Fester

"The ones who catch on first are most likely to win," said Mr. Douglas Larson, who is conducting a game called "Simulated Society" in Sociology 201 classes. The object of the game is to teach an individual how to survive in society and what people really want to have and operate on.

Rules for the Simulated Society game are as follows:

There are four geographic regions within the society: Red, orange, yellow and green. You will permanently live in one of them. However, you may move once, by purchase of a permanent subsistence ticket for $25, payable to the bank.

Temporary movement to various regions is accomplished through one of two ways: A public transportation ticket or a private transportation ticket. The public ticket is obtained from the bank at a cost of $25, and will entitle the purchaser free movement throughout the game. The private ticket is obtained from private travel agents, and will allow movement to and from a specific destination. The price of this ticket is determined by the agent.

Both the permanent subsistence ticket and the public travel ticket can be resold, but a $3 transfer fee will go to the bank for each.

No more than 50 per cent of the society may be in a given region at any time.

There are seven basic groups within the society, and it is through these groups that employment is obtained. The seven basic groups are: Basic Industry, a stable growth industry, whose assets may increase by regular economic growth by selling bonds and buying anagrams.

Innovative Industry, just like Basic, except it is a higher risk industry. Peoples Party, a political party which believes in reform and greater economic equality. Society Party, a political party which believes in maintaining the status quo and individual initiative. Employees Union, an organization dedicated to ensuring liveable incomes for all workers. Mass Media, the information center of society. Courts, here ambiguities in the rules are decided.

If an individual or group posts a given amount of money with the bank, a police force may be established, creating a few additional jobs. The advantages of having a police force are two-fold: To arrest and bring to trial certain people and to obtain protection from arrest. Police have the power to kill.

The Banker, Mr. Larson, and certain individuals receive an allotment of money at the beginning of the game.

The Banker gives out instructions as to how many tickets are written by each department head each day.

You can be without a subsistence ticket two days only. On the third day, you are automatically dead.

The object of the game is to win, and let the students understand the factors that create trust and distrust, the factors that create power and the lack of power.

"Trust and cooperation is a dominating factor in running any society. People really want to have and operate on a high value moral system, but often get lost in the gaining of money," according to Mr. Larson.

Mr. Larson said, he is finding it interesting how the students interact with each other. He is having fun observing the movements and each transaction day. He would also like to play the game some day.

30 prospective wrestlers sign up for new season

By Lawrence D. Minor

Wrestling season is only a few months away and Coach James J. Judd is looking forward to a good year once again. There are 30 young men signed up as prospects for the oncoming wrestling season. Three of those 30 men are returning lettermen.

Practices should begin around Nov. 1, which will give Coach Judd 30 solid days of preparation for a Dec. 1 tournament at Hope College.

This year SMC will be hosting two dual meets, along with a couple of tournaments. All will be held on Saturdays. Any student interested in wrestling may contact Coach Judd. He said he is willing to use every individual who feels he is ready to accept the challenge of wrestling.

There are 10 weight classes, ranging from 118 pounds to heavyweight. The team has acquired a new training room this year. The team will be using the old arts building located a door over from the Bookstore.

Loss in bookstore break-in is $650

By Jean Gooding

An early morning break-in at the college bookstore on Sept. 21 resulted in an approximate loss of $650, according to store personnel.

Detectives were able to get seven fingerprints but they do not have a suspect.

Entry was made through a front window that was pried off. The burglars left through the back door.

Missing items included rings, a radio and speaker and clothing.

More counseling available at night

By Donna Robinson

Counseling assistance is now available from 6:30 until 10 p.m. for evening and extension students and staff.

Mr. John Sullivan will be on campus Monday through Thursday nights and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the O'Leary Building. He may be found in either the Student Services office or the conference area.
Photos tell story of frontier days in United States

By Donna Robinson

An exhibit of photographs will be on display in the Fine and Applied Arts Building through Oct. 31 and is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The pictures are entitled, "Photographing the Frontier," and are based on frontier existence in the American north and southwest from 1860 to 1915. Included in the display are covered wagons, hotels, saloons, one-room schools, cabins and "Main Street, U.S.A."

Mr. Eugene Ostroff, researcher and writer of the exhibit, said, "Nowhere in the world has there been an event paralleling the settlement of the far western part of America. Large numbers of people were on the move across a vast continent. Their goal was to reach large, rich, virtually unoccupied territory that was waiting to be claimed."

37 new teachers are added to faculty at SMC

By Machel Meehling

SMC has 30 new part-time teachers and seven new full-time teachers, according to Dr. William Spencer, vice president of instruction. There is an increase of four full-time teachers over last year, but the number of part-time teachers had dropped to 109 from last year's 115.

Two of the full-time instructors teach nursing. They are Mrs. Lisbeth Rodriguez de Cardona and Ms. Norma Jane Stephen­son. Other new full-time teachers are Mr. John Hartman, psychology; Mr. Gary Furman, biology; Mr. Verl R. McKenzie, accounting; Mr. William L. Grass, welding and Mr. Ronald Sindric, chemistry.

‘Green fuzz’ really isn’t

By Lora Sherk

Green fuzz has attacked the ground surrounding the Fine and Applied Arts Building.

The "Green Fuzz" is a special seeding process for growing grass.

Grass seed, fertilizer and nutrients are mixed with water. Once the ground has been worked up, the mixture is sprayed on the ground.

According to Dr. Robert Kovach, assistant to the president, if we continue to have a good amount of moisture, we could see grass in the next week or so.

The staff at the Birdfeeder is wearing new uniforms this year. Anne Phillips is at the counter, and in back are from left, Sandy Bowerman, Bev Larzelle, Betty Long and Kay Hunt. [Photo by Shelly Palin].

Manager of Birdfeeder likes job, finds it leads to many friendships

By Nancy J. Fester

Bev Larzelle, manager of the Birdfeeder, "loves her job and her relationship with the students." She has made many lasting friendships, she said, and wherever she goes, is spoken to by someone she has known through working in the Birdfeeder.

Bev and Scott's Food Service operate the Birdfeeder. Bev starts work at 8 a.m. She operates the kitchen and makes sure everyone has as fast service as possible. She does her own banking and shopping. Occasionally, Bev has to put in extra hours on Sunday, so everything goes smoothly the rest of the week.

Scott does his work at night and handles all the ordering of supplies. He cleans the machines every other night, stocks all the refrigerators, makes lemonade, tea, breaks down the meat products and changes the oil in the fryers.

Four women assist Bev in the operation of the Birdfeeder. They are Sandy Bowerman, Anne Phillips, Betty Long and Kaye Hunt. Everything is done in a cooperative effort, according to Bev.

Bev and her assistants have new smocks designed and made by Anne's mother. They are dark green, trimmed in yellow and have a Roadrunner patch.

There have been several new food lines added — salads, new juices, larger polish sausage sandwiches and seedless grapes.

Bev hopes to expand the menu. Bev plans to open the Birdfeeder at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Wednesday and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. Everything is done in a cooperative effort, according to Bev.

Recruiters seek only ‘blue chip’ athletes for SMC

By Thad Kraus

"I go after only blue chip student athletes," said Mr. Ronald Gunn, dean of sports education. Blue chip student athletes, he explained, are athletes who have high school grades, good attitudes and good athletic ability.

It depends on the coach on how far they go to get student athletes, Mr. Gunn said. The farthest Coach Gunn has gone is to Trinidad. He said he stays mostly in the midwest. Athletes can get no more than their tuition on a sports scholarship, he said.

Basically, the recruiting techniques at SMC are the same as at the rest of the community colleges in Michigan, according to Dean Gunn.
Folksingers give another concert

By Jean Gooding

Folksingers Randy Rice and Vic Sanders returned to SMC for their fifth performance on Sept. 26.

They were returning to Chicago from performing in New York City.

Dean Q. L. Vecellio stated there will be more bands occasionally playing at the college.

In the past, the college has tried to have dances and small concerts at night, but there was little response from the students. Now all music appearances will be held during school hours in the Commons.

Any talented students interested in playing on campus may contact Dean Vecellio.

Nursing students entering this year rank high

By Thad Kraus

Counselor Ron Brechnar has announced the acceptance of 90 more nursing students, 45 in the associate degree program and 45 in the practical nursing program.

Mr. Brechnar says this year's class has the highest entering academic percentile of any nursing class entered at SMC.

Mr. Brechnar said that Dean M. Eileen Parks of the School of Nursing did a seminar for other schools. So the schools could take notes on SMC's nursing program.

Mr. Brechnar said SMC will start an LPN-ADN class for persons who want to become ADNs. There will be 20 students in the class that starts in February. This class will allow the students to complete the advance standings in 1½ years. Students must have an interview into get into this February LPN-ADN class.

Auditions close for fall drama

By Donna Robinson

Today is the last day to audition for SMC's play, "The Miracle Worker." Auditions will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Scripts are available on loan in the campus library.

Anyone interested may sign up on the bulletin board next to office 316-B in the O'Leary Building. The play will be presented Nov. 15, 16 and 17 in Room 301 of the O'Leary Building, with Ms. Tonda Bian directing.

Instructor's musical background in family goes back to Civil War

By Jully Keys

Playing music has been a part of SMC percussion director Mr. Michael Squint's family since the Civil War times.

"My father encouraged me to play drums because he was a drummer; and his father was a drummer; and his father's father was a drummer, dating back to the Civil War days," Mr. Squint said.

However, his musical ability doesn't stop there. Mr. Squint can play marimba, string dulcimer, string bass, piano, harmonica and trumpet.

When Mr. Squint isn't instructing an SMC student, he teaches music at an elementary school. He received a certificate from Ball State Music School and has bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Indiana University of South Bend.

Mr. Squint also enjoys another aspect of music besides being a musician—songwriting. He entered a songwriting competition in college and won second place. He later attained a third place award in a song contest in the army, by which he got his song published.

He is a member of a five-man band which plays soft rock, polkas and wedding music. It has performed in such places as small concert halls and the Notre Dame ACC. However, because most of the band members have daytime jobs, they don't work in night clubs. Instead, Mr. Squint said, "At the weddings we perform at, some people may like fast music and others may like slow, so we try to play both."

As for young musicians who are thinking about a career in music, Mr. Squint encourages them to learn how to play the piano, even if it's just the basic chords. "You don't have to be a Liberace," he said, "but understanding how a melody goes will help you achieve the best out of what instrument you already play."

"Another thing that could help a musician is to listen to good music; not only to the lyrics of a song, but what the instruments are doing. The kind of musician you turn out to be depends on the kind of music you listen to," he added.

Interim session planning starts

By Darlene Stark

January may seem to be many months and quite a few snowfalls away, but plans for the 1980 winter interim session are beginning now.

SMC offers a variety of courses during the three-weeks interim, including a number of enrichment and interest classes. Some interim classes are not normally taught during the regular semester, such as cross-country and downhill skiing.

To plan the session around the students' interests, Dean William Spencer asks that students identify classes they would like to take by contacting his office in writing during the next week.