Saginaw Valley College's legislators in Lansing are doing their best to increase the college's budget allocation from the State. The administration has had two meetings with the legislators to present the financial problems of the college, and at both, the legislators have shown interest, sympathy, and a willingness to see what they can do to improve the situation.

As you know, Governor Milliken's budget recommendation to the Legislature calls for $2,653,000 in State money for SVC. This current year the State aid is $2,479,000. The college wants to increase the Governor's recommendation to permit growth at the college.

Legislators who have been meeting with the administrators are: Senators Robert L. Richardson, Jerome T. Hart; Representatives James E. O'Neill, Bert Brennan, Robert Young, Louis Cramton, Robert Traxler, Loren Armbruster, and Quincy Hoffman.

The college has not yet been notified of the date it is to appear for its budget hearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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It will be announced publicly in two weeks, but for your information, four honorary degrees will be awarded at commencement on April 21. They will go to Mrs. William W. Allen of Midland, past president of The Triskelions of SVC; Senator Jerome T. Hart, Senator Robert L. Richardson, and Max P. Heavenrich Jr. of Saginaw, Chairman of the SVC Board of Fellows. Mr. Heavenrich will give the commencement address.

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We expect to graduate 269 students in April, which will bring our total alumni membership to 865 students.

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Did you ever hear about the sea lion Phil Kumler keeps in the chemistry department?

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See you at the kite flying contest, April 7. This year we hope to regain the national kite flying endurance title!

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