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THE INTERIOR

Dr. Samuel D. Marble, president, and James Barcia, Student Government president, issued a joint statement at last night's Board of Control meeting in which each pledged support for SVC. Highlights of the statement are:

- 1. A pledge to strengthen the cooperative liaison with the community outside the college.
- 2. Joint efforts to enlist Legislative effort for greater financial support, especially for new programs of study.
- 3. A conference is planned for this summer when the Student Senate and officers of the college will devote several days to making plans for the new year.
- 4. Improvement in campus life with new social programs and new cultural activities, a stronger theatre and music program, and an expanded sports program.
- 5. A new charter for Student Government will be drawn to give students effective control over their own activities and a structure for students to participate in college matters in general.

The Board approved, subject to final approval by the Building Committee, a new agreement on the sewer line that connects the college to the Zilwaukee plant. If the Attorney General agrees, SVC will end its contract on service with Zilwaukee, turn the excess of the line over to Kochville Township, and the college then will become a customer of Kochville. The maneuver will save the college considerable money on sewer charges.

The Building Committee was authorized to proceed with bids for construction of the Observatory. This building will be located directly in back of the old Coffee House on Pierce Road.

The Board instructed the Administration to prepare a proposal for winterizing the Summer Theatre to provide seriously needed space for the Fine Arts Department. The Kresge Foundation has made a grant of \$100,000 toward this project, subject to the college providing additional sums of money. The college has until December to meet the terms of this grant.

SVC has awarded 19 of its Merit Scholarships for next fall. These scholarships, which provide \$50 a semester to winners, go for students who are either semi-finalists or commended students in the Merit Scholarship Test, or have maintained a 3.5 average in their high school.

Forty students now are enrolled in the MAT program, and 75 are expected by September.

The library has 71,232 volumes as of today.