BUDGET APPROVED

The tightest budget in the college's history was approved last night by the Board of Control, and immediately plans were discussed to approach the Legislature this year for a supplemental appropriation.

The new budget is $4,211,550, compared to last year's $3,739,056. This figure includes an estimated tuition income of $916,000, and $3,058,000 in State appropriations. The tuition income is figured on 1880 fiscal year equated students, and the State appropriation is figured on 1734 FYES students.

Melvin J. Zahnow, finance committee chairman of the board, said the Legislature changed the ground rules since last year when supplemental appropriations were automatic on student enrollment increases. Now there is no guarantee SVC will get additional money.

The budget was balanced by including in it a $60,000 supplemental appropriation, and slashing everything except salaries and personnel. The cuts will mean everyone at the college will share economies on such things as paper, telephone calls, stamps, paper clips, and other items that seldom are involved in balancing the budget. Every effort was made to protect the academic integrity of the college, and no programs were reduced.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Fall enrollments have established new records. As of yesterday, 2,508 students had enrolled for 25,595 credit hours, an 11.3% increase in students and a 12.7% increase in credit hours over last fall. This increase makes SVC an exception to state-and-nation-wide downward enrollment trends. Of these, 1,119 are new students--450 FTIACs, 395 transfers, and 274 others. This is the largest freshman class in the college's history.

One hundred sixty of the approximately 550 courses offered are at or near capacity in enrollments. Every available classroom is being used for evening classes, and during many other periods of the day.

Specifically, 19 of 32 Business classes are closed, which Dr. James said points to a strong interest in that area, especially in Accounting and entry courses. Lower division courses supportive of majors in other areas are closed. Also closed are the Basic Skills program courses, which have proven to be popular with upper division students. Upper division classes have shown strength in Sociology, Economics, Biology, and Chemistry. The new film course attracted 75 students, and astronomy is closed. Fine Arts courses are growing fast, especially in the performance area.

Dr. James said the faculty has been extremely cooperative in raising the limits on classes to accommodate new students.

Two of the three Business courses offered at Midland have been cancelled, apparently casualties of the Dow strike.

The residence halls are providing housing for 275 students this fall--262 SVC students, 12 Delta students, and one General Motors Institute student.

Newly-elected officers and agents of the SVCFA are: David Weaver, president; Robert Yien, vice-president; Harriet Tillock, secretary; John Jezielski, treasurer; Robert Braddock, co-ordinator of faculty secretaries, and Jan Robinson, Sam Sarkar, and Eric Petersen, at-large members of the Executive Board.

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OTHER BOARD ACTION

- approved a revision of the 1971 SVC Role statement, making it more general and more applicable to the college which now offers masters' degrees.
- approved expenditure of $6,300 from contributed funds to cover one-half the cost of a scintillator (a piece of equipment which counts the radioactive particles in liquids) for the Chemistry department. The rest of the cost is covered by a National Science Foundation grant.
- listened to a delegation of veterans who asked for $2,000 to supplement their $8,000 federal grant. The veterans said the money would make it possible for the Office of Veterans Affairs to remain open throughout the entire academic year. They said there is a possibility that the college may lose the grant if the money is not provided. The money available now will operate the office through March.

CAMPUS NOTES

Dr. Francis Bernier's doctoral dissertation, "The Presidents of the Faculty Collective Bargaining Units in United States Institutions of Higher Education," has been submitted for consideration for the Award for Outstanding Dissertation, which is offered by the Association of Professors of Higher Education.

Dr. Robert Braddock has published "A Reappraisal of the Character and Composition of the Duke of Northumberland's Army" in Albion, the journal for the Conference on British Studies. His essay offers a significantly different interpretation of the Duke's army, and why he failed in his attempt to take the crown of England.

New on campus: Julie Tyson, accounting clerk; Gloria Llmas, secretary for the Learning Center; Barbara Swiatowy, staff accountant; and Barbara McGregor, lecturer in English.

Buster Keaton's The Navigator, one of the great silent comedies of the '20s, will be shown this Friday at 8 p.m. in Wickes Lecture Hall. Tickets for the film, the first of the college's new Classic Film Series, will be sold for 75c.

Pete and Tillie will be shown this Thursday at 9 p.m., Friday at 1 p.m., and Sunday at 8 p.m. in Wickes Lecture Hall. Fifty cents admission.

JUDGING CHEERLEADERS

Faculty, staff, or administrators who would like to help judge cheerleaders are asked to report to the gym this Saturday at 2 p.m. Mrs. Judy Kumler is in charge of the try-outs.

SPORTS WRAP-UP

The Cardinal football team is polishing its junior varsity roster and making preparations for the first football game in the college's history as SVC meets Northwood Institute next Monday at 8 p.m. at Arthur Hill Memorial Stadium, following an impressive scrimmage against Wayne State University's varsity last Saturday.

Head coach "Muddy" Waters said the team was "farther along than we should be, but not as far along as I would like us to be," after losing to the Tartars 14-6 in a five-quarter game-condition scrimmage.

Faculty, staff, and students may sign up for IM Co-Ed softball this week in the intramural Office at the gym. The season is scheduled to begin September 17.

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