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SVSC EXPECTING MAJOR EXPANSION IN 1977

Predictions that SVSC will have more adequate operating funds for 1977 have led College officials to anticipate an expansion in the number of faculty and services offered by the College to the Saginaw Valley area. Previous constraints on operating funds have made the institution more cost efficient than most other schools and this cost effectiveness is expected to be maintained. However, as a result of improvements expected in the state's economy over the next twelve months, the College feels that it will more adequately share in the availability and distribution of state funds.

Projections are that the College payroll, which totaled \$4,140,000 during fiscal 1976, will be increased along with the number of faculty and personnel needed to serve the school's expanding student body, as SVSC attempts to obtain facilities more comparable with other state institutions.

According to President Jack M. Ryder, an expansion of physical facilities is already underway through the construction of Pioneer Hall of Engineering and Technology, due for completion in September. The beginning of a major heating and cooling plant to provide heating and air conditioning for all existing and future College buildings is also anticipated this year, with construction due to start as soon as state funds are received.

In addition, a major \$9-10 million office/classroom building and science facility tentatively dubbed "Instructional Facility II" is expected to be approved early this year, with construction expected to begin

shortly thereafter.

During the next year, SVSC will continue planning toward the development of a new library, a new fine arts building, and an expansion of physical education facilities. SVSC's growing athletic program, which now includes football, basketball, bowling, cross country and a new track program, will likely be expanded to include the initiation of a baseball program during the 1977-78 school year.

During recent years the campus has been severely limited by a lack of sufficient classroom facilities. Inadequate space for science laboratories, art and even the College band have led to the introduction of temporary mobile units on campus. Only after Instructional Facility II is completed will some of these be eliminated. At that time an expansion of opportunities in science and other academic areas will also be possible.

—Despite crowded classroom conditions, a new Bachelor of Science degree curriculum in Nursing is getting underway this week. By the time the second Nursing class begins its studies in winter semester 1978, it is expected that enrollment will be double the present size. Further expansion will be possible when the department is able to move from its present mobile unit to a more permanent location in Instructional Facility II.

—A new graduate program currently underway at SVSC is a Master of Arts curriculum in Educational Administration. This program, which has been functioning on a pilot basis, will be open for additional admissions during 1977. Yet another major new graduate program will be the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program beginning in fall semester 1977. This new curriculum, which allows students from the tri-county and Thumb areas to pursue graduate business studies close to home for the first time, will enable them to concentrate their studies in specific areas of Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management or Marketing as well as in General Business. Some students are already

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beginning their studies during winter semester by taking core or foundation courses to complete some basic requirements before the graduate courses are actually begun.

Completion of Pioneer Hall will bring a new upper division curriculum in Electronic Technology, as well as expansion of existing Baccalaureate degree programs in Mechanical Engineering Technology, Construction Technology, Industrial Technology, and Applied Science-Engineering Technology.

The College is also planning for further development of student housing, to accommodate married students as well as those who want to reside in apartment-type dwellings. This additional housing will be intended to attract both full and part-time students, who will find it easy to reach off-campus jobs because of the College's strategic location midway between the tri-cities. Consideration will also be given next year to a new curriculum in Agricultural Management, which would combine principles of general agriculture and business. Further development of externships for SVSC students is also foreseen, via the College's Career Services Center, enabling even more students to obtain career experience off campus through cooperative education programs in conjunction with their major field of study here.

The College also plans to continue its cooperative efforts with Delta College, which already involves the colleges' band and orchestra, libraries, public safety departments and other shared learning resources. Under study are additional joint ventures such as a combined catalog for SVSC and Delta libraries, a shared lecture series, bus transportation between the campuses, sequential scheduling of classes permitting students to attend under-enrolled classes at the other college, cooperative purchasing, joint use of special buildings such as the new Pioneer Hall, regional land use consideration, and shared computer facilities.

ARBITRATOR DENIES GRIEVANCE AGAINST SVSC

A lengthy Labor Arbitration investigating a grievance filed by Dr. Benjamin Okwumabua against SVSC when his probationary teaching contract was not renewed has been decided in favor of the College. The suit, initiated by Okwumabua and the SVSC Faculty Association, had alleged three violations of the 1975-76 collective bargaining contract between SVSC and its Faculty Association.

In his December 22 ruling, arbitrator George T. Roumell, Jr. denied the grievance on the basis that "the evidence is just not sufficient to persuade the Arbitrator by any standard that illegal discrimination played a part in SVSC's decision to terminate Dr. Okwumabua." Roumell also found that a claim that statements by Dr. George M. Harmon, Dean of the School of Business at SVSC, were discriminatory was "without foundation". The arbitrator also was not persuaded that statements by Harmon indicated Title VII discrimination, but "rather a desire for personnel with sufficient communicative skills to take their proper place in the profession."

In his 64-page written decision, Roumell concluded that Dr. Okwumabua and the Faculty Association did not show "by a preponderance of the evidence, an illegal discriminatory motive on the part of SVSC in its decision to terminate Dr. Okwumabua and to deny him tenure." Roumell specifically held that under the present Collective Bargaining Agreement, an arbitrator does not have jurisdiction to decide whether "just cause" existed for the College's action. Discretion in these points rests ultimately with the College's Board of Control, he found.

SUPPORT THE CARDINALS -- GET YOUR FREE WINTER SPORTS PASS NOW

If you are a full or part-time employee of SVSC, don't forget that you're entitled to one free winter sports pass, to be picked up in person from Robert Becker at the Office of Business Services in Building '66.

According to Becker, additional passes for spouses, family and friends may be purchased from him for \$7.50, while individual game tickets will be available at the gate. Fall passes became invalid at the end of 1976.

BATIK FABRICS EXHIBIT CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY 17

Batik hand-crafted fabrics by Michael Coyer are now being exhibited daily in the SVSC Arts Workshop through January 17. Batik is a traditional Indonesian wax-resist process for dyeing fabrics. Coyer is a graduate of Alma College who is presently seeking an advanced degree in Fine Arts.

LATE REGISTRATION CONTINUES THROUGH TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Students interested in enrolling for winter semester courses at SVSC who missed open registration on January 3 still have a few more days to late register. According to Registrar Gary R. Apsey, late registration will be available from Wednesday, January 5, through Tuesday, January 11, between 9:30 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily in the registrar's office. Other hours will be Thursday, January 6, Monday, January 10, and Tuesday, January 11, from 5:30 to 7 P.M.

FOOTBALL CAKE TO BE HIGHLIGHT OF SUPER BOWL EXTRAVAGANZA

Special festivities for Residence Hall students for "Super Bowl Sunday" on January 9 will be a huge 3'x5' football field cake including players, goal lines, goal posts and everything else. Food Service Director John Curry will unveil his latest masterpiece at 12 noon in the Lower Level of Doan Center.

ALUMNI AND FACULTY/STAFF MEMBERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY 22 BASKETBALL GAME

The first annual SVSC alumni basketball game has been slated for Saturday, January 22, beginning at 4 P.M. in the SVSC Fieldhouse. Alumni and faculty/staff members interested in playing

must contact Dale Harbin, Director of Alumni Relations, at Ext. 551 or Jim Muladore, Staff Accountant, at Ext. 247 before January 10 to participate. SVSC alumni members will be admitted to the game for just \$1.00 by presenting their alumni card. Current SVSC students will also pay \$1.00, with \$2.00 charged to other adults. All prices include admission to the 7:30 P.M. varsity basketball game with Northern Michigan University.

SPEAKERS BUREAU BROCHURE GOING TO PRESS THURSDAY

Faculty and staff members willing to help support SVSC are urged to participate in this year's College Speaker's Bureau, which provides programs to area civic, religious and cultural organizations. Our 1977 listing of participants is going to the printer this Thursday, and a need still exists for additional speakers. Please call Information Services at Ext. 207 or 208 now if you have an interesting topic and are willing to help boost SVSC by speaking to area groups.

LAST CALL FOR FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PORTRAITS!

SVSC faculty and administrative personnel who have not yet had portraits taken at the Office of Information Services are urged to do so between Wednesday, January 5, and Friday, January 14. No appointment is required and you simply need to show up any time between 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. by the 14th.

Beginning Monday, January 17, portraits of all personnel previously taken will be available on one hour's notice anytime. A minimum one week delay will be necessary for all others who have not previously been photographed.

BE AN SVSC NEWS WATCHER!

When you see or are a part of any newsworthy project or topic at SVSC, please contact your Office of Information Services to let us know what's happening. Our limited staff makes it impossible for us to be aware of everything happening on campus, so we hope you'll keep us in mind when scheduling or

participating in an event, so that we can provide thorough coverage for you in area news media. Please try to provide adequate lead time -- a minimum of ten days whenever possible!

SVSC STUDENTS CAN SKATE FOR \$1.00

By presenting school identification, SVSC students can ice skate at Bay Side Ice Arena, 6129 Bay Road, for just \$1.00 this winter during all Public Skating sessions. The special price has been made possible through arrangements made by the Office of Residential Programs.

WIN PRIZE FOR BEST PHOTO CAPTION

You're invited to compete for lucrative prizes in this week's humorous photo caption contest, sponsored by Information Services. Awards will be presented Friday for the best captions written by anyone in the SVSC community for the photos, currently being displayed in the Admissions Office.

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