A state appropriation of $50,000 from the Joint Capital Outlay Committee for the final planning stage of Instructional Facility II was revealed at Monday afternoon's SVSC Board of Control meeting. The money, which will be used to complete working drawings of the estimated $9.7 million project, is the second $50,000 allocation which has been received. College officials said they are assuming that funding for the new facility will come under the $400 million state bonding proposal recently upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court. However, they emphasized that the state has no obligation to commit funding to the project, which includes a remodeling of Wickes Hall. Under the plan, the Departments of Psychology and Sociology, Data Processing Center, Lecture Hall and MSU, CMU and U of M offices would be on the second floor, but laboratories would be moved to I.F. II.

Other departments in the School of Arts and Sciences plus the School of Education and Divisions of Nursing and Public Services would each be moved to I.F. II, which will contain 150,000 gross square feet, including 98,611 assignable square feet. The third floor of Wickes Hall would house central administration offices, conference rooms and work areas under the plan, as well as business functions. Although Financial Aid would temporarily be located there as well, that office would move to the first floor when a library building is completed. A program statement for the proposed library is presently in the Governor's office and is currently being reviewed by the Bureau of the Budget. Officials said they are "very heartened by some reactions by the legislature" and feel that the program statement could be approved fairly soon, possibly within the next two months.

A progress report on Pioneer Hall indicated that construction is presently 50% completed. The delay on the building has been caused not by the removal of incorrect brick but instead because correct brick was not on location. The roof is now scheduled to be built the week of July 15, after which construction will begin on the interior.

The hiring of 13 new faculty members for new or replacement positions was announced, and it was reported that the tentative state appropriation for 1977-78 is $5,300,000, compared with $4,605,400 this past year. However, because the state's fiscal year doesn't begin until October 1 and ours starts next month, the net effect would be only three-quarters of that amount. Because of our small appropriations base and past lack of adequate state funding, finances will remain extremely tight here. President Ryder stated that even with the proposed increase, we would still be receiving less than one-half of the $1.7 million (including appropriations for developing programs) which the state investment needs funding model has indicated SVSC should be given. He also recognized that state funds are limited and that our area legislators are working diligently to gain recognition of our needs.

Although the College is limiting expenditures everywhere possible, President Ryder said it is clear we will have a deficit estimated at between $50,000 and $100,000 at the end of the current fiscal year. The internal budget for 1977-78 will be reviewed at the next Board meeting, scheduled for 2 P.M. on Thursday, July 7. Meeting dates were also set for the second Monday of the month at 2 P.M. through June 1978.
Resolutions were unanimously approved which promote Dr. Walter Rathkamp to Associate Professor of Biology on July 1, allow Dr. Francis Chan a leave of absence without pay for 1977-78, and extend the appointment of Mrs. Agatha Zvirbulis to June 30, 1978. The Board agreed to allocate $642 of College funds toward a project in Crisis Intervention Training, which will bring $12,845 of state funds. It was also agreed to have the SVSC endowment fund purchase the College computer and related equipment from Digital Scientific for approximately $68,462 and lease it to the general fund on the same terms as had been offered by Citicorp Leasing, Inc. The monthly rental rate will be equal to the lowest rate apparently available commercially and an agreement was made for the general fund to purchase the equipment after five years for approximately $6,846 following legal review. Other resolutions thanked Bay Valley Golf Course and NAIA Golf Tournament General Chairman Robert Becker for the success of last week’s NAIA Golf Tournament. The track and field teams were also commended for their achievements at the recent National Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Another resolution established a separate account within the designated fund to contain $5,000 from unrestricted gifts or income on investments, to be used on a revolving basis for advance working capital to fund special events and projects. New policy guidelines for fund raising were adopted, but a proposed resolution to authorize interviews of architectural firms for the fine arts center, health, physical education and recreation center and library was referred to the Building Committee. They are expected to recommend a process for the designation of architects at the July Board meeting.

In other reports, it was learned that the Jazz Ensemble is earning $8,500 of the $16,500 trip cost to Europe through Sunday evening performances at a Saginaw lounge and that the remaining $8,000 has been donated by an anonymous Midland family. A report on the fund drive for Marching Band uniforms showed that $29,000 of the $36,000 needed has now been raised.

Gene Hamilton discussed progress made at the Career Services Center and stated that 133 employers came to campus this year compared with 34 a year earlier. Placement credentials for over 1400 students are now on file and 137 seniors and alumni have been placed in professional jobs since September. In addition, part-time jobs for 163 students have been found through the HESC satellite office on campus. One hundred and forty-eight students are presently participating in the co-op work program with 227 already signed up for placement this fall.

ANONONYMOUS MIDLAND FAMILY FUNDS BAND TRIP

Through hard work and the generosity of an anonymous Midland family, the 21-piece SVSC Jazz Ensemble will present a series of concerts in Poland, Germany, Switzerland and Austria between August 17 and 31.

Eighty-five hundred dollars of the $16,500 trip cost is being raised through performances by the ensemble each Sunday evening at a Saginaw lounge, as well as by other public appearances. The young musicians had been concerned that they would not raise enough of the trip cost by the time ticket payments must be made. This was alleviated last week when a Midland family -- impressed by the quality of music performed by the group -- decided to donate the remaining $8,000 needed for the trip.

"We're simply elated that our concert tour will become a reality," said a very pleased Dr. Charles T. Brown, Associate Professor of Music. The Jazz Ensemble now plans to fly directly from Detroit to Frankfort, Germany on Wednesday, August 17.

The Polish consulate in Washington has invited the musicians to spend August 18-21 in Poland, with expenses there to be paid by the Polish government. Highlight of the trip there will be a visit with concerts at Poznan, Bay City's sister city.
The group next travels to Ansbach, Germany for a large public concert on the 22nd. They will arrive in Vienna on the 23rd and perform there on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

After journeying to Munich on the 25th, the Ensemble will present three concerts at Montreux, Switzerland on Saturday and Sunday, August 27 & 28. After leaving Montreux on the 30th, they will return to Frankfort and arrive back at Detroit Metro Airport at 4 P.M. on August 31.

The College musicians will be back at the lounge each Sunday evening until embarking on their journey and will also be performing at upcoming events like the Bridgeport Homecoming. But there'll be a bit more excitement in the music and an increased lilt in the air now that the band members know their dream trip will really occur.

PARK Presenting Paper on Migration From Agriculture

A paper entitled "Migration Away From Agriculture" by Dr. Hong Youl Park, Asst. Professor of Economics, will be presented at the June 20-23 annual conference of the Western Economics Association in Anaheim, California. More than 1,000 economists are expected at the meeting, the second largest U. S. conference in the field of Economics.

Park will also be a discussant for the session dealing with Regional Economics: Empirical Results. His paper examines the economic and social determinants and consequences of migration from agriculture. He found that the rural-urban wage differential, the magnitude of capital investment and relative prices of agricultural and urban industrial goods are significant variables in rural-urban migration. His paper suggests several alternative policy measures which could help to slow down rural to urban migration. The final stages of his paper were supported by a faculty research and growth grant from SVSC.

ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY DR. DADLEZ

An article by Dr. Anna R. Dadlez, Director of the SVSC Institute of Polish Studies, has been published in the Polish Daily newspaper. Entitled "Where Are We Going?", the article discussed the goals of Polish studies departments, including SVSC's.

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