JULY APPLS UP, BOARD LEARNS

July applications for fall admission were 29% above a year ago, the Board of Control learned at its Monday monthly meeting. Director of Admissions Richard P. Thompson reported that 397 applications for fall were received in July this year, compared with 307 a year earlier. Total applications have reached 2,081, a 9.6% rise over fall 1976. The greatest increase was reported from Michigan areas outside the tri-counties, where applications for first-time students are up 14.3%. In the tri-counties area, an 11.8% decline has been noted. Graduate student applications are 202.3% higher, both because of the new Master of Business Administration program and stronger than expected interest in the existing Master of Arts in Teaching degree.

Housing contracts to date also look very promising, with 276 students contracted now versus 200 last fall. More new students are already contracted than when last fall semester began. Last fall's total dorm population was 312 students, and projections this fall estimate that occupancy will be somewhere between 337 and 412 students.

For the first time in SVSC history, more than $1,000,000 in federal grant funds has already been received, according to Director of Sponsored Programs M. S. "Cy" Smith. Thus far, $1,128,724 has been approved in grant income this year.

Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Robert S.P. Yien told the Board that 95 full-time faculty members will be on hand for the beginning of fall semester, including 11 new members and 6 replacements. This is a 9.2% gain over last fall's 87 and represents a 30.14% increase during the past three years. Last fall 14 new members and 5 replacements were hired.

According to Yien, 57 members of the current full-time faculty were hired prior to 1975-76 and 38 full-time members have come aboard since 1975-76, while 8 full-time faculty members hired during that time are no longer with the College. Total cred hours per year since 1972-73 have increased from 52,545 to 68,957 last year. While all areas have increased in head count, new curricula and program offerings in other areas have diminished the percentage of student credit hour generation in the School of Arts & Sciences from 77.2% in 1972-73 to 65.7% for 1976-77. Meanwhile, the School of Business & Management has increased from 12.2% to 18.3% and the School of Education on-campus has increased from 9.37% of total credit hours in 1972-73 to a high on-campus of 12.7% in 1974-75 and a present 11.16%. However, their off-campus credit hour generation in Macomb County during the past three years has also been significant.

Finally, Dr. Yien showed that while head count figures were up during both the fall and winter semesters of 1976-77 over the year earlier, reductions during the spring and summer sessions caused total head count for the year to drop from 8,089 to 7,951 this past year.

On the personnel report, questions were raised regarding why replacements for some open positions are currently being recruited while others are not. Specifically, three faculty positions are presently being left open while several secretaries and the Director of Sports Information and Coordinator of Residential Programs have been authorized for replacement. President Jack M. Ryder responded that the Coordinator of Residential Programs is one of only two live-in positions and requires a professional staff person with counseling skills.
Because the other on-campus person is responsible for dorm operations and an increase in dorm students is anticipated, it was considered crucial that this position be filled. The President reported that funding for the Sports Information position had been included in the budget when it was drafted several months ago before the director resigned and that it is not possible to "fill in" this position on a part-time basis as can be done with the faculty positions. Ryder explained that even if part-time faculty members are involved, we are still teaching classes in the areas of mathematics, sociology and psychology. Since he came to SVSC, Ryder stated that the net increase in faculty positions has been substantially higher than administrative positions. While the percentage of full-time faculty members has not increased as rapidly as he wants, this has not been at the expense of administrative additions, he said. Also, a number of administrative jobs have recently been consolidated to increase the College's response to adult students from the Valley area, especially in business and industry. By making more people aware of opportunities here, he hopes that we can increase our growth and development and receive additional facilities and funds.

In other Board action, the resignation of David M. Serotkin as a Board member was announced. Charles B. Curtiss was reelected chairman for the 1977-78 year, while John W. Kendall will again serve as vice chairman, Mrs. Ned S. Arbury as secretary, and Melvin J. Zahnow as treasurer. Resolutions approved by the Board reappointed the accounting firm of Yeo & Yeo for both the 1977 and 1978 annual fiscal audits of the College. Approval was also given to spending all or part of a private gift of $18,343.75, which was received as an unrestricted gift of securities for purchasing marching and concert band uniforms. Finally, signature authority was authorized for Pres. Ryder to write checks or make requests for withdrawals from College savings or checking accounts.

A report on Pioneer Hall of Engineering & Technology indicated that the building has been waterproofed and that windows should be installed today. By August 10, first floor petitions and exterior walls should be completed. Sidewalk and grading work is also due this week. Dr. Emerson D. Gilbert reported that while he is still hoping for September occupancy, it appears unlikely that the whole building will be completed, but everything should be ready by December for the second semester.

OFFICER "MURDERED" TEN TIMES -- IN CLASS

She's already been "murdered" ten times and is a member of a small minority group, but insignificant things like that haven't kept Sue A. Martin of Bay City from becoming the first woman police officer on the Dept. of Public Safety staff at SVSC.

Having to serve as a murder victim example in police academy classes is simply one of the pitfalls of entering a male-dominated profession like police work, Ms. Martin learned when she recently completed eight weeks of police training at the Macomb County Criminal Justice Center's basic police academy in preparation for her new SVSC job.

"Fewer than 1% of the people in police work are women and just four of the 48 students in my class were females. Thus I always seemed to be the "victim" in class examples and must have been murdered ten times. It wasn't the guys in the classes who singled me out as the victim, but rather the instructors. I don't take it personally, so the kidding didn't bother me," she says.

"I chose a police career so I could work and communicate with people on an open and progressive basis," Martin stated. She came to SVSC because Public Safety Director Zane L. Rybkowski had been her instructor in college criminal justice courses she took previously and "I knew I'd be treated fairly by him. He is one of only a few instructors I've had who has talked up the role of women in police work. He's got a very progressive attitude and is always
current on new things," she feels.

Now that she's completed the marching, jumping to attention and rigorous physical and scholastic aspects of training, Martin is obtaining patrol background on the job. This experience -- also called 'street knowledge' -- is broadening her public safety perspective. She is also enrolled in classes at SVSC in law enforcement and hopes eventually to teach public safety courses to others, based on her experience.

Her career in public safety began as a dispatcher with the Essexville police, where she spent two and a half years. There she learned how to drive a fire truck and make resuscitator calls, both of which "scared me to death" the first time out. But the experiences were positive for her and interested her into pursuing her new occupation.

She hopes to convince other women to consider law enforcement as a profession. "Lots of housewives really have it all together but don't realize they would make good officers. Some men have a preconceived notion that women can't succeed at police work simply because there aren't many gals out there on the line. Law enforcement is presently a male-dominated profession simply because women traditionally haven't thought seriously about employment opportunities in this field," she believes.

Martin is a graduate of Essexville St. Johns High School and, according to her police academy instructors, was able to "more than hold her own" on physical fitness and scholastic aptitude in the program.

PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTOR IN SOCIOLOGY - Part-time. Fall term.

SECRETARY TO VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COLLEGE RELATIONS - Full-time permanent. $3.88 per hour.

SENIOR SECRETARY (BOOKKEEPER) - Office of Development and Alumni Relations, to be funded by SVSC Foundation. $3.43 per hour.

SENIOR SECRETARY - Academic Support Services. $3.43 per hour.

These positions will be open exclusively to SVSC employees for one week. Persons interested should contact the Personnel Office. SVSC is an equal opportunity employer.

ONLY 20 SEATS LEFT FOR MILLARD FILLMORE BIRTHDAY

Organizers for a special birthday party in honor of Millard Fillmore, slated for noon this Thursday, August 11, report that only 20 tickets remain for this year's festivities. Further information is available by calling Ext. 571.