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BUDGET CUTS AHEAD, RYDER TELLS BOARD

"Substantial reductions in expenditures" will be coming during the next year at SVSC, President Jack M. Ryder told the Board of Control at their monthly session Monday in the Pioneer Hall boardroom.

The SVSC proxy told press representatives following the meeting that deficits in overall operating funds of approximately $125,000 had been incurred during each of the past two fiscal years, although a final figure is still not in for the year just ended.

According to him, the administration plans to present a balanced budget to the Board at its August meeting, something Chairman Charles B. Curtiss also requested at the one hour, 45 minute session.

Ryder and the college administration sought a 30% increase in operating funds from the State of Michigan this year, on top of the $5,299,500 appropriated for 1977-78. Governor Milliken recommended an 8% boost, while the State Senate approved an 18% increase to $6,252,200 on the state fiscal year. The State House then added $146,000 or a total of a 20.7% increase to that figure, but in the joint conference committee, the appropriation was pared to $6,052,200, or a 14.2% rise.

While the percentage increase was one of the highest for a state college this year, on SVSC's actual institutional fiscal year, the appropriation adds up to just $5,864,000. This is because appropriations for the institutional fiscal year of July 1--June 30 end up being 75% of appropriations for the current State of Michigan fiscal year plus 25% of appropriations for the previous State of Michigan fiscal year.

"We emphasized at our legislative hearings in Lansing earlier this year that when the appropriations base is as low as SVSC's, the percentage of increase doesn't really mean very much," said Ryder. "The percentage others are receiving is close to ours, but because of their much larger base, it represents many more dollars than our 14% rise means to us."

"This is the first time in my history as President that we received fewer dollars than the Senate recommended for our appropriation. At the State Legislative level, neither public education nor higher education fared well relatively. The result is a very substantial problem to the institution in terms of the total budget," he added.

Ryder said he expects to recommend a budget at the August meeting and that he and other administrators have been working diligently for the past two months to decide how to manage resources and expenditures in order to maintain essential services and functions. "Three of our vice presidents and I have served other colleges in the past and the conclusion of all of us is that this institution is currently underfunded and has been throughout its history. SVSC can't really operate essential services without adequate resources."

"I'll be taking some actions over the course of the next few weeks to prepare a budget for the August Board meeting which hopefully we'll be able to live with this next year. I feel we've been making real progress in serving students and have become more comprehensive in our total outlook as well as more responsive to the needs of students from this area and the state. It would be very unfortunate if those essential functions should have to be limited. It would be detrimental to the people both of the Saginaw Valley and the State."

"Our area legislators have done as much as they can to keep SVSC at the top of the percentage increase list, but they were unable to help
the overall percentage for higher education. If the legislature funded its appropriations formula for higher education, we would be okay. An additional million dollars would take care of us and would have made all the difference this year," he concluded.

Ryder would not comment on budget cutbacks other than to say they would be "substantial" for the new fiscal year. "We will have to make cutbacks but I'm not in a position now to say what they'll be. We want to minimize the consequences as much as possible and not diminish the quality of our faculty or diminish available supplies. The question is what to take out and eliminate without adversely affecting the efficiency of what's left."

In other Board actions, it was announced that $240,000 has been pledged by private contributions toward the construction of the new track, baseball diamond and softball diamonds and that an additional $50,000 in materials and services has been committed. Because the Board expressed confidence that the remaining funds can be obtained by private sources, it gave the administration authority to award contracts for the construction facilities provided that bids do not exceed the amount pledged and the funds are available for construction.

Men's baseball and women's softball will be offered as varsity sports next spring following approval by the Board for these sports. $2,000 for each sports has been committed for a three-year period by the SVSC Foundation and it was indicated that 1978-79 General Fund monies are not to be used for these activities. Chairman Curtiss said it was his "clear understanding that this was to be the case for at least three years." The men's baseball budget for next year was approved at $5,391.50, with $3,605.60 authorized from private funds for women's softball.

MUSE-HOPPER ON CAMPUS

Here's a reminder to area history buffs that the Muse-Hopper mobile museum will be on campus this Wednesday and Thursday during "Learning -- A Continuing Process," a two-day educational seminar for senior citizens.

Muse-Hopper hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday. Since its opening in May, more than 6,000 persons have visited the traveling exhibit of Saginaw Valley history.

In addition to Muse-Hopper, the program will include workshops in personal and neighborhood safety, poetry, music appreciation, solar energy and engineering.

TWO ATTEND CHICAGO MARKETING SEMINAR

Two faculty members from the School of Business and Management at SVSC are attending a seminar on internationalizing the business school curriculum this week at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Shiv Arora, associate professor of marketing, and Dr. James Mitchell, professor of accounting, will discuss the current trend toward a global approach to business education during the week-long seminar, sponsored by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Included in the program is a workshop conducted by Dr. Phil Cateora of the University of Colorado at Boulder, author of International Marketing, one of the most popular textbooks on the subject.

Dr. Arora and Dr. Mitchell attended an earlier seminar on the topic last May in Washington, D.C.

MARCHING BAND NEEDS MEMBERS

Positions are open on the SVSC Marching Band, according to Tom Root, director of bands. As members of the band, area college-age musicians have the opportunity to attend all Cardinal home football games while receiving college credit. Persons interested in this unique chance to combine learning and pleasure may call 790-4389 for more details.

AFTERNOON SONG FEST SET

Sylvia Kahan, SVSC instructor of guitar and piano, will accompany soprano Diana Skentzos Alexander and tenor Roger Alexander during an afternoon of song and music beginning 3 p.m.
Sunday, July 30, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 509 Hancock, Saginaw.

The performance will include music by Scarlatti, Debussy, Gluch, Thomas, Handel, Rodrigo, Schubert and Bernstein.

This is no admission charge and everyone is invited.

NINE NAMED TO E & T COMMITTEE

Nine area men have been named to the Advisory Committee of the Division of Engineering and Technology for the 1978-79 academic year by Director Eldon Graham.

Accepting three-year terms are Frank Anderson, president, Anderson Building products, Saginaw; Dr. Hans Hennecke, director of engineering and research (retired), Baker Perkins, Inc., Saginaw; and Daniel Toshach, Toshach and Sobczak Associates, Inc., Saginaw.

Two-year appointments will be served by James Townsend, college relations, the Dow Chemical Co., Midland; Dr. David Todd, director of research, Baker Perkins, Inc., Saginaw; and Dr. Melvin Hunter, director of research (retired), Dow Corning Corp., Midland.

One-year appointments were given to William F. Charrey, plant manager, Chevrolet Motor Division, Bay City; Malcom Pruitt, director of corporate research and development, The Dow Chemical Co., Midland; and William Kibbe, structural engineer, Manyam and Associates, Inc., Saginaw.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AUDIT SHOWS STRONG BALANCE

A report on the recently completed 1977-78 audit of the SVSC Student Government books by the CPA firm of Rehmann, Eischer, Vallee & Lunt showed an ending cash balance of more than $12,800. Student treasurer David Dutcher reported to the Board of Control Monday that while total cash receipts dropped from $54,452 to $47,467, the cash balance increased from $7,311 a year earlier.

The audit was restricted to receipts and disbursements on a cash basis. Student body President Jim Donovan said a 7.7% drop in fees is slated for this fall. A new computerized system of accounting is also being implemented, the Board learned.

PERSONNEL --

Senior Accounting Clerk -- Business Office.
Full-time, Permanent. $3.53/hour

Transfer Credit Clerk -- Registrar's Office.
Part-time, Permanent. $3.14/hour

Custodian -- Physical Plant
Full-time, CETA $4.52/hour

These positions will be open to members of the campus community for one week. Interested persons should contact the Personnel Office. SVSC is an equal opportunity employer.