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BOARD DELAYS BUDGET ACTION

Citing a need to evaluate fall enrollment figures before settling on a final budget for the 1978-79 fiscal year, the Board of Control Monday decided to wait until September 11 to adopt new operating figures. The Board extended for another month its June 12 resolution which permits continuing general fund expenditures at a level consistent with the 1977-78 fiscal year or as changed by the President. The resolution also noted that "the administration of the College is continuing to refine, revise, and take necessary action in order to prepare a balanced budget."

President Jack M. Ryder told the session that cutbacks of $200,000 this year through staff reductions had been made since the last Board meeting. This figure will rise to $330,000 next year and $335,000 from then on, after workmen's compensation payments are completed.

"I think these cuts will affect the services we can provide and will limit them to a considerable extent," Ryder noted.

"We are reorganizing activities to accommodate essential services. We can manage the institution given the cutbacks made so far, but we are not ready to recommend further cuts now in either programs or personnel. We have made efforts to bring our case to the attention of those who relate to the budget of the institution. We were estimating a 5% increase in fall enrollment to 3,700. And thus far, we appear to be right on target."

"Housing contracts are even better than expected and we may have full dorms for the first time in the history of the college. That's why our position is so frustrating--students are expressing an increasing interest by deciding to attend SVSC and then we must cut back," the President said.

It was also announced that the process of evaluating the Office of the President will continue, with consultant Dr. Barry Munitz scheduled to be on campus again both September 6 and 7 for continuing interviews. Persons who have not had appointments to consult with Dr. Munitz will be able to see him on a walk-in basis from 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6 and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 7.

In other Board business, President Ryder noted that the North Central Association accreditation trip to the campus will be taking place sometime between next February 1 and May 15, with action by the Association expected at their July 21-22, 1979 meetings. According to Ryder, the evaluation will be based on our institutional profile, meaning how well we are meeting our long-range goals and objectives. Financial and statistical data will be required and the evaluation team of six or seven persons will investigate the quality of performance, our ratio of part-time to full-time faculty, our physical facilities, equipment and especially the College library. It was noted that there is no direct formula for evaluation, as colleges vary and so do their objectives.

"Accreditation is a very important process. It helps us measure ourselves along with others across the country, so that we can look at our achievements and what we have done," Ryder said.

The Board also passed a resolution under which the College will provide health insurance benefits to retired employees, provided they pay the full cost of premiums for such coverage. This will enable them to take advantage of lower group rates and the coverage
will be made available only to those employees who retire after either completing a minimum of 10 years of full-time service here and are 55 years of age, or have completed a minimum of five years of full-time service and are 65 years of age. If a retiree predeceases his or her spouse, the spouse will be allowed to continue the current level of coverage under the group so long as the appropriate premiums are paid. In case of the retiree's death and if the spouse should remarry, coverage will not be extended to the new spouse or children of that spouse.

Finally, four Argentine visitors will be coming to the College the first week of September for a visit similar to that made by last spring's group. This time there will be Argentines at seven colleges, compared with four last time.

DR. MUNITZ SCHEDULES WALK-IN VISITS

Members of the faculty, staff, and student body who are not already scheduled to meet with Dr. Barry Munitz, consultant for the presidential evaluation, are welcome to meet with him on either Wednesday, September 6 from 2 to 3 p.m. or Thursday, September 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Pioneer Room in the Pioneer Hall of Engineering and Technology.

FACULTY/STAFF ORIENTATION SET

Fall orientation for new faculty and staff members has been scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, August 30. Both new and returning faculty and staff will be meeting in joint sessions on Thursday, August 31. There will be a picnic on Thursday, August 31 at 6 p.m. for the entire College community.

Planning is continuing for the fall Faculty/Staff orientation, with a full agenda of orientation activities slated to come your way by the end of this week.

TENTATIVE ACCORD REACHED

Tentative agreement on a new three-year teaching contract was reached late Friday night between the College and the SVSC Faculty Association. Details of the agreement and arrangements for a ratification meeting will be forthcoming as soon as possible, probably within the week, according to a letter from Dr. Janet Robinson, President of the Faculty Association. Approval by the Board of Control is expected to follow soon after the faculty vote. Provisions of the new pact will not be released until after both sides have given their approval.

-FOUR-YEAR DEGREE A NURSING REQUIREMENT BY 1985

The minimum entry requirement for persons planning to enter nursing as a career in 1985 or later will be the baccalaureate degree. That's what Dr. Crystal M. Lange, Director of the Division of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, recently learned at the 51st Annual Convention of the American Nursing Association.

The convention's 814 official delegates discussed the issue of the bases for entry into nursing practice at length this year as they had in previous sessions. Ultimately they decided that a four-year Bachelor's degree would be the minimum educational requirement for new nurses planning to enter the field.

At the same time, the delegates fully supported the concept of "grandfathering" diploma and associate degree nurses who are currently identified as registered professional nurses. This action should assure that no abrupt shortage will occur at the time the new educational requirement becomes effective.

"This should give nurses presently practicing a sufficient amount of time to upgrade their education from the RN status to completion of their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree," Dr. Lange said.

SVSC offers the only baccalaureate degree in nursing in this part of the state, and Lange expects that enrollments will expand dramatically as nurses presently in the profession return to the classroom to beat the 1985 deadline.

SOLAR ENERGY CLASS TO BE OFFERED

As conventional forms of energy grow more scarce every day, people are turning to other forms of fuel for light and heat, and
solar energy is becoming a household topic. However, it seems that too many people don't know enough about solar energy to make it a household item. SVSC is trying to ease that predicament by offering a course this fall in Solar Energy Systems.

Titled Construction Technology 431, the course is being offered through the Department of Engineering and Technology and will be of special interest to engineers, technology students, architects, building contractors, home and commercial building owners, system installers, and equipment wholesalers. It will include such topics as solar theory and fundamental concepts, types of solar systems and how they work, planning the systems, collector design, heat storage, heat pumps, pricing the systems and investment analysis and value, and installing the systems.

Frank Ford, an engineer with many years of experience at Dow Chemical Company in the areas of energy conservation, manufacturing, plant operation and building management, will be teaching the course. His textbook will be "The Solar Decision Book", written by Richard Montgomery and Jim Budnick of Saginaw. It was published by the Dow Corning Corporation. Ford will be speaking as an authority on the subject, as he has visited all the major commercial solar energy installations throughout the U.S.

The class will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, September 7 to December 14 in Room 156, Pioneer Hall of Engineering and Tech. Advance registration for the class runs continuously now through August 21. Open registration is 3 to 6 p.m., September 5, third floor of Wickes Hall, for credit, or first class night, September 7, at 7 p.m. for non-credit.

DEADLINES SET FOR CALENDAR, "WHAT'S UP"

Persons planning to have information about their activities included on the monthly College calendar should submit all details to the Campus Activities Office by the 15th day of each month preceding the month in which the event will occur. The new monthly calendar will include information of major importance to students, such as lectures, registration information, athletic events, band performances and various College deadlines. The calendar will be mailed to all registered to all SVSC students at circulated to professional staff. Sponsors are the SVSC Program Board and Student Government.

"What's Up", a listing of events which will occur each Wednesday through Friday of the following week, will also be distributed to students across campus via special distribution stands this fall. Deadline for submitting information to the Campus Activities Office is each Monday prior to the week the event is to occur, with publication and circulation each Wednesday. Events to be listed include all open meetings, special events, programs sponsored by the Program Board and the Activities Office, classroom speakers and movies, and tri-county area events of interest to SVSC students. Phone Emerson Holliday at 4255 concerning your group's activities.

ELLIOTT AT ABLA CONVENTION

Dr. William G. Elliott, professor and chairperson of business law and finance, is currently attending the 55th Annual Convention of the National Business Law Association, held in College Park, Maryland. Elliott is presently secretary/treasurer of the national association, and will assume its presidency in 1981.

At the convention, he is conducting a program on "Law and the Beginning of Life". The ABLA is a national organization representing more than 700 professors who teach collegiate law, consisting of Business Law, Legal Environment and Legal Studies, at four-year colleges and universities. The group promotes and encourages scholarship and superior teaching of law-related courses while fostering understanding between collegiate administrators and those who teach and research in the field of legal studies.

As a golfer, Elliott recently won Best-Ball honors at the Dubs Derby Mixed Competition at the Saginaw Country Club. His team was 18 under par. He also won his division this past Sunday in a two-day tournament there, by taking top honors in fourth flight.
ARORA SPEAKS

Dr. Shiv K. Arora, associate professor of marketing was luncheon speaker for the Aug. 9 Downtown Saginaw Rotary Club meeting. His topic was the "The Free Enterprise Dilemma".

CHAPMAN ATTENDS OSU CONFAB

Dr. George L. Chapman, associate professor of engineering technology, attended a recent conference at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. More than 30 educators from throughout the U.S. and Canada participated in the five-day event, designed to help improve or establish electrical power engineering technology programs at interested institutions of higher learning. Sponsor was the OSU Electrical Power Technology Program.

CHEN PUBLISHES AGAIN

The July issue of "Laser Focus", a professional magazine in electro-optics, reports on papers recently published by Dr. Hsuan Chen, associate professor of physics, and Dr. Emmett Leith of the University of Michigan. The article reports that Chen's papers describe improvements in the production of rainbow holograms, which produce three-dimensional images when illuminated by incoherent white light.

Two papers submitted by Dr. Chen on one-step rainbow holography and color imaging and color blur of the rainbow holograms have been accepted for presentation at the October 30-November 3 meeting of the Optical Society of America. The session will take place in San Francisco. Finally, the May issue of "Holosphere" contained a new report on Chen's other paper collaborated with Professor Leith.

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