BOARD APPROVES $8,043,968 BUDGET

An $8,043,968 general fund operating budget for the 1978-79 fiscal year was approved Monday by the College Board of Control. State appropriations are expected to total $5,864,025 with tuition and fees bringing in an additional $1,975,334. The final $204,609 in revenues would come from investment income, indirect cost recovery, athletics, departmental revenue, and one-time transfers.

On the expenditure side, $5,859,513 was allocated for personal services, which includes salaries and fringes. $2,195,258 will go to supplies, materials, and contractual services, as well as other operating costs. $54,200 would be budgeted for equipment, and $81,736 would be subtracted from the expenditures column for salaries covered by grants. $16,733 was the figure listed for paying outstanding purchase orders encumbered in the 1977-78 fiscal year.

College President Jack M. Ryder said, "We feel we can live with this budget for the next year. This is not the least possible amount we could function on, but it is a minimally-supported budget and is very tight. All must be careful how we spend money this year, and we are going to have to get along with limited equipment."

The President said a recent Valley Vanguard article was incorrect in stating that up to $159,000 might have to be cut from the library budget. Because tuition income is higher than originally projected, he felt that the reduction in library spending would be held down to $25,000 or less. He indicated that after the Instructional Facility No. 2 project is okayed, he will ask the Bureau of Facilities and Budgets for about $100,000 of the project funds immediately for library development. This, plus a $100,000 loan from the SVSC Foundation, would provide almost $200,000 over what is in the proposed budget for books. Last year, the Wickes Foundation gave the SVSC Foundation a $1,000,000 gift toward the library project. Some $800,000 of the $15.1 million estimated IF2 cost is earmarked for acquisition of books and periodicals. By obtaining approval to acquire volumes ahead of the library's construction, the material would be available for students much sooner and would provide a hedge on inflation. Board chairman Charles B. Curtiss said that library acquisitions will continue to have a high priority and that this is also the clear intent of the legislature.

SVSC is presently receiving the strongest support from Lansing that it has in the past 10 years, said Curtiss. "We had good support in 1965 and it has slipped ever since, but now the situation has changed." Curtiss said that when SVSC obtains additional operating revenue from the state, the programs presently in existence must be more adequately funded than they are now. He urged that no new programs be considered and that we "simply build an adequate base for funding what we are doing now." In addition to not starting new programs, he also indicated the College would not be able to restore cutbacks previously made.

Ryder also told the Board it appears that vandalism has occurred on the football field through the destruction of the turf by some chemical agent. If this gets into the adjacent lake, the College might have to drain it. "We don't know why and don't understand why this occurred. It is disgusting and sickening. We have developed the field with private funds and maintained it for all..."
interested in the sport. If the College's insurance doesn't cover the cost -- which could be more than $20,000 -- the repairs will be an expense to the general fund and will affect what we can do otherwise." The College has offered a $300 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons who caused the damage. Student Government president James Donovan said that Student Government would add $250 to this fund, making the total reward $550.

Next year's capital outlay request was also discussed. Instructional Facility #2, which will cost a total of about $15.1 million, will have 172,000 square feet. It consists of 80,000 square feet for the library, 58,900 for the classroom/office portion, and 35,000 square feet for science laboratories. If the bonds for this project can be sold next spring, construction could begin by next fall. However, everything depends on the tax limitation proposals slated for November's ballot.

$14 million is being requested for the Central Heating and Cooling plant, which is presently at the schematic phase. It is expected this will be forwarded to the Joint Capital Outlay Committee this fall or early next spring. $12,400,000 will be requested for programming and planning of a physical education building and outdoor facilities. $873,000 for site improvement and landscaping will be sought, as will $245,000 for completion of the campus road system. The road system is shown in the final campus master plan, which was recently received from Rosetti Associates and distributed to the Board members.

In other action, the Board authorized the College administration to negotiate terms of a lease with the Greater Saginaw Safety Council for construction of a 10,000 square foot building for the "Safetyville" program on the College campus. Annual visitations would total about 15,000 students plus 300 teachers and some 10,000 parents. The facility would use screen-projected simulated traffic conditions developed for motion-picture research. Safetyville would include real streets, sidewalks, intersections, traffic control devices, parked cars, and even a school bus and safety zone, as well as a parent/visitor observation area. A seminar/conference room with audio-visual equipment would also serve as a classroom for adult courses in defensive driving. Total cost is estimated at $319,000, to be raised by the Safety Council from private investors.

Director of Admissions Richard Thompson reported that new enrollments constituted 36% of the total here this year, and that the number of returning students -- now 58% -- is 10% over last year, thus meaning increased retention. 31% of the total enrollment are freshmen, while 16% are sophomores, 17% juniors, 15% seniors, and 21% graduate students. With headcount up 5.0% and credit hours increased by 3.7%, SVSC continues to be the state's fastest growing institution over the past six years.

Although the number of students from Bay County dipped somewhat overall, first-time students from there were up 2%. Midland County was up 3%, Saginaw 2%, Tuscola County 30%, and Huron County 48%. Shiawassee, Sanilac, Oakland and Macomb Counties also showed increases. And the number of first-time students was up 9% this year. Saginaw County continues to lead in headcount with 1735 students while Bay has 706. Midland County currently has 227, closely followed by Tuscola at 205. Macomb has 178, Wayne 106, Genesee 85, Oakland 73, Huron 63, and Sanilac 34 this year. Total headcount is 3706.

By division, Arts & Sciences dropped 12% to 609 declared majors. Education is up 8% to 697, Business & Management is up 17% to 873, and Engineering & Technology increased 45% to 173. Nursing registered a 27% increase to 321, while Public Services dropped 1% to 188. The number of Undecided students -- now 836 -- was down 4% from a year earlier. The number of full-time students is decreasing, from 47% last year to 43% now. And, 53% of the students are under 25 years of age compared with 55% a year ago. The number of applications this year was down by approximately 50, but the "show rate" by students improved. Thompson noted that all colleges are experiencing a trend of decreasing numbers of transfer students.

In other business, the Board

-- learned that an audit of the College books was recently receiving, indicating that the accumulated deficit has been reduced to $187,999 from $226,000 a year ago.

-- found that dormitory operations and food service had a successful past year, showing positive results in both debt service payments and reduction of accrued interest.
-- Read a Student Senate resolution recognizing the contributions of John Burkhardt to student relations over the past four years. Burkhardt will be leaving SVSC November 6 to join Eastern Michigan University as director of University Health Services. President Ryder praised him for his services rendered to SVSC and for his help in turning around the situation in the dorms.

-- approved use of approximately $6800 due in January as the annual payment on the College radio station for Theatre improvements.

-- authorized the name of University Drive to be changed to Freeland Road between Bay and Michigan Roads.

TEXTBOOK REQUEST FORMS OUT THIS WEEK

Textbook request forms for Winter Semester are being distributed to the faculty this week, according to Bookstore manager Betty Wineland. If you need extras or didn't receive your supply, please phone the Bookstore at extension 4277.

LAUREL & HARDY MOVIE ON THURSDAY NIGHT

Campus ministry will be sponsoring the Laurel & Hardy film, "Sons of the Desert", this Thursday, October 12 at 10 p.m. The film will be shown in Dorm C-3. Admission is $.25 and all are welcome.

HOMECOMING, GRAND VALLEY GAME SATURDAY

Homecoming festivities are slated for Saturday afternoon, with six finalists in the running for Homecoming Queen this year. Activities begin with a pep rally at 8 p.m. Friday night and the game vs. Grand Valley State College is slated for 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Cardinal field. The football team is coming off a 16-7 victory over St. Norberts College last Saturday in Wisconsin. Last year, Grand Valley wallop the Cards 41-14 at Allendale.

This year's Homecoming Dinner is slated for 8 p.m. Saturday evening at a cost of $4 per person, with a Homecoming Dance beginning at 9 p.m. Music will be provided by "Irresistible Force" and cost will be $2.50 per person. Tickets for both the dinner and dance will be available through the Student Government or Campus Activities offices.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS FAIR IS THURSDAY

The annual SVSC Clubs and Organizations Fair is scheduled for Thursday, October 12 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the Mall area of Doan Center. Various clubs and organizations representing on-campus groups will have booths set up, so all students can learn more about organizations open to them. Here is a good way to increase student involvement in campus activities!

RENNA READS

Dr. Thomas Renna, associate professor of History, recently read a paper on "Peace in the Augustinian Tradition, 400-1150", at the Third Annual Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference held at Villanova University, Pennsylvania.

COLLAMER APPOINTED

Mrs. Rose Collamer, assistant professor of English and director of the SVSC Chrysallis Center, has been appointed by the State Board of Education to the Advisory Council for Adult Extended Learning Services. According to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. John W. Porter, the council is being established to advise the State Board of Education concerning the implementation of adult education programs administered under Basic and Continuing Education and Adult Occupational Education Programs. It will also assist in continuously evaluating the various adult and continuing education programs administered by the Adult Extended Learning Services area of the Department of Education as well as providing input for that area. Collamer was appointed because she is "knowledgeable about the social, economical, political, and physical aspects of our society which affect Michigan communities".

CHESS CLUB HOSTS SIMULTANEOUS MATCH

Bob Ciaffoni, who has been the Michigan Chess champion and is presently ranked second in the states, will play a simultaneous match at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24 in Doan Center. If you would like to play against him, please
get your name to one of the following people as soon as possible, since there is a limit of 20 boards:

Pat Gielda - 892-1523; Caroline Scott - 777-8406; or Dr. Arthur Andrewes, Chemistry Department, ext. 4300.

We will take the first 20 names submitted. Simultaneous matches are fun to pay in and fun to watch -- try it and see.

Chess club meets regularly on Thursdays in Room 156 Pioneer Hall from 2 to 6 p.m. The meeting on October 19 will include election of officers. There are no dues, and no obligations -- just a group of people who like to play chess of all sorts and all levels, teach beginners, and enjoy themselves.

The Club is considering expanding to include backgammon, and will if there is enough interest expressed to make it worthwhile.

GHS MEETING THURSDAY

There will be a meeting with representatives of the Group Health Service health maintenance organization in Wickes Lecture Hall Thursday, October 12 at 3 p.m. The GHS representatives will be presenting their program of preventative health maintenance insurance to any interested listeners.

FCS PLANS MEETINGS FOR SEMESTER

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes has secured Dorm C-3 every Tuesday night at 10 p.m. for its weekly meetings for the fall semester. Any athlete, male or female, active or inactive, is invited to come and have a time of fellowship with fellow athletes in the Lord.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM NUMBER 1

The Cardinal Cross Country team hung on to its Number 1 rating this week despite the fact that the team lost its first meet last Saturday in the Notre Dame Invitational.

SVSC beat all the NAIA teams at the meet, but wasn't quite prepared for the likes of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan, two of its competitors.