BOARD LEARNS OF GOOD WINTER REGISTRATION

Although final official figures are not yet in, it appears that winter semester headcount will exceed last year's 3116 by the end of late registration this Friday, January 12. Registrar Gary Apsey told the Board of Control Monday that 3072 students had registered and paid fees by the end of last week. He said that late registration normally adds about another 150 students. In addition, off-campus registration figures are not yet available. Total credit hours last winter were 29,332 and are already at 29,069.

Apsey also said that the normal time required for registration this winter is about 12 minutes, as changes in the registration process have minimized long lines and waits. He commended administrative and staff members who made decisions and helped implement changes in the process, and felt that use of an alphabetical by class registration procedure had helped to spread out the clientele. Adds and drops were taking about 20 minutes to a half hour for processing last Friday. A carry-over to fall semester -- the true test of the system -- is now planned.

President Ryder commented at length on his plans for implementing the recommendations made by consultant Dr. Barry Munitz. He indicated that Munitz had focused on those things which needed improvement, rather than spending time listing the accomplishments of the president and Board.

"To keep the report in perspective, we must realize what progress has occurred. This institution and its faculty, staff and students, have accomplished a great deal during the past few years," he felt.

"Our task and challenge now that we have insight to our problems is to attack these as expeditiously as possible and make the changes and modifications needed," the President said. He pointed out that the relationship of the president and administration to the faculty should not be adversarial because of the three-year contract now in effect. Specific changes Ryder said he plans to implement are: A) to have the president meet on a more regular basis with the faculty throughout the academic year to open communication on a broader base than before. B) To arrange meetings of the president and vice presidents with the Faculty Association Board of Directors so each can see better where the other comes from. C) To meet with students on a similar basis to enhance opportunities for interaction and communication. D) To restructure administrative meetings with the president and vice presidents, so all will develop increased sensitivity. E) To address the issue of long-range (three to five-year) planning and articulate this back to a year-by-year basis. The planning process toward development of facilities has proceeded well and the re-evaluation of the Campus Master Plan has been accomplished. By planning, setting priorities, and committing the College to achieving these objectives year by year, much additional progress will be possible. F) To establish a committee which will interview several consultants about planning and obtain additional guidance for the institution. Ryder said that he anticipates appointing a committee this month. He also indicated that the various meetings and opportunities for interaction should not be a forum for final decision-making, but rather a place to develop sensitivities and express concerns.

Chairman Curtiss indicated that the Board intends to implement in full or substantially within the next year the suggestions made in Munitz' report. Board members Suchara and
Saltzman thought that the majority of flaws brought to light by Munitz are things that we can take care of now that they are identified. However, a lot of open discussion and 'courage to say what we've been too nice to say' will be required. Dr. Suchara also indicated the faculty needs a chance to examine and make comments on anticipated changes, especially on the 'big questions'.

Vice President Robert Yien asked which programs have top priority. Curtiss replied that Engineering & Technology has the greatest potential over the next five years from the standpoint of local business and jobs. Growth is also incomplete in the area of business, and additional faculty are needed in nursing. Curtiss also said the liberal arts are the basis and foundation for all the rest, and there needs to be a commitment to the values of liberal arts, as they are the foundation undergirding other programs.

Board member Arbury commented on the December 28 "Purposes of Saginaw Valley State College" mission statement and said this was "more down to the specifics with less boiler plate" than earlier attempts. "Students coming here are doing so primarily to prepare themselves for jobs and careers." She acknowledged our commitment to strong science programs, the MBA curriculum, and nursing. "We can't be all things to all people, yet I have personal commitment to fine arts."

Considerable discussion ensued on priorities. It was pointed out that the goals and objectives committee of 1975 recommended expansion of the programs listed above. "These are not brand-new, but instead we are reassessing through a thorough and well-understood planning process. We hope to say not only what goals we recommend, but to make the resource commitment up-front and public, which hasn't been said previously." Chairman Curtiss said that real needs are over the next three to five years. "If we tie in our program and academic planning to the budget, we will have taken a big step," he felt. President Ryder pointed out that we lack the capabilities for cost-benefit analysis, which larger institutions would have. "What we need in today's world for decisions and future steps is coming, but not yet here and is less than ideal at the outset. We have people with the right ideas, and must have this first. Probably the process won't be perfect," he said.

A policy actions review procedure by the Board was also begun. All past resolutions and motions adopted by the Board since 1966 have been boiled down to their essence and will be considered by the Board at future meetings.

A resolution concerning continuing education services and extension of off-campus programs was introduced, but Chairman Curtiss felt it should describe circumstances under which we will consider initiating classes in the community. "We must have adequate staffing for existing programs on campus before we undertake others off-campus. We can't just seek to embellish our credit hours. The central question is one of priority -- is it more important to go off or on campus," he stated. Another question was whether coordination should be by academic departments or by the Office of Continuing Education.

Sabbatical leaves were approved for Dr. Samuel Levine, professor of chemistry, during fall 1979, for Dr. Peter J. Moehs, associate professor of chemistry, during winter 1980; for Dr. Robert Meadows, professor of education, during winter of 1980; and for Dr. Leslie Whittaker, professor of English, in fall 1979.

President Ryder reported that up to the last day of the recently completed 1978 legislative session, it appeared that our special allocation for the $146,000 telephone system would be included. However, after evaluating expected revenue, the whole bill was stripped, including this amount. He felt that the matter would likely come back early in the next session and would possibly be incorporated into the total funding next year.

Board member Saltzman moved that the President appoint as soon as possible an administrative aide or executive assistant to prepare the specific Board agenda and related materials, review minutes, deliver the agenda and materials to Board members, provide any additional information needed to update the Board, report to the Board on the progress of developing a Board policy manual, and handle budget preparations for Board expenses.

"This would relieve the President of detailed work he doesn't have time for. The person would not be a stenographer but could be a current administrative staffer serving part-time and may have to be an interim person," she felt. After considerable discussion, the motion was approved, although no time limits
were included.

Finally, the Board approved an insurance-type policy regarding air travel in other than regular civilian scheduled air carriers.

BAD WEATHER EXTENDS SVSC REGISTRATION

Sub-zero temperatures and drifting snow have hampered travel, so SVSC will be adding one more day of late registration next Friday, January 12 to accommodate students registering for winter semester classes. Wednesday and Thursday, January 10-11 had earlier been announced as the final two days for winter registration.

Although the number of students already enrolled is above last year's figure at the same time, Director of Admissions Richard P. Thompson said that numerous other persons have called his office to ask that the registration period be extended. "As a result, we will be open for late enrollments Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as well as Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Payments will be due by 4 p.m. Monday January 15 at the Business Office for those signing up this week," he said.

Students who have already enrolled may change their schedules during a drop and add period on Monday and Tuesday, January 8-9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Admissions, Registrar and Business Offices will be open evenings until 7 p.m. this week and will close at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 12. Persons not yet admitted to SVSC should contact the Admissions Office at ext. 4200. All registrations are being taken at the student concourse on the third floor of Wickes Hall.

Off-campus classes at Caro, Midland, Oscoda's Wurtsmith Air Force Base, downtown Saginaw, Saginaw township and West Branch are beginning this week. Registration will be offered at the first class meeting in each location. Details are available through the Division of Continuing Education at ext. 4068.

SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM FEATURES EMU PROFESSOR

The first winter semester Science Colloquium will discuss "Chemistry and the Environment" this Friday, January 12 at 2 p.m. in Room 233 Wickes Hall. Dr. John W. Moore of the Chemistry department of Eastern Michigan University will be guest speaker. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

"This program should be of interest to most students and others, regardless of their field of specialty. It is not limited to scientists or science majors," said Dr. Albert Plausch, associate professor of chemistry.

BRaddock TO SPEAK AT FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

"The Historian at Work" or "The Problem of Doing History at SVSC" will be the topic of Dr. Robert Braddock, associate professor of history at the first winter semester Faculty Colloquium this Thursday, January 11. The session is scheduled for the large private dining room at Doan Center. Lunch from the cafeteria or brought from home is at 12 noon while the presentation will begin at 12:30 and will end by 1:30 p.m.

Braddock will give an informal account of the problems he encountered in his study of Charles Stedman, a participant in the War for Independence and a Loyalist historian. All members of the College are invited to participate.

W-2's ARE COMING

All employees will receive a W-2 form for calendar year 1978 in their pay envelope of January 19, 1979, along with all other tax-related documents (10-99's).

All gift receipts for persons who made deductions for College purposes through the payroll plan will be sent directly from the SVSC Foundation via the mail.

MEN, WOMEN BEST LSSC

Both the men's and women's basketball teams defeated their counterparts from Lake Superior State College in basketball action here Monday evening. The men garnered their second conference win by a 96-81 score, following the opening of conference play Saturday when they defeated Wayne State 60-58 in Detroit. On Monday, Michael Plowden and Louis O'Neal both scored 16 points.
The women's team notched an 81-61 win and is now 1-1 in conference play. Claudette Charney was high scorer with 25 points.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADDS TWO, PROMOTES ONE

There are some new faces on the Public Safety roster this semester, as the Office has added two new replacement police officers and promoted an officer to sergeant.

Scot Compton, a certified police officer who served on Delta College's Public Safety department for 16 months previously, is one of the new officers. Scot is single. He is joined by Terry Doyle, another police officer. Terry will begin his police academy training at Delta this month. He is married.

Officer Craig Maxwell has been named an acting sergeant on the police staff, with the position to become permanent in March, according to Director of Public Safety Zane L. Rybkowski.

DR. LANGE TO SPEAK

Dr. Crystal M. Lange, Director of the Division of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, will deliver the sermon at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Saginaw, next Sunday, January 14. Lay minister J. C. Bredholt will celebrate the liturgy.

"CONSUMERISM" IS SPEECH TOPIC

"Consumerism" was the topic when Dr. Shiv K. Arora recently spoke to the Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley. He pointed out that the consumer movement had its roots in the early 1900's, although it did not pick up steam until the early 1960's. He added that the consumer movement is here to stay and that business must accept this reality. "In many instances, this has opened new opportunities," he added.

FACULTY MEMBER PASSES AWAY

Dr. Dwayne Canon, assistant professor of political science at SVSC, passed away suddenly Tuesday afternoon of a sudden illness.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Vice President for Academic Affairs as they are made.

Canon came to SVSC in 1976, and taught Public Administration, Government, and Politics courses as part of his curriculum as political science faculty member.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela, and a daughter from a previous marriage.

PERSONNEL --

--Computer Science - Assistant/Associate Professor; FT-P, salary negotiable.

--Electrical Engineering/Technology - Position commensurate with experience, FT-P, salary negotiable.

--Mathematics - Assistant/Associate Professor; FT-P, salary negotiable.

These positions will be open to members of the SVSC community for one week. Interested individuals should contact the Personnel Office at ext. 4108.

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