IF #2 TO HAVE 145,000 SQUARE FEET

SVSC's combined Instructional Facility #2 and Library project will contain an estimated 145,000 total square feet, the Board of Control learned Friday from President Jack M. Ryder during the May Board session. A recent letter from Dr. Gerald H. Miller, director of the Department of Management and Budget in Lansing, confirmed that approval has been given to program statements with 51,419 assignable square feet in the Science/Classroom/Office facility and 66,766 assignable square feet in the Library.

Miller indicated that the size of the facilities is predicated on an estimated fiscal year equated enrollment of 3,300 students (approximately 5,500 headcount). He said that "the Library has been established at a generous size that is large enough to accommodate general classrooms until the enrollment reaches the 3,300 level. As enrollments increase and demand for library space is required, the general classroom within the Library can be utilized for expansion purposes."

IF 2 and the Library will be more than three times the size of Pioneer Hall, which has 44,075 square feet. By comparison, Wickes Hall has 115,500 total square feet.

While the Library size is what the College requested, the amount of general classroom space is about 10,000 square feet less. President Ryder indicated that "we don't consider this as being serious, although of course we would have liked to have had the additional space. As soon as enrollment increases create a need for more classroom space, I am confident the state will respond to that need," he said.

Miller's letter cited the "uncertainty of future enrollment growth and the changing mix of students, i.e., an increasing number of part-time non-traditional students" as the reason why the state is holding back on the classroom portion. Miller said that "the changing mix in students has created a greater demand for a longer educational day and less 'compacting' of facilities used in a fewer number of hours." He also felt that the College should give consideration to increasing off-campus program offerings in the major population centers of Midland, Saginaw and Bay City, where Ryder said we have "already made moves before now and have thoroughly studied the types of courses we might offer. We feel we are in line with the general direction of the state's recommendations."

Ryder expressed optimism that funds for the IF 2/Library project will be forthcoming and that we will be in the ground "this fall at the earliest or next spring at the latest, assuming funds are available."

Miller's letter had also recommended using the increasing amount of space in area K-12 school districts. Board member Dr. Richard Gilmore asked if this were a feasible suggestion and Ryder responded that there are certain types of courses, especially in liberal arts, which we can offer off-campus. "We can teach these classes in Midland or Saginaw but can't expect students to go from Saginaw to Midland when our campus is in the center." Science courses and those utilizing computers or other special facilities would also not be practical away from campus, it was pointed out. Board member Florence "Jo" Saltzman noted that suburban Detroit school districts have found it financially unfeasible to use existing elementary or even secondary classrooms for college purposes.
Board treasurer Melvin Zahnow felt that the state's approval of square footage for IF 2 is a continued show of confidence in SVSC's growth. Chairman Charles Curtiss said the move is very good news for the institution and faculty and brings to fruition efforts which were begun during the 1969-70 fiscal year. Ryder said the next move now will be the heating and cooling plant, for which preliminary and schematic plans have been completed. He said we are in a "very good position" to move ahead now for support of the plant, which would provide central control of campus-wide heating and cooling.

In Board action, a new 36-hour physical education major was approved for this fall replacing the previous 27-hour minor. While six new courses will be added, four of these are revisions of previous ones and only two are actually new. The program is somewhat unique in that it limits total hours in physical education to a maximum of 50 toward a degree and requires a strong liberal arts background as well as substantial courses in other areas. Many students, for example, will elect a business minor and will be able to use this combination for recreational management of country clubs, racquetball courts, or other physical fitness facilities. 50 to 100 phys ed majors are expected during the next year and no new faculty will be added at present.

An increase in room and board rates for the 21-meal per week plan to $1,755 was approved. This represents a $115 or 7% increase from the current $1,640 rate and a $4 residential hall association fee -- previously part of a general fee -- will be added on. Vice President for Business Affairs Jerry Woodcock said our need is actually greater than 7%, as total budgeted figures for residential halls next year would only bring $3,772 beyond the amount needed to meet the College's current debt service requirement. Woodcock said food rates are expected to go up 9% and utilities by 15% this next year, but it is also necessary to remain competitive with other colleges. Last year's range was $1,530 to $1,759 statewide, and we ranked ninth out of 12 public colleges in terms of expense.

"We could cut the quality and quantity of food here, but we don't want to. We have one of the higher quality programs compared with other schools and want to keep it that way," Woodcock said. Regarding future expansion of the dorms, Board member Zahnow said that it is almost impossible to pay current costs and still compete price-wise with other schools, unless we get support from somewhere. The dorm budget is being based on an occupancy of 411, versus 406 last year.

Tuition and fees were raised next, by $2 per credit hour for graduate and undergraduate students in both the Michigan and out-of-state categories. The new figure will be $27 per credit hour for undergrads or $37 per hour for graduate courses. New out-of-state rates are $61 and $72 per credit respectively. During the past year, Woodcock said our students have paid 25.6% of the cost of their education, while state appropriations and other revenues such as investments, gifts, and miscellaneous income have provided the remainder.

Ryder said he "has reservations about raising tuition" but yet doesn't "see how the present quality of instruction can be maintained without substantially more resources from both the state and federal level." He indicated that the Middle Income Assistance Act fortunately will be helpful to a larger number of students next year, because the maximum adjusted parental income for students receiving aid has increased to $25,000 from the previous $15,000. "The net effect is that students with a family income of up to $31,000 can generally get some help now, thus providing a larger cross-section. While the increase does hurt, it will in part likely be shared by the federal government," he felt.

New students will be mailed information concerning the increased aid available to them this fall.

Certain fees were also hiked, with the largest in the applied music area. There, the previous $12 per credit hour fee for individual music instruction will be increased to $35 plus normal tuition costs. Laboratory fees are up $2 per hour to $12, while official transcripts will now cost $2 versus $1.50 in the past. Athletic season passes will rise to $8 from $7.50, a recommendation which came from the state fiscal agency.

The Board also learned that while the College has been making equal payments for men and women into the TIAA/CREF retirement fund, the payout is based on men's and women's actuarial tables at age 65. Thus, men get more money at that time because they don't live as long. The
Board was told that a new proposal would have institutions such as SVSC pay into a pool and would then give retirees at age 65 the resultant funds, which they could re-invest or use to purchase annuities. The Board was told that if a current court case verdict requires equal payout at retirement time for women, it might be necessary to increase the number of dollars paid into the fund.

In other Board business,

-- Arthur Majewski of Detroit was welcomed as a new member of the Board following his recent appointment by Gov. Milliken and Joe Slater was seated as new president of the SVSC Student Government.

-- Campus roads were re-named on an interim basis so that the west entrance off Bay Road will now be called "College Drive West" instead of Fox Drive and the unnamed east entrance off Davis Road will be designated "College Drive East". The unnamed entrance from the south off Pierce Road to the main campus will be called "Fox Drive" while "Tower Drive" will designate the entrance off Pierce Road to the '66 and '68 Buildings. Finally, the drive circling Parking Lot C west of Wickes Hall will be temporarily known as "Wickes Circle".

-- The CPA firm of Yeo & Yeo was approved to conduct the annual financial audit of the College books. The Board also:

-- Re-appointed members to the Board of Fellows and named Robert Walpole of Cass City, Stuart Gross and Albert Trautner of Kochville Township as new members with four-year appointments.

-- Approved a leave of absence without pay for Stephen H. Childs to pursue his doctoral degree. Steve will be replaced during the time he is gone and Ryder indicated the College hopes to continue the new person as a staff addition upon his return.

-- Approved a resolution commending Robert Dyer and Donald Passenger for receiving honor as All-Americans for their performance in the respective two- and one-mile runs at the NAIA National Indoor Track & Field Meet. Track coach Dr. Douglas Hansen was also congratulated on the track team's highly successful 1979 season.

-- Heard from Director of Admissions Richard Thompson that headcount for spring session is projected at 1,435 students with 6,500 credit hours. The projection for fall semester is a 4.3% increase in headcount. Tri-County applications by incoming freshmen are currently down 7.2%, but applications from other Michigan counties are up 7.3% and total applications at the end of March were 2.9% over a year ago.

HEALTHY BABY WEEK IS MAY 13-19

Healthy Baby Week is May 13-19, and SVSC's School of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences will be sponsoring a week of information on prenatal care and healthy babies. Among other things, the School of Nursing will have several public service announcements on local radio stations concerning Healthy Baby Week.

FOUR WIN ART AWARDS

Four area high school students are winners in the 1979 National Scholastic Art Awards Competition held in New York. The students, who first won regional honors in the competition sponsored by SVSC, Hampton Square Mall and Peoples' National Bank, were among 465 art winners entered in the contest.

Winning the Kodak Medallion of Excellence Award in photography was Joan Adams of Saginaw Arthur Hill High School. Adams won in the black and white category. Irene Biskey of Crosswell-Lexington High School received the Hallmark Honor Prize for oils; Bob Horn of Essexville-Garber High School received a Gold Medal in the jewelry category; and Dorrie Quast of Saginaw South Intermediate School won Honorable Mention for watercolor.

Students from 57 other areas across the nation competed in the prestigious competition, which will be on display in the Union Carbide Exhibition Hall in New York June 5-27. The photography winners will be on display at the American Standard Exhibition Center in New York July 17 through August 31.

CARDINALS WIN DISTRICT 23, OTHER HONORS

With two more runners qualifying for the NAIA national meet, SVSC's track team swept to a big win in the District 23 Outdoor Championships at Big Rapids Saturday.
Cardinal coach Doug Hansen also tacked on one more personal honor -- he was named the District's Outdoor Coach of the Year. Earlier he was tagged indoor coach of the year after the Cards won the District's indoor title.

While the team was at Ferris, Mike DuCharme, a junior member of the team, won the Saginaw-Bay Marathon at Delta College in a time of 2:25:30, his best time ever.

Greg Henry and Evans Lalas qualified for the national meet, to be held May 17-19 in Abilene, Texas. Henry had already qualified in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and he qualified Saturday in the 10,000-meter run in a second-place time of 30:40.83. He is a Jenison senior.

Lalas won the 400-meter run in a district record time of 43.32 seconds, also good for the national meet. Lalas is a freshmen from Frankfort.

The Cardinals set nine school records in all, and four District 23 records. They tabbed seven first-place finishes: Bill Waters, Hillsdale senior, with a district, field and school record of 177 feet, 5 inches in the hammer throw; Joe Welch, a Grand Rapids freshman, 15.18 seconds in the 100-meter high hurdles; Burton freshman John Darga, a school record in the 800-meter run in a time of 1:54.69; Dave Beauchamp, a freshman from Bay City, with a school and district record time in the 400 intermediate hurdles in 54:08; Midland freshman Duane Johnson, with a field and district record time of 14:41.78 in the 5,000-meter run; Lalas' finish in the 400 and the mile relay team of Larry Hoon, Beauchamp, Jeff Tousley and Lalas, with a finish of 3:19.9.

The Cardinals travel to Big Rapids again this Saturday for the Great Lakes Conference outdoor championship. They currently hold the GLIAC Indoor title.

MORE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS NAMED

Karl Weber of Sanford has been named outstanding senior in Chemistry. He will be graduating in June with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and minors in Physics and Mathematics. This fall, he will enter the Doctoral program in Chemistry at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York and plans a career in academic teaching and research.

Recipients of $250 Dow Scholarships are Paul Zuraw, 7306 West Side Saginaw Road, Bay City, and Thomas J. McQuade, 3115 Ray St., Saginaw. Zuraw is a junior majoring in Chemistry and plans to specialize in Biochemistry or organic chemistry. McQuade has co-majors in Chemistry and Biology and hopes to teach in a college setting as a biochemist following graduation.

Outstanding psychology graduate in the April class is Linda Johnson, of Essexville, while Ann Vlasic of Saginaw graduated last week and was honored as the meritorious psychology grad.

COMPUTERS SHOW THIS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

The Seventh Annual Saginaw Valley Chapter of Data Processing Management Association Vendor Show is slated for this Wednesday and Thursday, May 9-10 at the Valley Plaza Convention Center, 2314 W. Midland, Midland. Hours on Wednesday will be 1 to 8 p.m., while on Thursday the show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Over 50 display booths will show the latest in processing supplies, education and equipment. Vendors will be on hand to discuss specific needs or interests.

HIRCH IS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Dr. Barron Hirsch, professor of art, has been chosen "Artist in Residence" for the second annual Jackson Community College Festival of the Arts. Hirsch will be exhibiting and discussing his work with members of the college community during the month of May. The residency is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

PERSONNEL --

--STAFF ASSISTANT; Advisement Center/Basic Math Skills Coordinator (new), FT-P, Salary Negotiable.

--DEAN OF STUDENTS; (new), FT-P, Salary Negotiable.

--COMPUTER Operator; (replacement), FT-P, Salary Negotiable.