

the INTERIOR

September 25, 1979

SVSC GETS GOOD NEWS FROM TWO SOURCES

There's been lots of good news this week on campus, as the state legislature's Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee has approved a new campus master plan, campus utilities plan and the preliminary schematic drawings for a \$14.9 million central heating and cooling plant for the expanding college.

At the same time, final fall semester enrollment figures show SVSC's growth is continuing. Both credit hours and headcount are up significantly from a year earlier, to new all-time highs. That will provide additional operating income, because revenue will exceed earlier budget projections.

Approval for the heating and cooling plant preliminary planning document also brought a legislative recommendation that the project be funded. Funds to complete planning and begin construction are expected to be included in a Senate bill scheduled for introduction this week. Projections are that the building will cost \$10.429 million, plus \$4.509 million for an underground distribution system across the campus.

The project will vastly improve the efficiency of the present system, which consists of 17 heating units in numerous locations. Less manpower and more efficient monitoring of temperatures will be possible with the new facility, slated to replace the natural gas, fuel oil and electric heating units now used in various places.

Greatest benefit the new system will bring is increased flexibility of operation. Coal, oil, wood chips and even solid waste will provide alternate possible fuel sources, depending on which is the least expensive and most readily available at any particular time.

President Jack M. Ryder praised the actions taken by the Capital Outlay group, and called

its acceptance of the campus master plan "our charter for future facility development at the college." He said the plan as approved would provide for badly-needed facilities. Up to now, the college physical plant has been funded largely by private sources. Only about 32 percent of the land and buildings -- largely Wickes Hall -- has resulted from state appropriations.

Ryder considers the approval of the utilities master plan and recommendation that the heating/cooling plant be financed as "a very major step forward. This will help to reduce costs for future construction on campus because separate cooling and heating units plus space for them in each building will not be necessary."

Special praise was given by the president to area legislators on the Capital Outlay Subcommittee. "They have shown wisdom both in moving this project ahead and in their willingness to help SVSC obtain the physical facilities which up to now haven't come along as rapidly as our growth." He expressed thanks to committee chairman Jerome T. Hart (D-Saginaw), Senator Alvin DeGrow (R-Pigeon) and representatives James E. O'Neill, Jr. (D-Saginaw), Ralph Ostling (R-Roscommon) and William L. Jowett (R-Port Huron).

The good news coming from campus was that credit hours are at 35,302, some 500 above a projected three percent increase and 4.5 percent higher than the 33,799 recorded last fall. Headcount is 3,855 or more than four percent over fall 1978's 3,706. Residential dormitory students jumped 16.3 percent to 484 from 416, with others still remaining on a waiting list.

Preliminary data from other public colleges indicates that SVSC will likely retain its title for another year as "Michigan's fastest-growing state college", because the number of students has mushroomed here by 71 percent during the past six autumns.

NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS "ON THE JOB"

Although he just assumed his new duties as Dean of Students this month, Dr. Philip E. Beal has already favorably impressed many persons -- faculty members and students alike -- on the campus. He comes to SVSC from

For Saginaw Valley State College Employees.
Published by the Office of Information Services.
Call 790-4054 with news items.

Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, where he served in several capacities, including Vice President and Dean for Student Life, since 1968.

Dr. Beal received his bachelor of arts degree from Cornell College in 1957, earned a master of arts degree at Northwestern University in 1961 and completed his doctorate in 1965 from the University of Oregon.

For the past year, he has been a visiting scholar at the National Center for Higher Education in Boulder, Colorado, and served as codirector of a joint national study with the American College Testing program on student retention. He has published articles on mixed class housing assignments, attitude and academic performance of students living in residence halls and at home, and on student retention.

As dean of students, Beal will coordinate campus activities and residence hall programs. Additional responsibilities include overseeing student government relations, student publications and campus ministry, as well as serving as coordinator of intramural sports and recreational activities.

He and his wife, Kathleen, are residing in Saginaw with their two sons.

DAYCARE SERVICES TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH

Many young parents want to return to college, but up to now have had difficulty obtaining competent care for their children while in classes. Beginning October 1, a daycare-nursery school will be offered on campus for students with children from 2½ to 6 years old.

"This is going to be much more than just a daycare center," says professor of education Dr. Kenneth Wahl. "We hope to make this a very unique developmental program for these children. We want them to fall in love with learning."

Wahl will be coordinating and advising on the curriculum aspects of the center, and has high hopes that it will prove to be something much more than a babysitting service. "We want to teach the children as the parents are learning," he notes. "We'll be working on language development, thinking processes, cognitive development and emotional development, using Piaget's theories."

Among the projects planned for the future will

be gardening plots in the spring, a small petting farm with a lamb and a pony, and artwork. Wahl says that children learn through play. "You might even say that play is a child's work," he notes. "They love to work with their hands, and are fascinated by the texture of objects. They learn through touch. We won't have structured lessons for them, but we'll try to teach them to think, to reason things out, and to develop into more social creatures," he points out.

The center will be open initially from 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. "Right now, we aren't licensed for lunch, but we will be serving snacks," says Ann Kozak, SVSC Student Government representative. The Student Government will be in charge of the business end of the daycare center. "We hope later to obtain licensing for lunch and evening hours as well."

The center will have time available in blocks and will be open five days a week during each session, according to Kozak. "Parents can buy as little as four hours or as much as 40 hours per week under this system. We will have minimum requirements on time."

Cost will be \$1.25 per hour. The maximum number of children allowed at one time will be 20 per session, and we'll be able to work with as many as 80 children per week per semester, says Kozak.

In addition to one full-time teacher and assistant, Wahl will have some of his education students doing credit work in the center, and several sororities on campus have volunteered their members to help. "We are hoping to have a first-rate nursery school here which will some day serve as a model for the entire area," Wahl says. Further information is available from Student Government, ext. 4232.

WINTER TEXTBOOK DEADLINE NEAR

Deadline for winter semester textbook adoption requests is Monday, October 15, says bookstore manager Betty Wineland. Request forms are available in the bookstore now for faculty members to pick up.

Early requests facilitate early ordering -- any shipping which can be accomplished ahead of the Christmas mailing season will facilitate the bookstore's operation, she notes.

JOGGING & FITNESS CLUB SETS MEETING TIMES

All persons in the campus community are wel-

come to participate in the new SVSC Jogging and Fitness Club. The group will meet in Cardinal Gymnasium on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and at 12 noon on Fridays. For further details, call Dr. Doug Hansen at ext. 4119.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP FEE WAIVED AT COURT CLUB

Through a special arrangement between the college and Sports Illustrated Court Club, 2717 Schust Road, Saginaw, SVSC students will be able to use the racketball courts there this semester without a membership fee. Student court use will be during non-prime hours between 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekend hours and weekday usage after 10:00 p.m. will be set by the court club as feasible later in the semester. Cost for students will be \$2 per person (two per court), \$1.50 each if three per court, or \$1.00 per person if four students per court. No reservations can be made and students must present a valid student identification card.

So that faculty and staff members can find out more about the courts, an open house is coming there on Friday night, October 5, from 7:00 p.m. to midnight, according to courts manager David Sauter.

FRATERNITY SETS FALL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

SVSC's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity will sponsor summer's last softball in Auburn on September 29-30. The double-elimination tourney will begin at 9 a.m. for the 16 teams chosen to participate. Slowpitch teams listed by the A.S.A. as Class C and D only will be allowed to enter. Deadline for all entries is this week and Dirk Love should be contacted at A-4 to enter. Entry fee is \$65 and two new softballs, and the tourney will be limited to the first 16 teams paying entry fees and submitting rosters of not more than 18 players.

ALL-COLLEGE MEETING TO DISCUSS NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION PREPARATIONS

The entire college community is invited to an all-college meeting next Thursday, Oct. 4 at 4:15 p.m. in Wickes Lecture Hall, to outline preparations for the upcoming North Central Association evaluation team visit. The team will be on campus October 29-31. At the meeting next week, participants will have an opportunity to make comments and

suggestions regarding the evaluation visit or the Self-Study Report recently sent to all full-time faculty members and administrative offices.

SVSC's North Central Steering Committee notes that up to now, a small number of individuals have done the bulk of the work. They state that "the evaluation involves the entire college community and continued accreditation is essential to the future of the College.... From now until Oct. 31st, the entire community must become involved."

CAMPUS NOTES

-- Three poems from volume 10, number one of the Green River Review have been chosen for inclusion in the Anthology of Magazine Verse and Yearbook of American Poetry, according to word received by Review editor Dr. Raymond E. Tyner, professor of English. Included are "Daybreak on a Pennsylvania Highway," by Jon Daunt; "Getting by on Honesty," by Steven Smith; and "Alone with the Dawn" by Matthew Sweeney. Publisher is Monitor Book Company.

-- Dr. Harriet Tillock, assistant professor of Sociology, will appear on channel 19's "Day by Day" program next Monday.

-- Jon Wineland, son of bookstore manager Betty Wineland, is one of 19 Midland area semifinalists in the 1980 National Merit Scholarship Program. Jon is a senior at Midland High School.

-- SVSC's football team, now 2-1 following a 27-7 loss to Western Illinois University last Saturday, returns to action this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. here against the University of Evansville. The SVSC Women's Club will sponsor a pre-game sack lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Owsley Grove. Call ext. 4054 for details.

-- An eight-week course in Conversational Polish will be taught Tuesdays beginning Oct. 16 from 7 - 9 p.m. in 235 Wickes Hall. Details are available from the Institute of Polish Studies at ext. 4315. Cost is \$20 per person.

PERSONNEL

-- SENIOR ACCOUNTING CLERK - Business Office - Full-time, permanent (replacement). \$4.05/hr.

-- STAFF ASSISTANT - Placement & Continuing Education - Part-time, permanent (replacement). Salary negotiable.

-- TURF MANAGER - Full-time, permanent (new).

Requires a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture, forestry or agronomy. Salary negotiable.

-- SENIOR SECRETARY - Information Services -
Part-time, permanent. Salary negotiable.

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

SVSC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and is non-discriminatory in its policies and practices.