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### GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS HALF-MILLION DOLLAR CUT

Budget cuts at the state level by Governor Milliken will also have a drastic impact on SVSC. The governor's revised 1980-81 fiscal year funding recommendation now calls for a \$504,406 reduction. That represents a 7.54% loss from the \$6,687,400 SVSC received from the state last year, leaving \$6,182,994.

"We've recognized the steadily declining economic condition of the state and had planned for a state appropriation far below the inflation rate," noted president Jack M. Ryder. "But we weren't expecting a 7½% reduction in funding from last year. At the same time, our head count has increased by 12.3% this fall and our credit hours by 15%, meaning that additional money is needed to handle this growth. Clearly we will be forced to make further cuts in an already-stretched budget."

Ryder said he had expected to weather the storm "through extremely careful budget preparation and a 12.1% increase in student fees which went into effect this fall semester. "In preparing the budget, we waited for legislative action on appropriations and have not assigned raises, in an effort to protect our employees from potential layoffs. It now appears that I will have to recommend a mid-year tuition surcharge of at least \$2.50 per credit. However, this increase will not raise enough additional revenue to meet the shortfall if the governor's recommendation is upheld by the legislature.

"We are extremely hopeful the legislature will find some way to provide modest relief from the governor's severe cuts, since it is essential that we retain our already overburdened faculty and staff to serve our current record student enrollment," Ryder added.

"Other areas of the budget than personnel will be considered for further cutbacks, since our limited staffing is necessary to maintain programs currently offered. Staff layoffs other colleges are experiencing now already happened here in summer 1978. I expect to announce cuts after we have more time to assess the situation, including the legislative evaluation," he concluded.

### SVSC PRODUCTION KEEPS AUDIENCE HANGING

How does a condemned criminal, scheduled for execution in the morning, spend his last fleeting hours? This situation is dramatized in "Gallows Humor," scheduled at the SVSC theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 4-6.

The play by Jack Richardson marks the SVSC debut production of Maarten Reilingh, new instructor of speech and theatre. He has previously directed at Bowling Green State University, the University of Michigan at Dearborn and the Huron (Ohio) Playhouse.

Reilingh describes "Gallows Humor" as a "two-part experience depicting people held firmly in place by restraints of their own devising. It is a dark comedy about people trapped in their life routines."

The role of convict Walter is played by Randy Sharkey, a junior majoring in music. Criminal justice major Scott MacReady is a natural choice for the warden in "Gallows Humor" and the hangman, Phillip, is played by junior Joe Kudla of Whittemore. Freshman Trish Walker has the dual roles as Martha, the hangman's wife, and the prostitute Lucy. Assistant director duties are shared by students Tina Sangster and Karen Ewald, while Kathy Kren is in charge of costuming and Lorraine Robinson has responsibility for properties. Technical advice and aid is provided by Douglas Wagener,

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theatre and technical director at SVSC.

As part of an effort to revitalize the theatre curriculum at SVSC, Reilingh has entered "Gallows Humor" in the American College Theatre Festival XIII sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Alliance for Arts Education and Amoco Companies.

Plays participating in ACTF competition are evaluated by adjudicators who visit campus and critique the production for cast and crews. As many as 10 of the best productions nationwide are selected to appear in a three-week spring festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. to showcase college theatre in the U.S.

A special matinee performance of "Gallows Humor" is slated for 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 4 as a convenience for commuters and senior citizens. Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets for any of the shows are \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for students and senior citizens. All seats are reserved, with tickets and reservations available at the SVSC campus activities office by phoning ext. 4260.

#### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RYDER TO SVSC FACULTY AND STAFF

Like you, I am both pleased and thankful that the voters of Michigan overwhelmingly defeated Proposal D. They took this action only after coming to an understanding of the issues and the underlying ramifications of the Tisch II ballot question.

My sincere thanks for the concern and co-operative effort you displayed in this matter. Largely through your efforts, the voters of this area were convinced that tax reform should come in an orderly and thoughtful way rather than through something as devastating as Proposal D. The money our faculty and staff contributed out of their own pockets to this cause and the countless hours of work by so many members of the SVSC family proved extremely helpful in stemming the tide of "yes" votes which had been shown on early opinion surveys of voters. I am grateful to you and your colleagues for working together to inform the electorate.

Our Board of Control also deserves commendation for its public stand in passing a

resolution pointing out the weaknesses in Proposal D and especially for the outstanding efforts of chairman Charles B. Curtiss.

I look forward to working together with you in meeting the extreme challenges caused by the state's weak economic condition during the current fiscal year.

#### REGISTER FOR TALENT SHOWCASE

Want to turn your previously unrecognized musical talent or dramatic flair into a source of income? Or, for that matter, do you just want to be part of the fun?

With another of her inflation-beating ideas, campus activities coordinator Maryanne Lustgraaf is offering the chance to do just that. On Wednesday, December 10, from 8:00-11:00 p.m. there will be a "Coffeehouse Talent Showcase" in lower level Doan Center.

The contest is open to any member of the campus community with an act involving music, humor, mime, dramatic talent -- whatever, so long as it's in good taste. Acts can be solo or group, but all must be registered with the campus activities office by November 26.

Winners of the talent showcase will be hired for noon hour performances to be held in the Wickes Hall student concourse during winter semester. While the honorariums are modest (\$20 to \$25), it can be a fun way to earn extra money. There is the added bonus of knowing that good entertainment is being provided -- free -- to everyone in the concourse area.

A joke-telling contest, also open to the campus community, is planned in conjunction with the December 10 talent showcase. Contact the campus activities office at ext. 4260 for details.

#### JAZZ ON TAP AT SVSC

There's a special holiday treat in store for jazz fans when the Saginaw Valley jazz ensemble performs at the college theatre on Monday, December 8. Local musician Kent Wilson will be demonstrating his tenor sax magic as the featured guest of the artist series.

Wilson has played professionally in the tri-cities area for several years. He is particularly at home with the big band sounds of

the '50's and early '60's. "Charlie Parker was an early influence on my playing style," says Wilson. "Locally I've been associated with Jack Bruske for many years."

At one point in his career, Wilson led his own quartet. The group played at Larry's Lounge and other clubs in the area. More recently, Wilson performed in the "Jazz at Noon" series at the Barnstormer restaurant.

Wilson's tenor sax solos will be featured in "2001," adapted from a work by Richard Strauss, and Charlie Parker's "The Bird." Other selections for the evening include "If You Leave Me Now" by Chicago. The concert will close on a seasonal note with a rendition of "Adeste Fideles."

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. concert are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens and are available at the door. For information contact the fine arts office at ext. 4159 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

#### NURSING DEGREE "AT HOME" DOESN'T WORK

Practicing nurses are finding their profession expects more college education as nursing care practices and requirements become more complex. Many area registered and licensed practical nurses are receiving offers by mail which claim they can earn a baccalaureate degree at home through correspondence courses.

"Don't be misled by such programs," cautions Dr. Crystal M. Lange, dean of the school of nursing and allied health sciences at SVSC. There's no substitute for the clinical and classroom experience a nurse obtains while studying toward a bachelor of science in nursing degree."

Lange notes that registered nurses who enter such "study by mail" programs actually receive no additional nursing education over what was already obtained before the R.N. licensure.

Normally the degree students would earn at home is called something like a "bachelor of science in professional arts." It's not a usual academic degree and is granted in a different, unrelated discipline. She warns these are not valid degrees in the nursing profession.

"Many small private liberal arts colleges

across the U.S. offer such study-by-mail courses in a valiant effort to gain students. Practicing registered nurses are attracted by the chance to study at home at their own pace during off-duty hours.

"The only problem is that no nursing courses are included. Any credit for nursing classes comes from what the individual already earned before enrolling in the study at home program," she points out.

"These classes usually will not enhance a nurse's promotability. They also will not meet prerequisites for enrollment in a master's degree in nursing program."

Lange emphasizes that there is no substitute for a genuine bachelor of science in nursing degree, earned through an accredited nursing degree program. "Be wary if considerable on-site coursework and clinical patient care experiences are not included. Nothing else can replace the real thing."

Students with questions about such types of study are encouraged to contact Lange at ext. 4145. "The important thing is that you check out the professional usefulness of a program before enrolling," she concluded.

#### CHINESE ART AND LITERATURE SOUGHT FOR PUBLICATION

Dr. Raymond Tyner, editor of the "Green River Review," has announced the planned publication in 1982 of a special issue featuring the literary and artistic work of China during the past decade. The bilingual issue will contain Chinese literature with English translations on facing pages.

Dr. Mason Wang, associate professor of English at SVSC, has been appointed by Tyner as guest editor for this issue. Artists and authors may obtain information or submit materials by contacting Wang at ext. 4328.

#### NOMINATIONS DUE FOR "WHO'S WHO"

November 21 is the last day for nominations for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Forms are available in the dean of students office, student government office and from academic deans and directors.

### THANKSGIVING VACATION SCHEDULED

SVSC's personnel office reminds the campus community that all offices will be closed for Thanksgiving holidays next Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28. Normal schedules will resume the following Monday.

Staffers who live out of town, or even out of state, and are planning a trip home during Thanksgiving break are encouraged to check the ride board in the Cardinal's Nest. Campus activities coordinator Maryanne Lustgraaf is helping potential riders locate drivers with similar destinations. It's a good way to share expenses and have companionship on a long drive.

### COUNSELING INTERN ON CAMPUS

Dean of students Philip E. Beal has announced the addition of intern Sally Birdsley to the SVSC health services counseling staff. Birdsley, a graduate student at Central Michigan University, will be working directly with personal counselor Ted Nitz and Beal on projects which may involve contact with other SVSC staff members.

She will be conducting a needs assessment on the nature and scope of counseling opportunities offered to SVSC students as well as determining additional counseling needs expressed by students. Birdsley also plans to do some individual and group counseling on a supervised basis.

### OPEN MEETING SET

The executive committee of the SVSC Board of Control will meet in the small dining room of Doan Center on Monday, November 24. The purpose of the 1:00 p.m. public meeting is to discuss setting a tuition surcharge planned for winter semester.

### NEW NUMBER FOR FACILITIES SCHEDULING

A new phone extension has been installed for the convenience of persons reserving campus facilities. To check on the availability of space or reserve a room for an event, phone ext. 4348. Addition of this new line will free the information desk phone to handle other types of calls. Please note the change in your faculty/staff directory.

### CAMPUS NOTES --

--History professor Dr. Thomas Renna has authored several papers and articles recently. On October 5 his thesis "Augustinian Kingship and Thomas Aquinas" was presented at the 5th Mid-Atlantic States conference on Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance studies held at Villanova University.

"Medieval Kingship: A New Paradigm" was read by Renna at the 11th Interdisciplinary CAES conference on Early Studies held at Ball State University on October 18. And Renna has received word from Charles Scribner's Sons publishers that his article "Theories of Kingship, 800-1400" has been accepted for the new "Dictionary of the Middle Ages."

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--Dr. Charles F. Pelzer, professor of biology, delivered a paper at the 1980 meeting of the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) on October 23-26 in Boston. Pelzer's paper, titled "Applications of Isoelectric Focusing to Protein Separation," described the experimental technique employed in his research done in conjunction with SVSC student Paul Ankney. They studied biochemical genetics of Down's Syndrome and retinitis pigmentosa (an inherited form of blindness).

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--Dr. Thomas Hearn, associate professor of English at SVSC, spoke to the Retired Men's Club at the Saginaw YMCA on November 3. His topic was "Health and Safety Hazards of Nuclear Power." Hearn is a member of the Lone Tree Council, a tri-cities environmental group, and represented their views in his presentation.

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--Katheryn Meinschein Lewis, cataloger in the library and learning resources center at SVSC, has been elected as secretary-treasurer of the technical services caucus of the Michigan Library Association for 1980-81. She attended a leadership workshop November 7 and 8 at Meadowbrook Hall on the Oakland University campus to begin planning the program for her term of office.

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