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BOARD HIKES TUITION \$8

Undergraduate tuition will increase from \$33 to \$41 per credit effective summer term, following action Friday by the Board of Control. This represents a 24% increase over winter semester and is 34% higher than last fall's \$30.50. Resident graduate students will now pay \$55 per credit hour, compared with \$44.50 this past winter.

Primary reason for the substantial increase, according to president Jack M. Ryder, is the need to maintain quality in SVSC's academic program. "We were able to sustain a 15% growth in credit hours last fall and 18% this winter, despite a 6.13% cut in state appropriations without laying off personnel."

But Ryder said this was accomplished only through a number of short-term actions which could not continue much longer. These were -- strict limitations on expenditures, -- deferral on acquisition of a sorely-needed computer, -- delaying the replacement and planned additions of new faculty and staff to meet the enrollment demand, -- constraints on salary adjustments for existing faculty and staff members, and -- deferral of expenditures in the preceding year which allowed a carry-forward of approximately \$200,000 in the budget this year. "We have been deferring for several years and have now come to the end of the string. We can no longer continue these deferrals without adversely affecting the quality of our total program," Ryder emphasized.

"For the next fiscal year only about half (8.7% of the 16.7% increase from the state legislature) is not restricted to a specific purpose. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars is for the installation of our mobile units, \$150,000 is for the computer and another \$85,000 is earmarked for the Business and Industrial Development Institute."

Although Ryder said he had considered requesting an increase to \$43 per credit, he indicated there were still "unknowns" regarding potential revenue sources. If these funds do not materialize, it may be necessary to seek another tuition increase next winter semester, he said. If the supplemental \$146,000 apparently appropriated for the telephone system does indeed reach SVSC, the percentage of carry-over funds into next year will be increased. "This will help us maintain the \$41 level," he said.

Other fund variables affecting the budget include continued federal grant money for programs such as bilingual/bicultural education, tuition from a possible enrollment increase, higher than expected investment income and private contributions for scholarship and financial aid. Full funding of state appropriations for next year as currently passed by the legislature would also be necessary and will depend on the economy of the state. "It is clear the governor will come back and rescind part of the appropriation," the president noted.

Fortunately the federal BEOG (Pell) program won't be modified this year, meaning that students may be able to receive up to 50% of the increased cost from the federal government. Ryder said he expects \$69,000 more in SEOG, work-study, SVSC tuition and opportunity grants this next year over

1980-81 and \$48,000 additional for campus student employment.

Ryder also said the college has been affected by cuts in the CETA program and the SVSC nursing grant. "We're not in a position to cut back on service activities because we don't have a significant number of them," he noted. "We're extremely lean in terms of faculty and administrative personnel and have been since our cuts of July 1978."

New Board member G. James Williams of Midland asked if part of the reason for so large a percentage hike in tuition was because we've deferred passing through the cost of doing business in previous years. Ryder responded that our gain in new students had been 50% higher than what we had expected this past year, when the state had cut our budget. Board chairman Charles Curtiss pointed out that tuition has increased annually and has been in the 30%-35% range of total cost. He and Ryder both said that in the past the state would have picked up its share of funding the expiring grants and CETA programs, but they no longer are because of the economic crisis.

Vice president for business affairs Jerry Woodcock said SVSC's tuition cost will still be less than the "big three," while a little more expensive "but within \$100-\$150" of other colleges such as CMU. Ryder cautioned that one must carefully look at special charges such as non-refundable registration fees at other colleges and know the full extent of total cost before making comparisons. Woodcock pointed out that a student taking 31 hours over two semesters would pay an average tuition cost of \$1,362 if figures are compared from CMU, Grand Valley, MSU, U of M-Ann Arbor, U of M-Flint and SVSC. SVSC's actual cost will be \$1,364 next year.

Trustee Florence "Jo" Saltzman pointed out that "upto now we've been in the lower half of tuition costs for quite a while," compared with other colleges. "We'll now be the upper part of the upper half. That's quite a jump."

Ryder responded that our substantial growth compared with other colleges which have stayed even or lost enrollment has come at a time when all of us have received about the same percentage of appropriations increases. Thus others have gained more

dollars and "there's a tendency for the state not to penalize them for enrollment losses until two years out. This year's recognition of our growth by the governor's office is better than for any year since I've been here," he noted.

"If we look back two years ago, we've increased over 20% in students but state funds simply haven't been there -- that's the answer," pointed out Board treasurer Melvin Zahnow. He and Ryder agreed that we must either stop the growth or increase the tuition rate until the state improves funding.

Student body president Micheal Kilpatrick admitted that the tuition hike was needed but felt the amount proposed was very drastic. "I'd like to see some long-range prioritizing, so that budget cuts could be made in the future if drastic cost reductions become necessary. "Students will rebel -- they won't attend here if we charge higher and higher rates. Instead they will go to Delta for two years and then transfer here for two." The new tuition and fee rate structure was then unanimously approved. Under the plan, the current \$2 per credit hour facilities fee on campus will be replaced by a \$3 general service fee. This will incorporate athletic and parking facility fees of 75 cents and 90 cents per credit hour respectively, student government and publication fees of 55 cents and 15 cents per credit hour respectively and a first aid facility fee of up to \$1 per credit, with any balance to be used for registration processing. New off-campus service fees were also included and, in general, are 20% higher than last year. Woodcock noted that a full-time student with 12 hours currently paying \$428.70 total cost would find the new rate to be \$528. He said that 62.3% of the on-campus students taking 18 hours or less will have their tuition and fee costs increased less than \$100 per semester.

In other action, the Board spent considerable time debating the merits of the Proposal "A" ballot question, with a majority ultimately voting to endorse the question. Mrs. Saltzman stated that Proposal A would destroy local initiative on school questions and said that, for the 150 districts already out of the state funding formula, the state wouldn't be replacing the 70% or so funding they now receive for programs such as busing.

Trustee Williams questioned if Proposal A is

so pertinent to SVSC that the college ought to be publicly taking an official position on it. Ryder responded that he did believe the action related directly to SVSC because "I feel Tisch will be back" if "A" isn't passed. Curtiss said that his estimation is that "higher education's future is dependent on passage of Proposal A."

The Board also:

--elected new officers for the 1981-82 fiscal year (see related story),

--heard that a state appropriation for SVSC of \$7,392,900 has now been signed by Governor Milliken, with a cut expected this fall,

--concurred with a student government referendum passed in the 1981 spring election that future student senate and executive officers elections will coincide. Annual student elections will be in March, 35 days before the end of winter semester,

--approved 16 faculty research grants, to be funded by the SVSC Foundation, for a total of \$15,298. In all, 23 proposals were received from SVSC's 112 full-time faculty members,

--unanimously voted to extend congratulations to SVSC's 1981 indoor and outdoor track teams, which have again won NAIA district 23 and GLIAC championships,

--finalized plans to hold a special meeting of the Board on May 12-13 to discuss long-range planning for 1981-82 through 1984-85 at SVSC.

BOARD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Board of Control vice chairman John W. Kendall of Southfield was elected chairman of the group during Friday's May meeting. He succeeds Charles B. Curtiss of Bay City, who announced last year that he would not be a candidate for reelection.

Elected vice chairman was Dr. Richard H. Gilmore of Saginaw. Florence "Jo" Saltzman of Franklin will be the group's new secretary, succeeding Mrs. Ned Arbury of Midland. New treasurer will be G. James Williams of Midland. He succeeds Melvin J. Zahnow of Saginaw, who will retire from the Board in July. Those elected will assume their new positions on July 1.

Kendall, who is personnel manager for Chrysler Corporation's Jefferson Assembly plant in Detroit, has served on the Board since 1969. He is currently in his second term, which expires July 21, 1985.

At Chrysler, Kendall has earlier been personnel coordinator for special markets, employment placement specialist, personnel representative, supervisor of industrial training, specialist in plant communications, and production foreman. He taught elementary and junior high school general science in the Detroit public schools from 1963-66 and has also taught applied management and technology classes part-time at Wayne State University.

Born March 21, 1931, at St. Paul, Minnesota, Kendall earned his bachelor of science degree in elementary education and biology in 1963 at Wayne State University. He has also attended Howard University, Michigan State University, Detroit Institute of Technology and has taken graduate course work in community relations at the University of Detroit.

He was a member of the Northwestern high school all-city championship swimming team, served in the U.S. Army from 1952-54 and was a business/industry advisor on a Special Seven-Man Review Committee which advised the Detroit mayor and police department on minority recruiting and employment procedures and practices. He has also been a member of NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, board of directors of the Metropolitan Agency for Retarded Children, president of the Business and Industrial Breakfast Forum which offers help to Detroit urban problems, and the Board of Governors of the Sancta Maria Program.

COLLEGE ENDORSES PROPOSAL "A"

Proposal A, the tax relief plan you'll have a chance to vote on next Tuesday, May 19, has been endorsed by the college administration and the Board of Control.

In a letter to SVSC employees last Friday, president Jack M. Ryder said, "It is essential that the level of state expenditures be brought under better control, even though the state has already made budget cuts totaling nearly \$1 billion. But up to now, the alternatives such as last fall's Tisch II amendment have represented too drastic an approach and would have devastated state revenues to the extent of grievously harming the viability

of the state. Thus I urge you to make certain you vote on Tuesday, May 19, and that you seriously consider the merits of Proposal "A" before casting your ballot."

Both Ryder and Board chairman Charles B. Curtiss told the Board of Control Friday that the alternative to Proposal A would be devastating to Michigan higher education. Although "A" would cut state expenditures by another quarter billion dollars in the first year, and it would promise no additional fiscal support for SVSC or other state institutions, it would assure the that higher education would not go unfunded in the future.

WOMEN HOURLY EMPLOYEES HONORED

Twenty-two women who have worked at SVSC for five or more years were honored by the SVSC Women's Club at its banquet Friday evening in the library. Women's Club president Margaret Clark of Midland said "the women we honor are vital to the daily operation of the college, and this recognition is intended to notice and say a thank you that these women deserve. We are also recognizing by implication all women hourly employees."

Honored were: Linda Anderson, Nola Carvey, Mary Cherwinski, Alice Cornejo, Jessie Federspiel, Mary Jane Gingrich, Ruth Gulliver, Nancy Hegenauer, Susan Hentschel, Barb Jaski, Virginia Krawczak, Zita Magyar, Mary Mero, Terri Meyer, Carole Oberin, Helen Rada, Norma Reed, Debwin Roberts, Beverly Salay, Gloria Wagener, Jeannetta Washington, and Nancy Whalen.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS SEPTEMBER 12

SVSC's fighting Cardinals football team plays its first 1981 game September 12 at Indiana Central (Indianapolis) and has its home opener September 26 against St. Joseph's (Indiana) College. In between, on September 19, SVSC will play against the University of Central Arkansas, which finished last season ranking first in the NAIA, in a game at Conway, Arkansas.

On October 3, the Cards traveled to Central State (Ohio) for another non-conference game in open Great Lakes Conference play October 10 at Hillsdale. Because Hillsdale won the GLIAC title last year and has almost

everybody back from that team, the game should be a tough one. The balance of the football schedule is October 17 - Grand Valley here, October 24 - at Northwood, October 31 - at Ferris, November 7 - Michigan Tech here, and November 14 - Wayne State here.

DANCERS HERE SATURDAY

Doris Marsh and the Saginaw Valley dancers are teaming up to present a choreography workshop here this Saturday, May 16, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the college theatre. The seminar will be hosted by the speech and theatre arts department, with admission free and open to the public. For information or reservations, please contact Ms. Marsh at 793-6959.

HERE'S "INTERIOR" SUMMER SCHEDULE

This issue of the Interior is the last to be published on a regular weekly basis. During the spring and summer sessions, the Interior will be published on alternate Tuesdays, beginning with May 19. A special edition will be published should circumstances warrant one.

Scheduled publication dates will be June 2, 16 and 30; July 14 and 28; and August 11 and 25. Weekly publication resumes on Tuesday, September 1.

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