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BOARD ADOPTS $12,345,000 BUDGET

A $12,345,000 general fund operating budget was approved Monday by the Board of Control for the 1981-82 fiscal year which began July 1. That figure is some 18 percent above SVSC's 1980-81 operating budget of $10,460,000.

Vice president for business affairs Jerry A. Woodcock told the Board that state appropriations constitute only 57.8 percent of the total in the new budget, versus 60.4 percent this past year. Meanwhile, tuition and fees have increased from 29.9 percent of the total resources in the budget to 33.5 percent and are expected to add $1,006,000, meaning that students will be paying a total of an estimated $3,920,740 in tuition and $215,996 in fees, for a sum of $4,136,736.

Woodcock indicated that resources are based on an estimated 94,000 student credit hours during the next year, approximately the same as actually taken this past year but 2,600 above the 92,400 on which the 1980-81 budget had been based. "There is a possibility that credit hours could exceed that figure but if they don't, we would have to cut the budget later in the year if we had figured a higher number of credits into the budget than what is actually realized," he indicated.

The new budget represents a state appropriation increase in absolute dollars of $810,000 or 12.8 percent on our fiscal year. However, 31 percent or some $250,000 of that figure is earmarked for the state for special projects or categories, including funding for the new business and industrial development institute, upgrading computer facilities and moving and setup charges for mobile units from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

It is questionable to predict what the state economy will do next year, Woodcock noted, and a callback of some of the $810,000 increase may be coming later in the year from Lansing. If so, $100,000 has been identified in the budget to be placed "on hold" until at least next January or later, when the state fiscal picture become clearer. Included is $10,000 in equipment purchases, $20,000 for library acquisitions, $30,000 to fund projects resulting from the long-range planning process, $25,000 in inflationary adjustments to supply and equipment budgets and $15,000 for remodeling.

In addition to a hoped-for state appropriation of $7,133,343, other revenues include $60,000 from indirect cost recovery, $140,000 received from investment income, $90,000 from departmental and other income, $200,000 as the beginning fund balance, $89,821 from the SVSC Foundation as non-recurring revenues and supplemental state appropriations of $148,600, including $146,000 not in the appropriations base but to be used for setting up the mobile units and $2,600 from the American Indian Tuition Waiver program.

Other resources estimated in the budget are $100,000 in expenditure savings and additional revenue, $34,500 from grants for salary payments and $212,000 in unfilled position savings. The salaries from grants figure represents a significant decline from last year's $128,425, a $93,925 revenue reduction. This resulted from cutbacks in the CETA program and from the college absorbing costs for nursing salaries after a nursing grant expired and the state did not have funds to reimburse the salary costs involved.

The nearly $90,000 coming from the SVSC Foundation includes $45,000 for library
acquisitions, $15,000 for nursing books and materials, $11,821 for phasing in several minor sports and $18,000 for student musical performances. One bright note is that investment income is expected to increase from $75,000 to $140,000, as interest rates remain high and more working capital is available to invest as the college grows larger and inflation continues.

Board members were told by Woodcock that expenditure allocations go to three categories: personal services, budgeted at $9,096,144; supplies, materials and services at $3,158,438; and capital expenditures at $90,418. Personal services in the form of salaries, insurance and other employee benefits are budgeted at 14.8 percent above this past year. Included are five new faculty positions and the cost of absorbing ten CETA positions into permanent college jobs.

Vice chairman Dr. Richard Gilmore said the small figure in capital expenditures makes it appear that the college is not putting its budget dollars back into the business in the form of equipment and other capital items. President Jack Ryder responded that next year we will have to look at getting more money coming into the capital fund, but said this year "we're putting our dollars in our people -- that's the important thing." Ryder said we haven't been able to do this during the past three years and felt that the college could hold off on some equipment items by deferring their purchase.

In the compensation category, $66,000 has been added to the budget for student employees during the next year. Money for the CETA employees is also in the compensation category. While ten are being absorbed, six others will not be picked up on October 1, when federal funds run out. This next year's funding for supplies, materials and services represents a $678,471 increase, led by $125,000 in additional funds for utilities. This will be used both for rate increases and for the additional square footage being added in mobile units. Money for student financial aid from the college will go up just over $120,000, insurance costs will rise by $25,000, and inflationary increases will eat up much of the remainder.

Repayments on the mobile units also came under consideration. Ryder said it is not new for SVSC to be paying for mobile units, which we also did on the first ten through lease or purchase agreements from the college operating budget. "When you look at our 16.7 percent operating increase, it's important to realize that we're paying for space which other institutions aren't. If we had their buildings built here, we wouldn't be paying for space and equipment out of operating funds as we are now."

Other discussion concerned the NDLS and guaranteed student loan programs. Trustee Gilmore felt SVSC could "put ourselves on the map" if we'd try to get students to pay dollars up front for student loans and oblige them to begin repaying their loans immediately. Ryder pointed out that President Reagan has proposed much stricter guidelines for loans and other forms of aid and admitted that the payback rate on student loans is not nearly what it was back in the days of the NDEA program some years ago. "You can't require collateral, cosigners or economic necessity for these loans -- it's a handout and some fairly well-to-do people in Midland are getting student loans for their children -- it's a boondoggle," stated Board treasurer G. James Williams. Trustee Gilmore felt colleges are bearing the brunt for loans not being collected, but really much of the fault lies with the legislation which set up the present system.

More discussion followed and the budget of $12,345,000 was finally unanimously adopted by the Board.

In other business, the Board --met the seven young women from Shikoku Women's University, Tokushima, Japan, who are beginning the fourth week of their five weeks of instruction in English on campus. Their instructor, Sekiji Kondoh, also spoke on behalf of the group, --approved a resolution delegating authority from the Board to the president and vice president for business affairs, so they can contract with insurance carriers on matters involving fringe benefit insurance programs. Included is the new dental insurance program, for which some 20 insurance carriers are presently submitting bids. This will be placed into effect for the faculty and other employee groups later in the fall, --adopted the Board operating policies which were reviewed at the June and August meetings,
approved a leave of absence without pay for assistant professor of physical education Dr. Ingrid Kupprat for fall semester 1981,

authorized the college administration to submit an application to fund new residence hall construction under the U.S. Department of Education's college housing program. This would be for a maximum of $3.5 million at a three percent rate of interest for housing to accommodate an estimated 250 students,

heard from director of admissions Richard P. Thompson that fall semester 1981 applications from first-time-in-college students are up 10 percent but are down 14.1 percent for transfer students. As of the end of July, 2,298 students have submitted applications, a 4.6 percent rise over last year's 2,197 at the same time. Thompson said we have received 80 percent of the applications anticipated, with 20 percent more expected between now and the second week of September. Last fall 3,021 total applications came in. On the housing side, he indicated there are 486 beds this year and that 587 contracts had been received. Sixty-four of the excess have since found other housing or have decided not to attend here, meaning that 37 names are still on the waiting. He also said that 40 percent of the students anticipated for fall 1981 have now enrolled for classes and that this is the week for registration to continue,

learned from president Ryder that the start of construction of Instructional Facility #2 in 1982 is definitely a possibility. A new department of management and budget priorities list for capital outlay funds places IF 2 high in the second tier of projects. Those with priority one, such as regional prisons and the U. of M. hospital replacement, are either under construction or in the final planning stage. In all, there are 11 projects in priority two, with IF 2 currently in the schematic drawing stage. Approval is now awaited from the Joint Capital Outlay Committee on the drawings we have submitted. Preliminary plans would be next, followed by final or construction drawings. "If funded this fall, we could complete the plans early next year and could be in the ground either next fall or in spring 1983," the president noted. "Everything will depend on the economy -- if it moves up, we'll move ahead,"

heard from director of sponsored programs M. S. "Cy" Smith that three grants have been approved and one denied since the last report. $296,495 has been granted through the national direct student loan program, as well as a $122,870 renewal of the bilingual education grant from the Department of Education. Another $3,410 has been approved to cover veterans cost of instruction payments via a grant from the veterans program. Denied was a $228,685 request for an integrated development of science education grant submitted to the National Science Foundation. No grants were listed as having been submitted during the June 1 - July 31 period,

heard from vice president for academic affairs Dr. Robert S. P. Yien that job market recruiting efforts currently varies drastically from field to field. While 75 to 120 applications are received per opening in English, history or sociology, there are often only two to five applicants for accounting, management, computer science or mathematics positions despite very active recruiting efforts. Yien indicated this is a phenomenon currently being experienced by all Michigan public colleges.

ACROSS CAMPUS--

A reader's theatre production of "Our Town" will be staged on October 16, 17 and 18 at SVSC's theatre. A final round of auditions is scheduled at the theatre for Thursday, December 10, from 4-7 p.m. and several interesting parts are still unfilled. Persons are also being sought who can assist with backstage work. For more information about auditions or the play, please contact director Maarten Reilingh at ext. 4306.

Just returned from a summer institute on individualization of foreign language instruction is Dr. Lynn Herkstroeter, associate professor of French and German. The institute, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was held at the Ohio State University from July 6-31.

Calvin Williams, head of reference services in the SVSC library, has been appointed to the Bridgeport Township Library Commission. He will serve on the commission until the 1983 general election. The group is responsible for developing and supervising the Bridgeport branch library of the Saginaw public library system.

Karen Borgerson, wife of temporary faculty member, Greg Borgerson, recently gave birth
to a daughter, Erica Leigh, who weighed in at 8 lbs., 15 ozs. Both mother and daughter are reportedly doing well.

Former academic advisement counselor Mark ("J.C.") Bredholt begins a one-year appointment this week as assistant pastor at Luth Memorial Church, Quincy, Illinois, and will also be visiting chaplain at Blessing Hospital there. Next August he will return to Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C., for his final year of study before formal ordination into the ministry. A 1977 SVSC grad, "J.C." was student body president in 1975-76 and was employed here until 1979.

This is definitely your FINAL opportunity to update, add, delete or otherwise alter your 1981-82 SVSC Directory information. If you want to change anything from last year's listing or want to delete your home address or telephone number or name of spouse, you MUST do so EACH YEAR. Please make certain your written authorization reaches the Office of Information Services this week! If we do not have your current photo in the book, call ext. 4054 NOW to schedule a studio appointment for this week.

PERSONNEL

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH - Part-time, temporary (August-November). Offense and specialty teams. (Replacement). $1,500.00 (Specially posted July 31).


LIBRARY TECHNICAL PROCESSING CLERK. Part-time, permanent. (Replacement). $4.05 per hour.

MAILROOM DELIVERY CLERK. Full-time, permanent. (Replacement). $5.54 per hour.

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN. Part-time, temporary. 25-30 hours per week, mostly evenings and weekends. (Replacement). Salary negotiable.

SENIOR SECRETARY - Academic Support Services. Full-time, permanent. (Replacement). $4.05 per hour. (Specially posted July 31).

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

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