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#### GOVERNOR'S ORDER CUTS SVSC BUDGET

In an evening session last Wednesday, the state legislature approved Governor Milliken's Executive Order cutting three percent from higher education budgets. The cut will cost SVSC \$190,062. College administrators had placed a hold of \$100,000 on budgeted expenditures going into the 1981-82 budget year, so an additional \$90,062 must now be located.

According to a statement issued by SVSC's executive committee last Thursday, no final decision has yet been made, but "we are presently attempting to identify \$50,000 of expenditure reductions. The remaining \$40,000 will be absorbed during the course of the year. Our problem is that another Executive Order cutting the appropriations further may yet be required later during the 1981-82 year. However, the longer this budget year goes on before any additional cuts are implemented, the less flexibility there will be to stretch resources, because many of the expenditures will have already been made."

Concluding the statement, the executive committee noted, "We do not expect to have to make any layoffs of personnel, and the cut will not jeopardize salary increases currently being implemented for college employees."

#### SVSC NURSES SCORE HIGH ON STATE BOARDS

SVSC's school of nursing is not only growing bigger but seems to be getting better as

well. According to scores released this week by the State Board of Nursing, all 31 SVSC spring 1981 grads passed all sections of the state examination with a mean score of 586.6. This compares with 19 SVSC nurses who took the exam in 1979 with a mean score of 533, while 20 1980 grads earned a mean score of 529.9 on last year's exam.

"The really exciting thing is that all students have made gains in all test areas," notes Dr. Crystal M. Lange, dean of SVSC's school of nursing and allied health sciences. She feels credit for the improving test scores is due to the maturing of SVSC's young nursing program. "We are delighted with the 100% pass rate, which indicates that our students are receiving well balanced instruction in all areas of nursing," she states.

Thirteen students (42%) scored over 600 points, and more than half of the SVSC grads scored over 500. Three hundred fifty points is a passing grade for the examination.

Lange is especially pleased that three SVSC grads logged test scores over 700. Of those, one student scored over 700 points on two sections of the exam. The same student posted the high mean for all SVSC nurses with a score of 676.6.

Class members completed the exam in July. Testing categories include medical nursing, psychiatric nursing, obstetrical nursing, surgical nursing, and nursing of children.

#### "OUR TOWN" A FAMILY PRODUCTION

Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," to be performed October 16, 17 and 18 at the college theatre, might be set in any town in early twentieth century America. It is a story about life, love, marriage and death -- but

most of all about family life.

And the SVSC production carries this family theme both on and off stage. The story line of "Our Town" centers around the Webb and Gibbs families. Both these stage families include real-life family members from the tri-city area.

Town editor Charles Webb is played by John (Bill) Merkle, Sr., a Bay City resident and employee of Bay City Chevrolet plant. He was encouraged to try for the role by his son Jason, earlier cast for the part of Wally Webb.

Though only nine years old, Jason Merkle is already a seasoned actor. His role in "Our Town" is the sixth of his budding career. Other credits include a part in the John Glenn/Essexville Garber high schools' production of "Bye, Bye Birdie."

Jason read a news article last spring inviting community members to read for the SVSC production and decided to try out. Father Bill went along as chauffeur, but decided to try for a part of his own.

"I find acting makes me a little nervous," confesses Bill. "However, the play has such a strong common-sense message for its audience that it's worth overcoming a touch of stage fright. I've put it on a 'must see' list for Jason's older brothers."

The Russell family of Saginaw has three members playing parts in the SVSC production. Melanie Russell plays Julia Gibbs, wife of the town doctor. Her real-life daughter Carrie is also her stage daughter, Rebecca Gibbs. And Melanie's 10 year old son Jason is cast as the town's paper boy, Joe Crowell.

"We are new in Saginaw," notes Mrs. Russell, "and we were looking for ways to get involved in the community. Carrie, our 12 year old, read about auditions for 'Our Town', and since our whole family is interested in theater, we decided to try for parts."

Mrs. Russell had acted in high school and college plays and taken dramatics courses in college. She points out that her children have taken part in school plays and were enrolled in Pit and Balcony's acting workshop this summer.

According to Mrs. Russell, having three members of the family involved in the same

activity is "a definite plus. We all understand the requirements of the production, and can plan our meal and home schedules around them. And we practice in the car on the way to or from rehearsal," she adds.

A third family combination in "Our Town" is Mandy Krause and her daughter Frances. Mandy is stage manager for the play, while Frances has the part of Si Crowell. They have previously performed together in Pit and Balcony productions, and that makes Mandy aware of feelings involved in parent-child combinations. "At first parents are very much aware of what their children are doing," she points out. "We tend to worry about mistakes. Finally, after several rehearsals, we find we can treat our own child as just another actor."

Other roles in the play include David Minich as Dr. Frank Gibbs; Michelle Langley as Emily Webb; Kent Burden as George Gibbs; and Sr. Trish Novicke as Stage Manager. Minich is a Saginaw resident employed by Kretschmer Wheat Germ Products. Sr. Trish heads SVSC's campus ministry, and Langley and Burden are SVSC students.

SVSC theatre director Maarty Reilingh is presenting "Our Town" in reader's theater style. This format calls for audience participation, because actors face the audience and "read" their parts. Details of setting and movement are supplied by the viewer's imagination.

Actors find reader's theater demanding, according to Kent Burden. "I find my role tougher than acting," he says. "In reader's theater, the actor must visualize what other actors are doing and react to them without actually seeing them."

Tickets are available for SVSC faculty, staff and students at a special rate of \$1. For information or reservations, please call ext. 4110.

#### HOMEcoming WEEK ACTIVITIES SET

SVSC alums will find a variety of activities waiting to welcome them to campus during the week of October 12-18. Events, in addition to the theatre department presentation of "Our Town," include a multi-media lecture titled "The Future Is Now", plus movies, a

variety of sports contests and special programs planned by the SVSC Alumni Association.

"The Future Is Now" will feature ONMI Magazine's pictorial editor, Robert Malone, on stage in the SVSC theatre at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15. Malone will explain the scientific horizon and point out how to control the journey there. Admission for SVSC employees is \$1 with tickets available at the door or in advance by calling ext. 4260.

Movie fans will have two opportunities to see outstanding foreign films during homecoming week. On Tuesday, October 13 the department of modern foreign languages will host a showing of "The Green Wall" at 7:00 p.m. in room 315 Wickes Hall. The award-winning movie relates the adventures of a young family who exchanged the urban pressures of Lima for a home in the jungles of Peru. Admission is free.

At 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16 the Valley Film Society will show a classic French comedy in Wickes lecture hall. "Mr. Hulot's Holiday" is a hilarious account of the misadventures of a Frenchman on a seaside vacation. Memberships for the Valley Film Society series are still available. For information, call Dr. Tom Hearn at ext. 4332.

A highlight of homecoming is the football contest between SVSC's fighting Cardinals and the Grand Valley State College Lakers. To set the proper mood, a pep rally is planned for 7:00 p.m. in Owsley Grove.

Prior to the game, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, SVSC alumni are invited to a tailgate party in parking lot E. Halftime ceremonies include a performance by the Cardinal marching band and announcement of the winner of the "Name the SVSC Cardinal" contest. Following the game, the alumni association has planned an afterglow party at the Rausch House.

Another highlight of the weekend is the "Cardinal Run" for fun and funds. Set to begin on Morley Field track at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, the walk/jog/run event will aid SVSC athletic programs. SVSC employees who are interested in assisting by running, pledging support to others, or lending a helping hand on Saturday are asked to call coordinator Sally Morley at ext. 4075.

Other sports events scheduled for the weekend

are a women's tennis match between Lake Superior State College and the Lady Cardinals at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and a volleyball contest between women from the two schools on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Answers to some of the questions submitted to SVSC's executive committee during the past two weeks are presented below. If you have questions relating to matters of general interest to the SVSC community, please send them to the office of information services or give us a call at ext. 4054. Questions should reach us by noon on Tuesday of the week preceding our next "Interior."

1. From "Employees of the '66 Building": What is the reason for parking maintenance vehicles in the walkway of the employees' entrance to the '66 Building, and making employees walk in unpaved areas?

A. Because of the concern stated, a "no parking" area will be placed in front of the employees' entrance.

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2. Why does the Cardinal football team play far-off teams like Texas A & I or Central Arkansas or even Central Indiana when an easier schedule with teams closer to this area would make the team look better? (Teams like Alma or Albion or Hope, etc.)

A. In most cases, teams from the MIAA colleges prefer not to play those in the GLIAC. Occasionally contests have been arranged, as when SVSC played Alma College early in our football program, but such contests have been arranged to the convenience of the MIAA schools. We'd like to play them, especially Alma, which is close by and has a kind of rivalry with us, but they do not have scholarships and view ours as putting them at a disadvantage.

Our reason for playing games a long distance away is simply to get the schedule. Usually if only one game is arranged with a distant school, we are given sufficient resources as a game guaranteed by that school. Thus playing teams close to University Center generally costs about the same as for games a greater distance away.

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3. With the recent monies that are being spent on campus improvements, why isn't consideration given to developing and

implementing visual-aid signs (suspended from hall ceilings) to help assist and direct students and visitors to their ultimate destinations. (Wickes Hall, third floor is a maze in itself, and second floor's numbering system is confusingly out of order.) It would seem such a system would be more beneficial than "Future Site" signs telling people where they may go in the projected future, when a good portion can't initially find where they're going today!

A. Quite a bit of work has already been done on the numbering system campus-wide. This suggestion is a very good one and will be a priority this fall.

#### ACROSS CAMPUS--

--Ray Saltzman, son of SVSC Board of Control secretary Florence "Jo" Saltzman died Wednesday, September 30 as the result of injuries suffered in a September 18 plane crash in Detroit. In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions to:

Wayne State University Burn Research Center  
c/o Dr. Robert F. Wilson  
Department of Surgery  
6-C University Health Center  
4201 St. Antoine  
Detroit, MI 48201

The funeral was held Friday, October 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Ira Kaufman Funeral Home in Southfield. The SVSC community extends its sincerest sympathy to the Saltzman family.

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--Sympathy is also extended to information services secretary Margaret Griggs on the death of her mother, Rose Sopcak. Mrs. Sopcak's funeral took place at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5 at the Snow Funeral Home in Saginaw. Friends who so desire may make contributions to the Luther Manor Home.

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--The SVSC Writing Lab began its fall semester schedule on Tuesday, September 29. It is open without charge to all students who need help with writing problems. Tutors are available from 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00-3:30 p.m. on Mondays; 12:30-2:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tuesdays; 11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:30-2:30 p.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays; 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays; and Fridays 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Students unable to attend during these hours may make appointments for other times by stopping at the lab, room 124 in the Library, when it is open, or by phoning Dr. Tom

Hearron at ext. 4332.

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--Dr. Thomas Renna, professor of history, read a paper at the sixth International Conference on Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Studies held at Villanova University from September 25-27. Title of Renna's paper, presented to the Augustinian Historical Institute on September 27, was "Augustine's 'City of God' in Mystical Literature 1100-1400".

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--Bay County residents are reminded that the 1981 United Way of Bay County fund drive is now underway. With the theme "we'll get through these times...together," the campaign has a goal of \$975,000. Money raised by the November 5 deadline will go to 43 county agencies. For pledge forms, please call 893-7508. Although 75% of last year's contributions came from individuals, only 30% of the people who hold jobs participated county wide.

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--Parking attendant Glen Gerish has been released from Bay Medical Center and is now recuperating at home from injuries suffered in a recent auto accident in Bay City. In addition to a collapsed lung, Glen had seven broken ribs and will require later denture work. At this time, he is in considerable pain and is having difficulty lying down, but his sutures are scheduled to be removed today. He would appreciate your cards and notes, to be sent to:

Mr. Glen W. Gerish  
1215 Scheurmann  
Essexville, MI 48732.

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--The 1981-82 SVSC Faculty and Staff Directory arrived on campus this week and will be distributed via the Campus Mail. If your information or photo are not current, it's not too early to make an update for next year by phoning ext. 4054.

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#### PERSONNEL

Anticipated faculty openings for July, 1982:  
ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION (replacement).

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION (replacement).

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