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PLANNING COMPLETION APPROVED FOR SVSC

The legislative Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee in Lansing Thursday approved schematic drawings and authorized the completion of preliminary plans for a new classroom/office library and science building project at SVSC. $165,000 to complete the plans, representing the final step before working drawings and construction, will come from contributed funds to the college.

SVSC president Jack M. Ryder said that with the approval, the state reaffirmed its endorsement of the project, which also includes extensive remodeling of Wickes Hall.

"This marks a significant step forward on the Instructional Facility No. 2 project," Ryder noted. "By approving our use of private funds, the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee action will save us considerable time in the planning process. We will be ready to move ahead to construction as soon as state resources become available for the project."

Total gross size of the new Instructional Facility and the area to be remodeled in the existing Wickes Hall classroom building is 291,320 square feet. The net or usable square feet total 193,139, with about 127,000 in the new facility.

Fund for the planning stages approved Thursday will come from interest money earned through a $1,000,000 gift to the library project from the Wickes Foundation in 1977.

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE CUTS RED TAPE

A new Wednesday College has been organized by SVSC to give area residents a taste of academic classes without the red tape of lengthy applications or registration.

Two courses will be offered mornings during winter semester, plus one each in the afternoon and early evening. The classes begin on Wednesday, January 13, and conclude on April 24, 1982.

"Each of the classes is specially tailored for persons who either have never attended college before or have been away from classes for many years," notes Dr. William K. Barnett, organizer of the Wednesday College and dean of arts and behavioral sciences at SVSC. "We're offering persons of all ages the chance to come for the first class meeting with no commitment on their part. This is a free opportunity with no formal requirements."

Barnett says the classes are of general interest and are especially geared to persons who always intended to try out college but never had the chance before. "We're trying to show that no one's too old to try college and that taking just one class may be a good way to start working on a degree," he says.

Classes to be offered include: HIST 241 - History of Michigan (Dr. John V. Jezierski) 9-12 noon; SOST 113 - U.S. History to 1865 (Dr. William S. Hoffman) 8:30-12 noon; SOC 305 - The Sociology of Aging (Dr. Harriett E. Tillock) 1-4 p.m.; and ENG 319 - Cinema Appreciation (Dr. Thomas Hearron) 7-10 p.m.

To try out any of these classes, Barnett recommends that you simply attend the first session, with no obligation. If you feel you'd like to formally enroll for the
mutual consent of all parties involved. However, comparable alternate facilities may be offered when circumstances warrant.

Facilities and events already scheduled on or before December 15, 1981, are confirmed and are not affected by this policy. Those events mailed to or phoned into the scheduling office after December 15, 1981, will be subject to the guidelines established in the Advance Scheduling Policy.

This policy does not affect the practice of holding phone reservations for two days until the proper forms are submitted to the scheduling office; if forms are not received within two days, the reservation will be cancelled.

The Advance Scheduling Policy will be printed in its entirety on an "SVSC Operations Manual" insert. If you have questions about the policy, or procedures for reserving SVSC facilities for your group, please contact Liz Kornacki at ext. 4348, or visit the scheduling office in room 224 Wickes Hall.

THREE WORD POWER CONTEST

Last week's Interior was barely off the press when Dan Parry, student employee in accounts payable, phoned with the correct six answers. He was followed shortly by Brian Rood, a work-study student in computer services, and later the same afternoon by Victoria Tepe of the cataloging department. Correct answers were:
1. Three degrees below zero.
2. He's beside himself.
3. Space program.
4. A pair of dice.
5. Long underwear.
6. Crossroads.

Each of this week's winners was sent an SVSC license plate. Keep watching for further contests in future weeks!

WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

MaryAnne Lustgraaf announced winners of the holiday window decorating contest following judging last Wednesday, December 9. First place honors went to SVSC health services, whose inner office window depicts "The Twelve Days of Christmas." They will receive $30 for their winning entry.

Employees in the registrar's office are each represented by a Christmas character on their office window. The idea not only helps the
campus community to get acquainted with the registrar's staff, but won them $20 in second prize money as well.

Third prize of $10 was awarded to public safety for a Santa scene. Their Pierce Rd. headquarters is decorated with children lined up to present their Christmas lists to Santa, while the jolly old gentleman comments wistfully that he'd like to have the 25th off to spend with his family.

Employees who haven't already done so are urged to take a walking tour of campus to enjoy the window paintings and other holiday decorations. Among those you'll want to see are the gingerbread house in financial aids (and check out their Christmas tree!), Liz Kornacki's rendition of "Garfield" and the Christmas surprise, and the dean of arts and behavioral sciences office area. Let us know what your favorites are!

JOHNSON NAMED "MVR"

Midland junior Duane Johnson has been named "Most Valuable Runner" of SVSC's cross country team for the 1981 season. Johnson was one of the top runners for the most of the year, which saw the Cards take their fifth consecutive Great Lakes Conference title and place third nationally for the third time.

Other runners receiving awards at the December 4 banquet were all-American seniors Calvin McQueen and Waldo Cabriales. McQueen, from Flint, placed 17th in the NAIA Nationals, while Cabriales, of Pigeon, took 21st. Spence Peterson was honored for his outstanding individual performance in finishing the 8,000-meter event in the national meet despite an injury requiring 10 stitches. Midland junior Geoff Shaughnessy was selected the team's most improved runner.

Fourteen runners earned varsity letters during the season and contributed to SVSC 324-8 final record.

ACROSS CAMPUS--

--Radio station WBCM in Bay City is looking for students or other individuals interested in attending public meetings of school boards, city and county commissions and other bodies in Saginaw and/or Bay City. While some hold daytime meetings, most meet in the evening. Persons accepting these assignments would be expected to write a brief summary of important happenings at the meeting and file a cassette tape report to be used on WBCM news broadcasts. Payment for the reports would be on a monthly basis. Those interested in applying for the assignments should contact Ms. Renee Andrews at Radio WBCM by phoning 894-4543.

--Napoleon Lewis, Jr., and his wife, Elena, are the proud parents of a little girl. She's Jenel Marie, born Tuesday, November 17, at Saginaw General Hospital. At 6 pounds 4 ounces, and 18 1/2 inches, she's off to a fine start.

--Dean of students Dr. Philip E. Beal recently won the consolation title in the Michigan Open Badminton tournament. Held in Flint on December 4 and 5, the tourney attracted players from across the U.S. and Canada. Beal defeated Bob Lawry of Ypsilanti to take consolation honors, while another SVSC player, Dr. Sam Sarkar, was eliminated in the semifinals.

--Property manager George Becker underwent knee surgery at St. Luke's Hospital last Thursday (December 10). He is currently recuperating at home, and expects to return to campus following the holiday break.

TWELVE GRANTED FACULTY SABBATICALS

Twelve SVSC faculty members were granted sabbatical leaves for the 1982-83 fiscal year by the Board of Control Monday. This year a total of 35 were eligible and 17 applied, with the Professional Practices Committee recommending a total of 15 persons. The administration was authorized to grant sabbaticals in rank order for: Dr. George Eastland, chemistry; Dr. Janet Robinson, psychology; Donald Novey, economics; Dr. Charles Pelzer, biology; Dr. Hsuan Chen, physics; Dr. Arthur Andrewes, chemistry; Matthew Zivich, art; Dr. Robert Meadows, education; Dr. Eric Peterson, history; Dr. Sam Sarkar, economics; Dr. Rose Novey, mathematics; and Dr. Mason Wang, English. If sufficient resources become available between now and next July, sabbaticals could also be approved for Dr. O. Z. Robertson, political science; Dr. Joseph Snider, education; and Dr. Anna Dadlez, modern foreign languages.

Faculty members on sabbatical receive full pay for one-half a school year or half pay for a full year, or they can take their leave over as many as three spring/summer sessions.
In recommending that approval be given for the twelve sabbatical leaves, president Jack M. Ryder emphasized that the time for study and research is "beneficial both to the individual and the institution. This refreshes the individual and is a rejuvenating experience which is beneficial to this institution in later years. It is also a way of helping to make up part of the difference in salary between education and industry," he noted.

Trustee Charles B. Curtiss felt it is important to continually evaluate and monitor the benefits derived by the college. Eligibility for a sabbatical requires a minimum of six years' teaching experience here and those not recommended this year will be automatically reconsidered a year down the road.

In other action, the Board authorized president Ryder to form a legal entity via a legal consortium with Delta College and the public libraries of Saginaw for a computerized network of library services. The Saginaw Valley Library Consortium started out as an informal arrangement last year. It now will be governed by written agreements which form the consortium association and establish a contract between the consortium and SVSC whereby the college will be the fiscal agent handling book work and collecting fees.

Board member Hugo "Ted" Braun, Jr., a Saginaw attorney, amended the initial motion so that the authorization for a formal contract between SVSC and the consortium was more clearly spelled out. He also stressed the importance of obtaining assurance from legal counsel that the agreement will not jeopardize the college's tax exempt status.

The consortium is being funded by a gift from the Wickes Foundation and from interest SVSC has received from a $1 million gift that Foundation made for library development purposes. Some $275,000 has been spent to acquire a library computer owned by SVSC as well as nine terminals. It is expected that more area libraries will be joining the consortium later.

Board chairman John W. Kendall next appointed Braun to serve concurrently on the Board of the SVSC Foundation. He will replace Melvin J. Zahnow, who retired from active service recently, and joins Mrs. Ned S. Arbury, Charles B. Curtiss, Dr. Richard H. Gilmore and Dr. G. James Williams on the Foundation Board.

The Board next moved to recommend appointment of Herbert H. Lyon, a senior consultant to The Dow Chemical Co. and former member of its board of directors, to the SVSC Board of Fellows.

A resolution was approved honoring the college's 1981 cross country team, which placed third in the nation in the NAIA national meet for the third consecutive year. Recognition was also given to All-American runners, Calvin McQueen and Waldo Cabrales.

Unanimous authorization was also given to change the April 30, 1982, regular Board meeting date to May 7, 1982, to coincide with commencement activities planned for Saturday, May 8.

Director of public safety Zane L. Rybkowski presented Dr. David S. Dalgarn and Lawrence Eaton, two SVSC staff members nominated by the college public safety committee for honor awards. Dalgarn, an associate professor of biology, was cited by Ryder for his immediate response last May which prevented danger from a chemical spill. Eaton was praised for aiding a public safety officer in making an arrest last July.

Considerable discussion ensued concerning the approval received from the legislative Joint Capital Outlay Committee last Thursday to proceed with the Instructional Facility #2 project. Schematic drawings were approved at that time, and college officials were authorized to proceed on preliminary plans -- the final step before construction drawings. Ryder now feels we will be ready for the construction drawings by June 1982 which, he said, "clearly puts us six months ahead of where we were and places us in a position of being ready when state dollars again become available."

"This is another reaffirmation that the state is still moving ahead on plans for construction of this facility," the SVSC president noted. Trustee Gilmore pointed out that the $165,000 to fund the next step in planning "is still more private dollars. Although progress is being made, the state is still not doing a cotton-picking thing for this college," Gilmore stressed. He suggested that the Board continue to remind Lansing that
70 percent of SVSC facilities have come from "citizens of the neighborhood and students" rather than from taxes.

"I want to be diplomatic about it, but I feel the Board should convey in the strongest possible terms our feeling that the state must do more to build the facilities we need here. I sometimes get the feeling that everybody but the state of Michigan has supported this college."

Trustee Barbara Darin asked if anyone knew what percentage of physical development at other colleges had come through state support. Ryder said that no other college president balks at the statement that only 32 percent of SVSC's land and physical facilities have come from Lansing -- probably the lowest percentage for a Michigan public college.

Ryder emphasized that important progress has been made by the college in Lansing during recent years. "The attitude has changed -- they are no longer questioning whether we should exist. Persons like budget director Gerald Miller now deny that he or anyone else in the executive branch has any thoughts about closing us or anyone else. In our case, that wasn't true ten years ago," he pointed out.

Trustee Curtiss said that evidence of the progress made in Lansing is the approval of the Department of Management and Budget gave to proceeding on the LF 2 project. "It's clear we now have support from the Bureau of Facilities and that's why we received last week's approval to proceed with the planning," Curtiss said. Ryder added that he has been told by executive branch officials that if any consideration is given to closing any college, such action wouldn't be taken for at least eight to ten years. "They've rethought what the system might do to adjust to changing realities. They've made fundamental decisions which previously were unanswered questions about the future of this institution and of several others. I'm excited about what we've accomplished this past year and we're now to the point where state dollars must enter the picture for LF 2. The Board may have to say to Lansing that this is the time for them to get the dollars to us."

Student government president Jerry Hamling told the Board that five $200 research grants are being funded by student government to recognize academic achievements by students from any major area. The $200 scholarships will be awarded by the office of vice president for academic affairs Robert Yien, based on recommendations of faculty and input from academic deans. One thousand dollars is being allocated to the library by student government to supplement tight budgets in the areas of inter-library loans and data base research. It is hoped the student funds will make it possible for the library to avoid charging individual students seeking services in these areas. Board members extended congratulations to the student government and its leadership for their innovative ideas.
TIME CARDS DUE MONDAY

Time cards for the pay period ending Friday, December 25, for which pay checks will be dated Friday, January 1, must be submitted to the payroll office not later than next Monday, December 21. Those pay checks will be distributed on Wednesday, December 30, as the college will be closed on Friday the 1st. Employees will receive detailed instructions with Friday, December 18, pay checks.
Fall applications set another record

Bolstered by a record number of returning students, SVSC’s on-campus enrollment for fall semester appears to be setting another record. Total figures will not be available until off-campus registrations are completed at centers in Cass City, Macomb County and at Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

“The number of people enrolling is being negatively affected by changes in student financial aid programs at the federal level,” notes director of admissions Richard P. Thompson. “A lot of prospective students can attend only with help from work-study or grants programs. It’s unfortunate that cutbacks to students are being considered at the same time people are requiring college training to upgrade their work skills and to find meaningful employment not related to the automotive industry.”

After SVSC sustained a 6.13 percent cut in state funding last year while teaching 15 percent more credits, tuition rates were reluctantly increased by a record 34 percent to meet costs of expansion and inflation. “We’ve been told by state officials that our legislative appropriation this year will likely be cut again,” says President Jack M. Ryder. “We had no choice but to raise tuition significantly. Our only other option would have been to reduce the quality of instruction, and we’re not willing to do that.”

The state’s dwindling resources forced SVSC officials to impose the first-ever midyear tuition hike in January for winter semester. This fall’s tuition is thus actually 40 percent above fall 1980 mostly due to both state and federal funding curtailments. “If operating funds and grants cannot be obtained from government sources, then the burden falls on our students, most of whom are unable to pay the additional price. We don’t know yet what effect this will have on fall enrollments,” Ryder says.

Space still the critical need

Although a June 12 final deadline was rigidly enforced for receiving fall semester housing contract requests, the largest number ever came in this year for SVSC’s 496 dormitory spaces. Housing assignments for returning students were shaved to just 240, meaning that even more juniors and seniors were required to locate rooms off-campus. When fall semester classes began, there still were dozens of students listed on the housing/waiting list, despite concerted efforts by college officials to help find rooms, apartments or other suitable lodging close to campus.

SVSC is attempting to develop private housing oncampus, so students and possibly staff members can live here but without a major investment or loans taken out at high interest rates by the College. However, a ruling by the state attorney general concerning the legality of this plan has not yet been made. Apparently this is the first time in history that a public institution has attempted to develop housing with the assistance of private investors.

Meanwhile, thanks to the help of a special $150,000 appropriation from the legislature, four additional temporary or “modular” units are being opened this fall to house college administrative functions. The refurbished facilities will make possible the joint operation of SVSC’s Offices of Admissions and Financial Aids and Scholarships. Other areas included are offices for Affirmative Action, Institutional Research and Planning, Sponsored Programs, the SVSC Foundation and the Vice Presidents for Administration, Business Affairs and Development and College Relations. There are now 20 temporary units of this type in use on campus as classrooms and office space.

Also completed this summer is paving of Lot “E”, a 484-car parking lot north of the Physical Education Building. This commuter lot had been in use for several years before paving, curbs and gutters, lighting, plantings and sidewalks could be added. SVSC officials are also optimistic that state funds might be authorized this fall for a north “ring” road to connect East with West College Drives. This project would make the central campus area more accessible from both Bay and Davis roads and would also connect with Lot “C” west of Wickes Hall.

Curtiss steps down as board chairman

John W. Kendall of Southfield has been elected to head SVSC’s Board of Control, after eight-year chairman Charles B. Curtiss of Bay City decided not to run for re-election. Succeeding Kendall as Vice Chairman is Dr. Richard H. Gilmore of Saginaw. Florence “Jo” Saltzman of Franklin is the group’s new Secretary, following Mrs. Ned S. Arbury of Midland. Elected Treasurer is G. James Williams, also of Midland. He succeeds Melvin J. Zahnow of Saginaw, who retired July 1 from the Board.
SVSC takes teleteaching to "Thumb"

Some 25 SVSC classes will be taught via an electronic blackboard this fall for students in Michigan’s “Thumb” region of Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. A Michigan Bell Telephone Company Gemini 100 blackboard will link classrooms at Cass City high school with SVSC’s home campus near Saginaw.

While it looks like a portable blackboard seen in many classrooms, Gemini 100 utilizes modern telecommunication technology to convert marks made on its pressure sensitive surface to electronic signals. These are transmitted over regular telephone lines and are displayed on TV monitors in classrooms at both ends of the line. Microphones at each location provide live instant two-way communication between instructor and student. A similar system has been in use this past year between the campus and Wurtsmith Air Force Base near Oscoda.

Teleteaching enables students to save driving expense, because they can enroll in classes close to their “Thumb” homes. Since the instructor can teach students at two or more locations simultaneously, there is a savings of travel time and cost. Classes can now be offered to small groups of people in the “Thumb”, since they are enrolled in a section which is part of the regular campus schedule.

To ensure that educational quality is maintained, a para-professional will be in the Cass City classroom at all times, to distribute materials, present films or tapes, collect homework and monitor exams. The instructor for each class will also travel to Cass City and teach from that location at least three times during the 15-week semester. As the program develops, SVSC expects to offer all courses needed by students majoring in criminal justice, sociology, political science and general business. Thus it will be possible for students to complete most degree requirements close to home. Those enrolled can also travel to the main campus for elective courses or classes using special facilities or equipment, because SVSC is closer to the "Thumb" than any other baccalaureate degree granting college.

“Cardinal Run” to split funds, fun

Mark Saturday, October 17 on your calendar now and plan to take part in the first "Cardinal Run" at 9:30 a.m. on SVSC’s college track, Morley Field. More than 500 area persons will run, jog, walk or crawl to raise funds for a variety of non-profit organizations. They will split the proceeds with SVSC’s athletic department, which will use its half of the money minus expenses to refurbish college locker rooms and laundry equipment.

The Run is not a race and is not based on physical ability. Participants will have one hour to go around the 400-meter track as many times as they can, to meet the challenge of pledges solicited in advance. SVSC will handle collection efforts afterwards.

Athletic teams and organizations on the campus are already busy obtaining sponsors and “training”. Area high school teams, bands, ball clubs and charitable agencies are all welcomed to come help themselves raise money and have fun in the process. Please call Sally Morley at the SVSC Foundation (790-4075) for details.

New College and Library Consortium computers installed

A new library computer at SVSC has been installed by Computer Systems, Inc., of Newtonville, Mass., to link the campus library with branches of the Saginaw Public Library System and Delta College. Nine terminals have also been placed in service and are linked by phone to the computer. This allows immediate access to information about the availability and location of all publications owned by any of the three participating agencies.

“This sets the stage for development of the Saginaw Valley Library Consortium. Eventually the incorporation of other libraries throughout the Saginaw Valley will be possible,” notes SVSC President Jack M. Ryder. The system ultimately is designed to use up to 48 remote terminals. Funding for the initial stage of the library development system was made possible by a $275,000 grant from the Wickes Foundation of Saginaw.

Meanwhile, a new Prime 550 Model II computer has recently arrived on campus. It will enable use of direct access systems across the campus for administrative and instructional uses and can support up to 64 communication lines. The computer’s central processing unit has a memory storage capacity ten times greater than the present 9-year-old Digital Scientific Mega IV machine it replaces.

Did you know that

- SVSC has been Michigan’s fastest-growing state college during the past seven years. Enrollment has jumped from 2,242 students in fall 1973 to 4,331 last fall, a 93% increase. Only a lack of adequate classroom, laboratory and housing space plus operating funds is preventing an even more rapid expansion.

- There are presently more students enrolled at SVSC than have graduated during its first 15 years of operation. Another 700 students have joined the ranks of SVSC alumni this year by completing their Bachelor’s or Master’s degrees.

- Residents of SVSC in the private sector have contributed 50% of the College’s physical plant over the years. Only 32% has been developed with money from the state of Michigan. SVSC students are the only ones at any Michigan college who are paying for their own physical education building, through a $1 per credit assessment fee they voluntarily imposed on themselves a dozen years ago.

- Four-fifths of the SVSC faculty possess terminal degrees in their academic fields, an unusually high percentage for a college of this size. They have studied at more than 200 universities and colleges around the world in preparation for their work here.

- SVSC is one of Michigan’s most efficient state colleges in use of state general funds. Although it’s the second smallest, SVSC spent less per full-time student than 10 other institutions last year. Although the average system expenditure was $4,417 per full-time student, SVSC used only $3,274. Only four colleges, all of them larger than SVSC, required fewer state dollars per student.

Saginaw Valley State College is non-discriminatory in its policies and practices. 810708