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WILL STATE "ELIMINATE" FOURTH-QUARTER PAYMENT?

Governor Milliken's recent recommendation that the state of Michigan "eliminate" the July-September fourth-quarter payment to Michigan colleges and universities has caused concern at all 15 state institutions. Although community colleges likewise would not receive their fourth-quarter state money under the Milliken proposal, the likely impact on them would be less significant because their local property tax monies would not be reduced.

Will SVSC and her sister senior institutions indeed lose $136.7 million as the executive branch is recommending? If so, how will the money be made up? And will the loss be temporary or permanent?

To seek answers for these questions, president Jack M. Ryder met with top state officials including budget director Dr. Gerald Miller last week during a special session of the Presidents Council of State Colleges and Universities. The presidents were told that the state budget must be balanced at the end of the fiscal year on September 30 and no deficits or commitments to repay any obligations can be carried forward into the 1982-83 year. Official or written commitments to repay the postponed money cannot be made in the present budget year.

Miller told the presidents, though, that the executive branch realizes how deeply two previous cuts have hurt the colleges and said the state has every intention of paying back the full $136.7 million (which includes $1,626,438 at SVSC).

"I'm convinced we will be paid back next year," Ryder says. "Obviously the critical unknown factor is when. What happens in the state and national economy between now and next January will greatly affect how long the payment will be delayed.

"U of M economists last week predicted a significant upturn later this year, especially in the fourth quarter. While independent from budget director Miller's economic analysis, their conclusions were the same."

Also crucial to the repayment plan is implementation of the 0.7 percent state income tax increase that Milliken has requested. "Many different plans could be proposed and the Milliken plan contains some trade-offs. But his recommendations would enable the state to move from crisis to stability. Along with the other college presidents, I support hiking the income tax and enacting the legislation to do so as quickly as possible."

SVSC's fiscal prospects aren't nearly as dire as at most colleges, because "we tightened our belts here back in summer 1978 and eliminated our long-standing deficit then. Our budget has been balanced ever since, and part of the reason we've avoided a crisis this year is because we actually were able to carry about $200,000 forward into 1981-82."

Ryder believes SVSC will have to borrow money this fall, as a number of other colleges are doing already. "The difference, though, is that it may be somewhat easier for us to do so because our budget is presently balanced," he points out. "That's why it's essential to tighten down on expenditures right now and keep our financial books balanced so we'll be able to borrow when the time comes," he feels.

"We anticipate that it will cost the
college at least $60,000 in interest payments for the money borrowed until the state makes up the delayed fourth-quarter payment. If we can keep our expenses in check and live within the budget -- and I certainly believe that's possible -- then no one needs to worry about whether or not they will be paid.

"Down in Lansing, every week that goes by before the tax legislation is passed means a delay in getting the additional revenue flowing. The income tax increase is needed simply to maintain essential services. Thus I urge you to join me in communicating with state legislators, to tell them we support the 0.7% income tax boost. Their prompt action on this legislation is imperative," Ryder concluded.

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS SET

SVSC's office of scholarships and financial aid will be sponsoring a series of workshops next Tuesday and Wednesday, March 30-31. According to director Paul Gill, the seminars will focus on new and renewal application procedures, aid packaging concepts, SVSC's new tuition budget plan offered through American Management Service, and the implication of Reaganomics for SVSC students.

Meetings on Tuesday are scheduled from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in room 158 Pioneer Hall and 6:00-7:00 p.m. in room 220 Wickes Hall. Wednesday's workshop will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in 158 Pioneer Hall.

Gill asks that all SVSC faculty and staff members encourage returning students to attend one of these sessions, and to remind them that deadline for fall 1982 financial aid applications is April 15 -- less than a month away. All returning student employees must reapply for financial aid each year if they are to continue assignments in your area.

Notes Gill, "Although funding levels for 1982-83 will be reduced, I feel students should be encouraged to apply for aid. Family adjustment figures to qualify for aid are not finalized at this time, and all potential recipients should have an application on file."

He also reminds employees that any dependents who plan to take advantage of SVSC's employee dependent discount for 1982-83 should contact the personnel office, registrar's office or financial aid office to complete an eligibility card. For additional information about the workshops or various forms of financial aid, please call the office of scholarships and financial aid at ext. 4103.

OPERA PERFORMANCE SET

Tri-county music fans are invited to spend "An evening at the Opera" with SVSC vocal music students. An abbreviated version of Frederick von Flotow's comic opera "Martha" will be presented on Friday and Saturday, March 26-27, along with selections from other well-known operas. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the college theatre.

Annemarie Baumgarten, vocal music instructor, notes that "Martha" is one of the most successful operas written in the 19th century. "The music is light-hearted and easy to follow, with a conventional plot," she adds. "Today it is as popular as ever, and is full of beautiful duets, trios, quartets and arias. Its 'The Last Rose of Summer' is familiar to audiences throughout the world." Opera performers will wear costumes typical of the reign of England's Queen Anne.

Following intermission the operatic evening continues with selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado," "The Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss, and "The Merry Widow" by Franz Lehar. Tickets are $2 general admission or $1.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information about the program or tickets, please call the fine arts office at ext. 4159.

"LIGHT" FARE FEATURED IN JAZZ CONCERT

Music will be "Light"ful at the final concert in the current jazz artist series on Monday, March 29. Featured soloist for the 7:30 p.m. performance by SVSC's jazz ensemble in the college theatre will be Norm Light of Bridgeport.

His ability with the saxophone earned the guest invitation for Light, but the evening holds special significance for him. Susan Light, his daughter, will be playing her last concert as a student member of the ensemble. She and senior Jim Pawloski will be honored as graduating four-year performers.

The concert will feature music from the golden age of dance bands, circa 1935-1950. To carry out the theme, musicians will wear
tuxedos and use a special stage set-up.

A variety of vocal and instrumental selections include such standards as Bunny Berigan's "I Can't Get Started;" "Eager Beaver" by Stan Kenton; Les Brown favorites "Leap Frog" and "Meditation;" Woody Herman's "Four Brothers;" and Glenn Miller's styling of "Pennsylvania 6-5000."

Tickets for the concert are $2 general admission or $1.50 for students and senior citizens.

**SVSC HOSTS HIGH SCHOOL VISIT**

Thumb area high school juniors and seniors will find next Wednesday, March 31, a special day to learn about the realities of college life. SVSC will be hosting some 500 young adults from Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties during its fourth annual Thumb Day.

Students will be able to examine all aspects of college preparation, from assuring academic success and financing an education to career options following graduation.

"Accurate information is vital for young people making important decisions about their lives," notes SVSC's Jim Dwyer, who is coordinating the event. "Students want to know what college can do to help them prepare for a rewarding career in today's tight job market. They are concerned about the cost of education and their ability to cope with social and academic adjustments to college."

"Thumb Day gives them a chance to ask questions, observe classes in session and share experiences with college students from their hometown. It can help them set realistic goals for the future," he feels.

Activities kick off at 9:45 a.m. with a presentation by Dr. Robert Pratt titled "Being Positive and What It Can Do for You." Pratt, coach of SVSC men's basketball team, led the Cardinal squad to a berth in the NAIA national playoffs earlier this month.

Students will tour the campus to visit dorms, classrooms and athletic facilities. At Doan Center mall, representatives from SVSC student services offices will be on hand to answer questions. Departments included are scholarships and financial aid, academic advising, placement and cooperative education, fraternities/sororities, health services, the college newspaper, campus ministry, the

registrar's office and housing and campus activities.

At 11:30 a.m. current SVSC students from the Thumb will share their experiences in adjusting to academic and social aspects of college. They will include tips to make effective use of remaining time in high school.

From noon to 1:00 p.m. SVSC faculty will outline careers in various fields. Students will be able to select two areas of interest and receive first-hand information about job possibilities, salary levels and educational requirements for careers in those fields.

An 11-page booklet on 'What Every High School Student Should Know' will be given to participants. It presents practical suggestions for improving memory, speedreading, effective notetaking, time budgeting and exam review. Activities conclude with lunch, available in the college cafeteria for $2.

For more information about Thumb Day, contact Dwyer at ext. 4200.

**BOWLING TEAM IN NATIONAL PLAYOFFS**

SVSC's bowling team has been invited to participate in the 1982 national collegiate bowling championship playoffs, according to coach Ted Nitz. The team will participate in sectional roll-offs at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, this Friday and Saturday, March 26-27. They will compete against Vincennes (Indiana) University, Eastern Illinois, Eastern Michigan University, University of Illinois, Illinois State and Sinclair Community College for district 6 honors.

SVSC keglers earned the sectional berth by finishing second in the Michigan Intercollegiate Bowling Conference during the regular season. On the last day of competition, SVSC clinched second by beating top-place Michigan State University three straight games. "We took all three by shooting 3275 to their 3145," says Nitz.

The winner of district 6 sectionals will advance to the National Collegiate Finals matching the top 12 college teams in the U. S. in a tournament set for April 30 and May 1 in Orlando, Florida.

**SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM LOOKS AT COMPUTERS, CARD SHARKS**

The next lecture of the science colloquium
series is scheduled at 1:30 p.m., this Friday, March 26, in room 158 Pioneer Hall. Speaker will be Dr. J. Curtis Chipman, associate professor and coordinator of graduate programs in the department of mathematical sciences at Oakland University.

Dr. Chipman will speak on "The Computer and the Card Shark: What's the Fastest Way to Stack the Deck?" He will offer an informative look at computer sorting, including examples of sorting techniques, basic mathematical evaluations of their efficiency, and current unresolved issues relating to computer sorting.

Chipman will also be available to talk with students interested in Oakland's graduate programs in applied mathematics and applied statistics.

The colloquium is open to all interested members of the SVSC community. For more information, please call Dr. Gretchen Mooningham at ext. 4318.

**USHERS NEEDED FOR COMMENCEMENT**

Some members of SVSC's administrative/professional staff who usually serve as ushers at commencement will be marching with other graduates to receive their own diplomas this May. Therefore, budget director Jim Muladore is seeking volunteers to assist with usher duties at the May 8 program. Any faculty or staff member who can help out is asked to contact Muladore at ext. 4161. He will explain what is involved, and notes that ushering can offer interesting insights into the graduation process.

**MEN WIN FOURTH INDOOR TRACK TITLE**

By winning nine of seventeen events, placing second in ten and scoring at least two places in all but one event, coach Doug Hansen's indoor track team won its fourth straight GLIAC indoor title Saturday at Ferris State. The Cardinals also established six meet records in garnering 248 points, followed by Northwood Institute with 127, Ferris 65, Hillsdale 30, Grand Valley 27, Michigan Tech 23 and Wayne State 2. Sophomore Eddie Brown set records in the long jump, triple jump and 300-yd. dash, while senior Ed LaBair had record-setting wins in both the mile and the 1,000-yd. run. The sixth record was set by Dave Elbers in the pole vault, while other SVSC winners were Ben Laser in the 35-lb. weight, Ricky Brown in the 600-yd. and Ken Plude in the 880.

**ACROSS CAMPUS**

--Congratulations are in order for SVSC seniors Louis O'Neil and Diane Dockus, both of whom were named to all-American honors in basketball last week. They are SVSC's first-ever basketball all-Americans. NAIA all-American status is an honor reserved for just ten men and ten women per year from the approximately 550 colleges belonging to the association.

--Irene Busch Miller, SVSC instructor of nursing, has been accepted into Sigma Theta Tau, a national honor society of nursing. Candidates for membership are selected upon demonstration of academic achievement, evidence of professional potential and marked achievements in the field of nursing. The goals of Sigma Theta Tau are to foster superior achievement and high professional standards and to recognize leadership.

--Institute of Polish Studies director Dr. Anna Dadlez and visiting instructor Dr. Cezary Mendelius from the University of Poznan, Poland, will participate in the Delta College International Awareness Conference titled "Workers of the World" this Wednesday, March 24. Dr. Dadlez will discuss the political and labor history of Poland, while Mendelius will speak on the Solidarity Union and its future.

--Thesis presentations by students in the honors program are set for Tuesday, April 20, according to Dr. Albert Busch, chairman of the honors program. If you are counseling a student who is preparing a thesis, please make certain that Busch is aware of the topic and name of the student not later than this Wednesday, March 24. All outstanding student scholars will be honored at a special faculty convocation to be held on Thursday, April 22, at 3:30 p.m. The bookstore will have academic regalia which has been ordered for graduation on campus in time for the convocation.

--Because some persons still occasionally are confused about the exact name of SVSC's northern center where teleteaching classes are offered, please be advised that the correct name is "SVSC Wurtsmith/Oscoda Center."

--Due to an injury sustained by Amy Greenfield,
the Valley Film Society presentation of her work set for 8:00 p.m. this Friday, March 26, has been canceled. The program, second of a series of "Four Evenings with Independent Filmmakers," will be rescheduled at a later date pending her full recovery.

--Three days focused on career assistance kick off today with a skills identification workshop conducted by Geraldine Barrons of New Options Personnel, Inc., from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Both of the identical sessions will take place in Doan Center. A self-assessment test which relates interests to jobs by comparing answers with profiles of job holders will be administered by the Chrysallis Center on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. - noon.

PERSONNEL

MAINTENANCE I - PLANT SERVICES. Full-time, permanent. (Replacement) 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on call during weekends. Five years' experience in plumbing or carpentry.

This position will be open to members of the campus community for one week. Interested persons should contact the personnel office at ext. 4108.

SVSC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and is non-discriminatory in its policies and practices.

FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS SESSION SET

70,000 college students across the state could lose up to $60 million in federal grants, work-study funds and loans next year if the budget proposed by President Reagan is adopted.

To increase awareness of this situation among other students and the public at large, student government leaders at SVSC will be holding a Student Financial Aid Awareness Session next Monday, March 29, in lower level Doan Center.

The meeting is planned for 5 p.m. so both day and evening students can participate, according to student body president Jerry Hamling of Bridgeport. Both students and the general public are encouraged to attend the session, which will discuss the impact of impending federal budget cuts on student aid programs.

"Public support to maintain current levels of funding available for students is essential," says Hamling. "Political pressure from parents, employers, and others outside the educational community carries great weight with legislators. Thus our session is not just for those within the educational community but for everyone concerned about the future of higher education."

SVSC president Jack M. Ryder will explain that 800 to 900 students at the college may be priced out of bachelor's and master's degree programs if Reagan's proposals are enacted.

Director of financial aid and scholarships Paul S. Gill will tell how students can minimize reductions in aid packages and outline 1982 application deadlines. He also will give details about the likely national impact if the cuts are approved by Congress and implemented.

Hamling and Ryder will encourage efforts at SVSC similar to those at other colleges, to communicate with U.S. senators and representatives as well as the executive branch. They are expected to urge that concerned persons send personal letters expressing their concern to Michigan congressmen.

Ryder told the SVSC board of control this month that as a result of Michigan's devastated economy, students are now paying a greater percentage of their educational costs at state colleges than in the past. State appropriations are expected to be 31 percent lower for 1981-82 than in the preceding year. In addition, students are often unable to find jobs needed to pay for their college educations.

The additional burden of federal aid cuts on top of the 12 percent reduction in the present year could make college too expensive for many persons to afford, Ryder feels. College training, for future high technology jobs in fields like computer science, will be a crucial key to Michigan's economic recovery, he believes.