FORUMS DISCUSS BUDGET PRIORITIES

SVSC administrators met last week with interested students to answer questions about the college budget and spending priorities. Forum arrangements were made by leaders of the SVSC Student Government in response to concerns expressed over the possibility of tuition increases for the 1983-84 academic year.

President Jack M. Ryder indicated that SVSC administrators may find it necessary to ask for a 15% increase in tuition in the coming academic year. The suggested increase would add approximately $220 per year to tuition and required fees paid by a full-time student carrying 31 credit hours.

Audience questions centered on concern that rising tuition might make it impossible for many students to attend SVSC classes. Some students also asked whether the proposed tuition hike would bring benefits such as expanded library holdings or course offerings. In response, Ryder indicated that the tuition rate is calculated to replace decreased funding from the state and meet commitments SVSC has to its programs and employees. He noted, "We have basically three alternatives to maintain a balanced budget in the face of appropriation cuts. We can eliminate programs and staff; reduce costs through salary cuts, delayed purchase of equipment and reductions in supply and expense items; or increase income by raising tuition and seeking private donations."

At both meetings some students expressed an opinion that extracurricular activities and athletics should be reduced or eliminated, since many SVSC students are over 25, commute to campus, and do not participate in such activities. Ryder responded his objective was to develop a well-balanced collegiate atmosphere and appeal to a balanced student body with broad programs. He pointed out that many commuters are here most of the day. "The college experience goes beyond just the academic experience," Ryder said.

Summing up after Wednesday's forum, Student Government President Fred Harring warned, "We should not pit one group against the other, but seek solutions that will be best for the entire SVSC community."

PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE

College President Jack M. Ryder confers with SVSC Student Government President Fred Harring before Tuesday's forum.
ENTERENTAINER CHALLENGES ATTITUDES

Comic Henry Holden often begins his routine by stepping into the spotlight, leaning on his crutches and saying with a smile, "I'm the Pope's first miracle. I had a speech impediment and he cured me."

That is the approach the 32 year-old entertainer uses to challenge people's fears and misconceptions about disabled people. Holden will be bringing his funny and thought-provoking act to SVSC Thursday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m. in lower Doan Center.

"Attitudes Are The Real Disability" is the theme of Holden's presentation. He feels that people are uncomfortable around the handicapped because they don't understand disabilities and often see only the negative side. Holden, a polio victim, tries to break down stereotyped images through comedy, relaxing his audience with his observations.

An aspiring actor, Holden takes issue with the way the disabled are portrayed by the media, stating they are placed into two molds -- the helpless paraplegic or the superman who beats all odds. He looks forward to the day when the disabled are accepted into the mainstream of society and treated as everyday people who just happen to have a handicap.

Holden is also irked by the "pathetic" image fostered by fund raising drives for the handicapped. He recorded his first song with this in mind and released "Save Jerry Lewis."

A political science graduate from C.W. Post College, Holden has performed at comedy nightclubs across the country, including the Comedy Store in Los Angeles and Catch a Rising Star in New York. He has always maintained that he is just like everyone else and to prove it drives a car, swims, maintains a 145 bowling average, and rides horses. He currently is earning his pilot's license.

Holden's performance is open to the public, free of charge. A signer for the hearing impaired will be present. For more information, please contact campus activities coordinator MaryAnne Lustgraaf at ext. 4260.

ELVIS PERFORMER JOINS SVSC JAZZ BAND

By day he is an accountant and computer student. By night he dons his black wig, sequined costume and performs as the "King" of rock and roll.

Danny Vann, one of the state's most popular Elvis impersonators, will be the featured attraction at SVSC's Jazz Artist Series performance on Monday, February 14. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the theatre.

Vann has been impersonating Elvis for over five years and has attracted a loyal following, including his own fan club. In addition to mimicking Elvis' talents, he also has been known to shower females in the audience with gifts, just like his role model. It's not unusual to see scarves, roses and other items being tossed to fans during one of Vann's concerts.

A former Saginaw resident, Vann is in the process of moving to Detroit to attend a computer institute. His popularity is growing, and he has two albums to his credit.

Such Elvis hits as "Burnin' Love," "Johnny B. Goode," and "Hurt" will be performed by Vann and the SVSC jazz ensemble.

Tickets for the concert are $2 for adults and $1.50 for students and senior citizens. They can be purchased in the SVSC fine arts office from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or reserved by calling ext. 4159 during these same hours.

COMING EVENTS AT SVSC

Feb. 9 .... Black Art, Culture Exhibit
Feb. 10 ... Blood Drive
Feb. 10 ... Movie, "A Different Approach"
Feb. 10 ... Henry Holden Lecture
Feb. 11-12 Polish Club Display
Feb. 14 ... Jazz Artist Series Concert
Feb. 15 ... Henry G. Marsh Lecture
Feb. 15 ... Japanese Exchange Meeting

See monthly calendar or call Information Services for times and details.
RESEARCH, TRAVEL OCCUPY CHINESE SCHOLARS

Nearly two years ago a trio of professors from the People's Republic of China arrived in Saginaw to begin study at SVSC. Their visit was prompted by esteem they felt for the optical research being conducted by SVSC physics professor Dr. Hsuan Shen (Frank) Chen.

Since 1981 they have not only learned many research techniques developed by Dr. Chen, but have also assisted him with new discoveries. As a result of their work, they have attended numerous scientific meetings and had papers published in scientific journals.

Gui-cung Chen and Qi-zhe Shen came to SVSC in February 1981 from Shandong College of Oceanography, Qingdao, China, where they are professors of physics. Ming-yi Chen, professor of mechanical engineering at Shanghai University of Science and Technology, arrived here in April 1981.

They felt they could learn from Chen, because in their opinion Chinese research is presently at the level it was here in the 1950's. Qi-zhe Shen pointed out that "China's economic development was affected by the war and the cultural revolution which followed. As a result, economic, scientific and technological progress was suspended."

During their stay at SVSC, the professor-scholars used an optical grade table for coherent optics research. Together with Dr. Frank Chen, they explored new processes. Among published papers detailing their U.S. research are "Diffraction Limited Recording Scheme in Astigmatic Rainbow Holography," which appeared in the May 1982 issue of "Optics Letters." A trio of papers describing their work was presented last October at the annual meeting of the Optical Society of America. Work on "360° Astigmatic Rainbow Hologram" co-authored by Dr. Frank Chen and Ming-Yi Chen has been submitted to the International Society of Photo-optics Instrumentation Symposium scheduled for April in Switzerland.

The Chinese guests, who will be returning to their homeland in a few weeks, say they appreciate the friendliness shown them by Americans and expect to miss many people they came to know during their U.S. stay.

Visiting Chinese scholars (L-R) Qi-zhe Shen, Gui-cung Chen and Ming-yi Chen display plaques presented to them by SVSC President Jack M. Ryder in commemoration of two years study here.

WINTER CLASS ENROLLMENTS UP AT SVSC

Winter semester enrollment figures did a balancing act at SVSC this year. While slightly fewer students signed up for classes than in winter 1982, most students registered for expanded credit loads.

The net effect was a gain in the number of credit hours being taught at SVSC. Some 4,052 students enrolled in winter semester classes, down approximately .5 percent from the winter 1982 figure of 4,078. However, they registered for a total of 38,822 credit hours, up .5 percent from last year's 38,612 total.

SVSC students this winter are averaging about 9.6 credit hours each, compared with a 9.4 average for 1982. Undergraduates carrying 12 or more credits and graduate students taking at least nine credits are classified as full-time students. Approximately half of SVSC's student body is listed in this category.

College administrators feel the trend toward more coursework reflects economic conditions in the tri-county area. They note that some persons who are unemployed or working reduced hours enroll in college classes to update their skills or prepare for a new career. Other local students seem to be attending SVSC as an alternative to incurring residence hall expenses at a more distant campus.
Five year old Jennifer Waldman of SVSC's Children's Center shows that she can hula-hoop with the best of them. She is the daughter of Dave and Jan Waldman of Essexville.

The SVSC community took a break from classes and winter weather last Wednesday when they hit the beach for a day of summer fun. It was the third annual SVSC Beach Party, an indoor event to help campus members forget about cold and ice and look forward to warmer times.

Part of the fun consisted of hula-hoop and knee volleyball contests along with a watermelon speed-eating tournament. Other challenging events were a pool-stuffing competition (last year's record of 26 occupants still stands) and the 'tacky tourist' contest. The party included a picnic feast with hot dogs, cotton candy, ice cream and watermelon.

Dorm students, commuters and SVSC employees alike participated in the fun, and TV-5's P.M. Magazine crew was on hand to film activities. The segment will air Wednesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m.

There may be 'bugs' (or seeds) in the program, but these students majoring in computer studies at SVSC had a good routine for eating watermelon. Tom Brand (L) finished third in the contest. His partner is Adam Kline.
POLISH PATRIOT PART OF BLACK HISTORY

In a tribute to Black History Month, the SVSC Student's Polish Club is sponsoring a display that honors a Polish patriot who helped free and educate many American slaves.

The life and deeds of Thaddeus Kosciusko will be exhibited on Friday and Saturday, February 11th and 12th, in the Wickes Hall concourse. A Polish nobleman, Kosciusko fought valiantly in the American war for independence. He performed so well that he was granted American citizenship, made an officer in the army, and was awarded land and money. Touched by the ideals of freedom, Kosciusko granted the same to the serfs on his Polish lands. He soon returned to his native land to lead a revolt against the Russians. During that time, he sold his American holdings and ordered the profits be used to free and educate slaves in the United States.

The exhibition is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call Tim Strasz at 781-2341.

LIBRARY/LRC EXHIBIT FOCUSES ON CHINA

During February the library's display case will house a photographic exhibit of contemporary life in the People's Republic of China. Visiting professor Ming-yi Chen, from Shanghai University of Science and Technology, explains the purpose of the display is to provide updated information on current developments in China. The exhibit illustrates new events in science, technology, industry and art, as well as university and daily life in China.

Volunteers Needed

SVSC's Volunteer Services Bureau is seeking persons willing to donate time to community agencies. Included on the list are Foster Care Aides to observe visits between children in foster care and their natural parents; Recreation Aides to assist in the development and implementation of leisure time activities for detained youth in a half-way house; Gerontology Volunteers to help with crafts, games, or music in several area nursing homes; and Teacher Aides to help students with assignments in E.M.I. and E.I. classrooms. Interested persons should contact Steve or Tonya at the Volunteer Services office in Wickes Hall, or call ext. 4294.

ALUM-FACULTY/STAFF BASKETBALL SHOWDOWN

It's that time of year again -- SVSC alumni have challenged faculty and staff to take them on for the annual basketball contest. The big game will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m. following men's and women's varsity play on Saturday, February 26. A post-game reception has been scheduled.

Assistant Registrar Joe Vogl is looking for faculty/staff basketball players. He asks interested persons to call him at ext. 4085 for more information. "If you can't participate in the action, please come to watch and enjoy the evening's activities," he adds. "Our alumni will appreciate it."

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL

John Curry is again offering SVSC personnel a chance to express appreciation or friendship to their favorite campus Valentines. He is repeating the "Rose is a Rose" special on Monday, February 14. By calling Dining Service at ext. 4252, you can order a rose for delivery to the person of your choice on Valentine's Day. "When calling in an order, please give the name and on-campus address of the recipient," Curry requested. Cost of this service is $2.50 per rose, and orders are due by Thursday, February 10.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION GRANT RECEIVED

The department of Placement and Cooperative Education, directed by Gary Apsey, has been awarded a grant for $1,117 from the U.S. Department of Education's Supplemental Funds Program for Cooperative Education. Funding obtained through this grant will be used to improve our existing Cooperative Education program by assisting with the design and implementation of handbooks for students and employers, according to Amy Millette, acting coordinator of sponsored programs. "In addition, money from the grant will be used to defray costs associated with faculty in-service training related to cooperative education," she said.
APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Office of Academic Affairs and the International Studies Committee are seeking applicants for the summer 1983 exchange program with Shikoku Women's University in Tokushima, Japan.

Students accepted for the program will be housed in the SWU dormitories and study a five-week course in "Japanology." Most instruction will be given in English, but some Japanese will be learned as part of the class. Five hours of elective credit will be awarded for the experience.

Exchange participants will spend May 9 through June 10 in Tokushima. Their visit will include stays in Japanese homes and tours to famous Japanese sites as a supplement to classroom study. Primary emphasis of the program is to experience the cultural and educational styles of Tokushima, Saginaw's sister city.

Expenses for the trip, which are approximately $2,000 for round trip air fare, room and board and personal needs, are the responsibility of participating students. Some financial assistance is available through SVSC.

An information session for persons interested in knowing more about the SVSC - Shikoku Women's University exchange will be held Tuesday, February 15 in Doan Center's large private dining room. SVSC students and staff who took part in the 1982 exchange will be on hand from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. to share their experiences. SVSC personnel who know female students who would be good candidates for the program should encourage them to attend the information session, or contact Dr. Robert Yien at ext. 4296 or Dr. Eugene Hamilton at ext. 4068 for details.

PERSONNEL

COORDINATOR, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE - Full-time, permanent administrative/professional position (new). Salary negotiable from $13,000. Internal applicants should contact the personnel office at ext. 4112 no later than Tuesday, February 8 (today).

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

ACROSS CAMPUS--

--Dr. Elaine Stephens, associate professor of education, conducted an in-service meeting for the Bay-Arenac Reading Council on January 24. She demonstrated strategies for integrating reading and writing instruction in the classroom.

--Effective immediately, Bay Metro Transit is expanding its existing service from Midland to Delta College to also include SVSC. Buses will depart Ashman Circle at 7:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and will return from SVSC at 10:50 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For additional information, call Bay Metro Transit at 894-2900.

--Dr. Guy M. Lee, Jr., dean of the school of education, has been reappointed to the United Way's allocations and budget committee for a two year term to end December 31, 1984.

SPORTS REPORT

The Lady Cardinals have won three straight women's basketball games, including an 85-68 victory over Ferris and a 90-53 pounding of Wayne State. SVSC (16-2) is still ranked 4th in NAIA polls and leads the GLIAC with a 9-1 record.

The Cardinal men's basketball team stumbled last week, losing two straight home games. SVSC lost to Ferris, 73-64, and to Wayne State, 63-52, which dropped the Cards out of first place in the GLIAC and out of the NAIA top 20 rankings. SVSC is 16-6 overall and 8-2 in the league.

The men's track squad turned in their best performance of the season at the Spartan Relays at Michigan State University. SVSC won two events, set two school records and placed in eight other events. Four individuals and the mile relay team qualified for the NAIA nationals.

The Lady Cardinal women's track team finished second at Central Michigan University Saturday, winning seven of 13 events. Fourteen individuals and two relay squads placed for SVSC.

The SVSC wrestlers had their best outing of the season Saturday at the Heidelberg Invitational. The Cardinals won two weight classes and placed in three others as SVSC finished fourth out of seven teams.