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SVSC RECEIVES GRANT TO ASSIST RN'S

Registered nurses from two-year programs wanting to earn a bachelor's degree will find their task easier thanks to a federal grant to SVSC's school of nursing.

SVSC recently received notice from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that the first year of a three-year grant proposal to assist RNs in earning a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) would be funded. Grants awarded for the remainder of the project are contingent on progress of the program, HHS said.

The grant totals \$125,834 the 1983-84 academic year and \$345,177 over the next two school years. SVSC will use the monies to hire a project coordinator and part-time faculty, and in identifying and implementing ways to assist nurses from diploma and associate degree programs with their BSN.

"We're excited and enthused about this funding," said Dr. Crystal Lange, dean of SVSC's School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. "It's certainly going to benefit nurses and the people they care for in this area, as well as the Thumb and northeastern Michigan."

Lange said the grant proposal grew out of the requests by two-year RNs for a program that would fit their jobs and schedules. "There was a documented need for this program -- close to 200 nurses have requested it. The project will allow us to employ some additional faculty, so we can expand the number of registered nurses we can accommodate.

"We'll be offering the registered nurse an opportunity to take our program in some different combinations and schedules, such as weekends and evenings. We also have some course offerings in the rural areas."

Once the program is in place, classes will be taught at SVSC and its off-campus centers such as Cass City and Oscoda, plus other areas, Lange said. She added that SVSC will collaborate with health care agencies in northeastern Michigan to provide training facilities and other assistance.

"Right now we're in the planning stage. We're hiring faculty and after that we'll determine course specifics," she said. "We anticipate accepting registered nurses into the program during the fall semester." Lange expects response to the project to be good. "I've received two to four inquiries daily since July about a program of this nature. Also, we've identified about 130 registered nurses who are currently involved in meeting BSN degree requirements in some way -- so there's a good pool to begin with immediately."

Citing the benefits this program would bring to numerous communities, Lange pointed out that patients will receive improved quality care because of a BSN's broader knowledge and skills. She added that nurses themselves will also benefit. "Besides having greater knowledge in nursing skills, a BSN offers more career opportunities. They'll have an advantage in promotions in hospitals, and BSNs are required for many community health programs."

Most of the RNs will need about 60 to 64 more credit hours to complete their BSN, Lange said. SVSC's nursing program requires 124 credits for graduation.

Lange said the grant will allow the school of nursing to accept about 60 additional RN students starting the second year of the program, but added that those who don't get in immediately should continue taking classes to meet general education requirements. SVSC's nursing program currently has room for 12 RNs a year.

SVSC STUDENT TO ATTEND SEMINAR IN POLAND

It began as research into his family history, grew into a college minor in Polish Studies at SVSC, and now has a young Saginaw couple packing their bags for Rome.

Timothy K. Strasz has been selected by the Polish-American Congress of Mid-Michigan to represent the area as a student at the University of Polonia of the Free World. Strasz was the only Michigan resident chosen to attend the seminars to be held in mid-August at the home of John Paul II outside of Rome.

The seminars will focus on every aspect of Poland from art to the financial condition of Poland. "It should prove to be an interesting time, as all of this will occur during the anniversary of the Solidarity strikes of 1980," Strasz noted.

His interest in Polish history and culture stems from research he started in 1981 into his family history. While not yet finished, Strasz has succeeded in tracing his family to 18th century Poland.

He first enrolled in courses through the Institute of Polish Studies at SVSC as a means to supplement his genealogical research. "I soon found an interest in Poland, especially with the recent developments," said Strasz. "Certainly the courses I took answered many questions I had about my family, but it also showed me a nation of people who have been and remain as committed to freedom as we are -- and from this I've learned a lot about America, as well."

Strasz, 22, is the son of Edmond and Margaret Strasz of Reese. He is a 1979 graduate of S.S. Peter and Paul Area High School in Saginaw and is currently a student at SVSC, majoring in finance and minoring in Polish studies and legal studies. He is a member of the campus newspaper staff, president of the Students' Polish Club, and a member of Alpha Mu Gamma foreign language honor society. Strasz is employed by Michigan National Bank, Valley Branch.

Accompanying Strasz to Rome will be his wife, Anne. The Strasz's were married in May of this year.

ZIVICH ANNOUNCES CLASSES, AUDITIONS

Barbara Zivich, SVSC dance instructor and company director of the contemporary dance ensemble Khoros, is not one to rest on her kudos. She's looking for more talent and planning new classes.

Zivich recently announced that Khoros will hold auditions Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. in her studio located at 312 1/2 Hamilton. She'll also be teaching three dance classes this fall, including one for college credit.

"Dance Composition" will meet at SVSC on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and will teach students the art of composing dances. "Students will be learning the elements of dance. They'll discover how time, space, shape and movement quality can be manipulated to create dance," Zivich said.

Two classes in beginning intermediate modern dance technique will be conducted by Zivich at her studio this fall. They'll be held on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., starting September 15. The courses are open to adults and young adults.

Zivich's plans for Khoros are as energetic as her fall schedule. She's currently choreographing a new work called "Place Dance," which will be presented in several "nontraditional performance spaces" in the Saginaw area. Khoros, which performed "Collaboration I & II" in Saginaw this spring, plans to tour the works this fall. The ensemble will perform in Pontiac, East Lansing and Detroit.

For more information on dance classes or Khoros auditions, call Zivich at 792-0839.

CHILDREN'S CENTER HAS OPENINGS

The SVSC Children's Center is currently accepting enrollments for the 1983-84 school year. The Center, which offers a variety of developmental programs and educational opportunities, accepts youngsters between 2 1/2 and six years of age. Preference is given to children of SVSC students and employees, with any remaining registrations open to the public. For more information call the Dean of Students office, extension 4294.

NATURE CENTER HOURS ANNOUNCED

Weekend hours through Labor Day for Bay City State Park's Jennison Nature Center and adjacent Tobico Marsh trails have been established by SVSC and Delta College.

Hours for the center are Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. Supervising the center will be naturalists Mrs. Jeanne M. Henderson of Bay City and Mark C. Romanack of the Saginaw Green Point Nature Center.

Jennison Nature Center features wildlife exhibits, while the 1,500-acre Tobico Marsh has five miles of trails for tours and two 30-foot observation towers for bird watchers. Through the efforts of SVSC, Delta and other local groups, the center has reopened for the first time in two years. A drive is currently underway to set up a membership organization to support operation of the center and marsh. Interested persons may sign up when they visit the center. For information on programs and tours, call 667-0717.

NURSING STUDENT IN SPECIAL PROGRAM

An SVSC nursing student from Pewamo is one of the first to take part in a special program at Carson City Hospital.

Jackie Simon, a senior in SVSC's baccalaureate program, is participating in a clinical learning program called preceptorship. The session will give her and four other nursing students practical training experience in a rural community hospital.

For six weeks Simon will care for patients under the direction of selected staff nurses, and rotate throughout various clinical departments in the hospital. The program will help her develop skill in patient care planning and management, intravenous fluid administration, and physical assessment.

According to David Nareski, assistant director of nursing at the hospital, the program is a special opportunity for baccalaureate nursing students to gain exposure to patient care in a rural setting, because most preceptorships are conducted at large metropolitan hospitals.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING SOUGHT FOR SVSC STUDENTS

SVSC dormitories are again booked full for the upcoming school year and housing officials are looking to the community to help with an overflow of students. Rooms, apartments and other suitable housing are needed for 34 students -- 25 males and 9 females, according to Brian Gano, assistant coordinator of residential life. "We hope to find accommodations within six to eight miles of campus," Gano said.

His office maintains a list of people who have rented previously, but he added that he is always looking for new sources. Persons with information about off-campus housing for students are asked to contact the residential life office at ext. 4255.

PERSONNEL

SR. ACCOUNTING CLERK - OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER. Full-time, permanent (replacement). Level 4, \$4.75 per hour.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY - OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER. Full-time, permanent (replacement and reclassification). Level 5, \$5.30 per hour.

LIBRARY TECHNICAL PROCESSING CLERK - LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCES. Full-time, one-year temporary position until September 1, 1984 (replacement). Level 4, \$4.75 per hour. Possible evening and weekend hours required.

COORDINATOR OF STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES - Full-time from August 15 through May 15; two days per week during the summer. (replacement) Salary negotiable. B.S. or B.A. required.

STAFF ASSISTANT (Graduate Assistant) - ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES. Part-time, permanent (new position). Salary to be established in 1983-84 budget. Bachelor's degree required; must be eligible for Graduate Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS - Full-time, permanent (new position). Salary negotiable. Bachelor's degree required, master's preferred.

All internal applications must be received by Thursday, August 11. SVSC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and is non-discriminatory in its policies and practices.



MUSIC FESTIVAL SETS SIGHTS ON NEXT YEAR

Those that attending were enthusiastic about the quality of music, food and service -- enough so that organizers of the Great American Music Festival plan to do it all again next year. GAMF officials blamed hot and threatening weekend weather for keeping attendance to about half of what they expected. Those who did visit the SVSC campus were treated to a parade of 25 bands that almost without exception gave top performances.

While the musicians earned rave reviews the food vendors refused to be upstaged. Despite humid temperatures in the 90's, they worked behind their grills, oven and woks to serve a wide selection of treats -- all with a smile.

Norma Gase of the SVSC Foundation, who served as volunteer coordinator of the festival, echoed the sentiments of all organizers when she praised the hundreds of volunteers who made the event possible. "Despite the weather and hectic pace, those people did a great job and kept smiling. They made all this possible and the festival board of directors and I want to thank them for all they did."



BOARD REPORT



A Report of the
Saginaw Valley State College
Board of Control

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SVSC's operating budget for the 1983/84 academic year received Board of Control approval Monday following discussion of its provision for a \$220,000 deficit. Stating that the administration's primary objective was to continue SVSC programs serving students and the community, Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock sought Board support for the plan. The budget is based on state appropriations of \$8,026,860, up 8.5% from the 1982/83 final adjusted appropriation. Woodcock explained that SVSC expects to receive 84% of total allocated funds by June 30, 1984 under a "forward funding" concept the legislature has indicated it will use. Because the state fiscal year extends from October 1 through September 30, it is customary to receive only 75% of new appropriations in the college fiscal year. The plan will result in recognition of an additional \$704,700 during the 83/84 year.

Woodcock noted the action is being considered by the state in an effort to alleviate funding problems caused by executive order cuts to higher education in the past three years. He said the approach might be adopted on a permanent basis, or that there could be a one-time supplemental appropriation to get state colleges and universities back into the financial position they held prior to funding cuts. He added that either of these alternatives assumes an improving state economy, and said forward funding would not solve SVSC's financial problem, but the "problem would be more severe if we don't have it." He pointed out non-recognition of forward funding in 83/84 added to the anticipated deficit for the year and shortfalls from prior years would create an accumulated deficit of \$1,275,100, "which we couldn't handle for long." Woodcock indicated he expects accumulated deficits to be reduced over a five year period, beginning with a balanced budget for the 1984-85 fiscal year.

Revenue sources in the \$13,346,550 budget include \$4,859,290 in tuition and fees, based on 94,400 expected student credit hours, and \$240,000 derived from indirect cost recoveries, investment income, departmental and non-recurring revenue, in addition to state appropriations. There is a \$10,432,476 allocation for compensation expenditures, less \$225,000 in unfilled position savings. \$2,951,874 is budgeted for supplies, materials and services and \$187,200 for capital expenditures to make up the \$13.3 million total.

The Board also learned that SVSC's school of nursing had received a \$345,177 three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Grant monies will be used to expand the programs for registered nurses wishing to earn Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees, and will fund additional teaching staff, support personnel and equipment. Dr. Crystal M. Lange, dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, indicated there are currently inquiries from nearly 300 R.N.'s interested in completing degree requirements. She said the grant would allow SVSC to serve 180 additional R.N.'s over the three year period. (See related article, page 1.)

In other action, the Board--

--approved a resolution establishing the degree of Bachelor of Social Work. SVSC's social work program received an unqualified three-year accreditation by the Council of Social Work Education in March, and the BSW degree recognizes this status. According to Dr. William K. Barnett, dean of the School of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, the BSW degree will qualify SVSC graduates for acceptance into many graduate programs and employment situations not open to persons with a bachelor of science degree. CSWE accreditation also makes SVSC eligible for a number of federal grants, he said.

--heard reports on fall admissions, registration and housing. Although differences in timing of registration periods make direct comparisons between fall semester 1982 and 1983 difficult, Registrar Paul Saft and Executive Director for Admissions and Student Services Richard P. Thompson said indications are that final figures will show a slight increase this year. Housing applications are virtually identical to those a year ago, with 36 students currently on a waiting list for dormitory space.

--were informed that SVSC is investigating the possibility of adding a program leading to a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Political Science. Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S. P. Yien will discuss the proposal with the Presidents Council of State Colleges and Universities later this week, and then will seek support from North Central Association of Colleges and Schools for the program. Dr. Barnett pointed out that SVSC studies indicate there is a growing demand for this program locally, as the level of education and professionalism expected in the criminal

justice field increases. About 65% of anticipated enrollment in the program will be working criminal justice personnel from SVSC's service area, he said.

--received a report from grounds specialist Kenneth Ropp on projects being completed by Michigan Youth Corps workers at SVSC. He indicated the college received a \$34,000 contract and is employing 18 youth plus three supervisors, all 20-21 years of age. According to Ropp, Corps workers have been involved in work which cannot be done as part of usual maintenance activities.

--received a personnel report listing eight recent appointments and learned that more than 80 applications have been received for the position of Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Control.

--heard a report from Board member Mrs. Jo Saltzman on activities of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards.

Following lunch, Board members met to discuss institutional long range planning.