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## TAX CUT PROPOSAL LIKELY ON FALL BALLOT

As of July 9, it appeared that a coalition of tax limitation groups would be successful in their quest to have a proposal placed on the November 6 ballot. Petitions with 351,684 signatures were filed with state officials on that date, and if 304,001 of these signatures survive challenges from opponents of the measure, the question will appear on the fall ballot.

Called "Voter's Choice," the proposal would amend Article IX, Sections 1 and 2, of the state constitution to:

\* Require a popular vote on the adoption of any new tax or any legislative change in the base or rate of a state or local tax that would result in an increase in revenue.

\* Require that increases in state or local fees, licenses, permits, etc. be approved either by a 4/5 vote of the appropriate governing body or by a majority of the voters in an election.

\* Make the above requirements retroactive to December 31, 1981.

\* Prohibit local non-resident income tax rates of more than .5 percent.

\* Require that ballot proposals on tax questions must state the total anticipated revenue, the intended use of the revenue and the expiration date.

According to analysts, the Voter's Choice proposal would have two primary effects on state and local governments. First, they say, the proposal would have an immediate impact on state and local finances, since taxes would be rolled back to 1981 levels. Second, the relationship between the legislature and Michigan voters regarding the power to tax would be significantly altered.

The Citizens Research Council of Michigan estimates the proposal would reduce state tax revenues by approximately \$1,036 million on an annual basis. The Economic Alliance for Michigan pegs projected revenue losses more conservatively at \$950 million, plus \$500 million annually shifted from taxes on Michigan businesses from the state to the federal government. They say approximately \$430 million of the annual loss would come from funding for education, economic development, and social programs, with another \$215 million cut from the transportation fund. Finally, they estimate \$300 million would disappear from payments scheduled to reduce the state's accumulated cash deficit, thereby harming credit ratings.

Opponents say the proposal would undermine principles of the system of representative government in Michigan by eliminating the requirement for the legislature to resolve public policy issues involving revenue increases, and substituting frequent and costly elections to act on proposed tax increases and related policy issues.

Questions raised by Voter's Choice would likely be resolved in court, according to Douglas C. Drake, staff director for Rep. H. Lynn Jondahl, chairman of the House Taxation Committee. Among the questions Drake foresees are several key issues:

\*When and how are determinations to be made of what is to go to the voters?

\* Are tax credits part of the base of a tax?

\* Are college and university tuition and fees considered under this proposal?

Drake raises many other points of interest. For a complete text of his remarks, or copies of the proposal language, please contact the President's Office or Information Services.

## BSN PROGRAM RECEIVES CONTINUED SUPPORT

The second year of a federal grant assisting registered nurses in earning a bachelor's degree at SVSC has been approved. The Department of Health and Human Services has released \$179,760 for the school of nursing's program. The grant project facilitates nurses from diploma and associate degree programs to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

In 1983-84, the grant totaled \$134,608 for its first year of implementation, and approximately \$178,945 is earmarked for 1985-86 academic year.

"I'm very pleased that funding is continuing," said project coordinator Janalou Blecke, associate professor of nursing. "We've developed a solid program and now have 100 nurses from this area, the Thumb and northern Michigan working toward their BSNs." The project is targeted for nurses who are working and cannot attend classes during the day, or travel to SVSC's main campus, Blecke said.

The grant has enabled SVSC to hire additional staff, and offer courses at convenient times. "Nurses can now attend summer, evening and weekend classes," Blecke said. "We've also been able to offer instruction at the Caro Skills Center, and at Alpena General Hospital in conjunction with our center in Oscoda."

Blecke noted that response to the program is well ahead of projections, and is expecting more nurses to enroll this fall. "Nurses should be aware that we only have funding for these additional classes during the next two years, so they should use this opportunity while it lasts," she cautioned.

The grant proposal grew out of requests by two-year RNs for a program that would fit their jobs and schedules, according to Dr. Crystal Lange, dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. Lange also noted that communities will benefit from the project, pointing out that patients will receive improved quality care because of a BSN's broader knowledge and skills.

"Besides having greater knowledge in nursing skills, a BSN offers more career opportunities," Lange said. "Nurses with degrees have an advantage in promotions in hospitals, and BSN's are required for many community health programs."

## CHEMISTRY ACCREDITATION EXTENDED

SVSC's chemistry program will remain accredited by the American Chemical Society (ACS) on the strength of a recent evaluation. ACS recently completed a review of the chemistry department's re-evaluation report, stating that the college continues to meet their guidelines. SVSC, which has been accredited since 1973, is required to submit a re-evaluation report every five years.

According to chemistry department chairman Dr. Albert C. Plaush, accreditation by an organization as prestigious as ACS is a reflection of the quality of SVSC's program. ACS evaluates such factors as the number of classroom and laboratory hours required, overall curriculum, faculty qualifications, and facilities, Plaush said.

ACS is a nonprofit organization established by Congress, comprised of chemists from industry and academic institutions.

## SVSC HOSTING FOREIGN STUDENTS

Citizens from Saginaw's sister city will spend the next five weeks at SVSC. Three students and a professor from Shikoku Women's University (SWU) in Tokushima, Japan, arrived July 16 to study American education and culture. They will reside in SVSC's dormitories.

Miki Mandokoro, Azuka Omi, and Kaoru Nishioka will divide their time between classroom instruction in intermediate English, and field trips throughout the community and state. They also will meet with SVSC professors in their respective majors. Professor Shigemitsu Miyamoto will accompany the women.

Also visiting SVSC for several weeks is Jiyul Yoo, a student at Seoul National University in Korea. He will sit in on some of the classes for the Japanese students before visiting relatives.

The Japanese group is part of an exchange program SVSC has developed through its emphasis on international education. Each spring a group of female SVSC students visit SWU to study Japanese culture and language, and the schools also have exchanged professors. Professor Sekijo Kondoh of SWU completed a one-year stay with SVSC last week, and Dr. John V. Jezierski, professor of history, recently returned from a year-long teaching assignment at SWU.

JIM HALL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS DINING SERVICES, HELPS PROFESSOR SEKIJI 'TIM' KONDOH WITH A WESTERN BIRTHDAY CUSTOM. KONDOH WAS HONORED AT A DOAN CENTER RECEPTION MARKING THE END OF HIS YEAR AT SVSC.



(L TO R FACING CAMERA)  
KAORU NISIOKA, MIKI MANDOKORO, AND AZUKA OMI ARE GREETED AT A RECEPTION AS THEY ARRIVE FOR A FIVE WEEK STAY AT SVSC. THEY ARE STUDENTS AT SHIKOKU WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN TOKUSHIMA, JAPAN. IN THE BACKGROUND IS PROFESSOR SHIGEMITSU MIYAMOTO OF SWU, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING THE WOMEN.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. JACK M. RYDER GREET JIYUL YOO, A STUDENT AT SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN KOREA. YOO IS STAYING AT SVSC FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE EAST COAST TO VISIT RELATIVES.



## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--Incoming students and their parents will be on campus Thursday for the fourth **orientation session**. Participants will tour the campus, meet with college faculty and staff, take advanced placement tests and register for fall classes. The last summer orientation session is scheduled for August 2. For more information, call orientation at ext. 4260.

--Two **cheerleading camps** will be held at SVSC in coming weeks. U.S. Cheerleading will be on campus August 3-6, and All-Star Cheerleading's camp is August 6-9. Both camps will host squads from across the state, and feature daily instruction. The last day of each session will culminate in a final competition. For more information, contact the conference bureau at ext. 4162.

--The Saginaw Valley Bridge Club will hold a **charity bridge tournament** on Saturday, July 28, from noon to 2:00 a.m. in lower Doan. The competition is open to the public, and an entry fee of \$4 to \$5 will be charged. For more information, call Shiv Arora at ext. 4323.

--**Registration for fall semester** is being conducted through August 1. The registrar's office is open for fall enrollment from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration will resume August 13.

--A **used book sale** will be held at the library from August 6 to 10. There are many topics at reasonable prices, including a wide selection of educational materials. Sale hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. For more information, call Kay Delap at ext. 4242.

--Food services has **ice** available this summer for picnics. Ten pound bags are available for \$ .70, and can be picked up at the snack bar before 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call ext. 4252 to place an order.

--A number of **computer courses** will be offered this summer through the office of continuing education. Introductory classes on personal computers, word processing, and basic computer language will be held, along with accounting and spreadsheet applications. For more information about the classes, call ext. 4162.

--An **introductory handspinning** course will be offered on August first and eighth, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Basic principles and designs will be covered. The course fee is \$15. For more information, call ext. 4162.

--The American Lung Association of Michigan is sponsoring the **Sleeping Bear Bike Tour** for people who would enjoy a leisurely bike trip while raising money. The three-day trip starts in Manistee, finishes in Suttons Bay, and is geared for the novice biker. A pledge-based event, the trip will raise funds to send asthmatic children to camp. There is only a \$15 fee and lodging and food is free. Call 1-(800) 292-5979 for details.

## PERSONNEL

**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR.** Full-time, permanent (replacement). Bachelor degree required with two years experience in college operations. Salary negotiable.

Internal applications must be received by the personnel office no later than July 31.

For further details, call the personnel office at ext. 4112. SVSC is an equal opportunity employer and non-discriminatory in its policies and practices.

### SVSC EVENTWATCH

July 26 ... Orientation  
July 28 ... Bridge Tournament  
August 2 ... Orientation  
August 3-6 ... Cheerleading Camp  
August 6-9 ... Cheerleading Camp  
August 6-10 ... Used Book Sale  
August 10 ... Polish Music Concert  
August 18 ... Alumni Golf Tournament

See monthly calendar or call Information Services for times and details.



#### TAKING SHAPE

STEEL GIRDERS CAPTURE THE CLOUDS AND CAST GEOMETRIC SHADOWS AS WORKERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PLEASANT SUMMER WEATHER TO MOVE AHEAD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY NO. 2. THE SCIENCE MODURE ADJOINING THE PIONEER HALL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY IS THE FIRST TO HAVE ITS SUPERSTRUCTURE IN PLACE. STEEL FOR THE LIBRARY MODURE WILL BE NEXT TO BE ERECTED.

# SAGINAW VALLEY STATE COLLEGE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST	
2	New Student Orientation; 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Doan Center. Programs and testing for new students. Call ext. 4260 for more information.
3-6	US Cheerleading Camp; campus wide. 150 cheerleaders from the area practice and compete. For more information call Marge Smith at 646-6709.
6-9	All Star Cheerleading Camp; campus wide. Over 75 students from Michigan area training and competing. Call Steve Garret for information at 816-842-0819.
6-10	Used Book Sale; Library. Large selection of materials reasonably priced. Open during library hours. For more information, call Kay Delap at ext. 4242.
10	Polish Music Concert; 7:00 p.m., SVSC theatre. Sponsored by SVSC Institute of Polish Studies. Admission \$3.00. Call ext. 4315 for more information.
18	Alumni Association Golf Tournament; 10:00 a.m., Green Acres Golf Course. Golf, dinner and prizes. Open to all members of the campus community. Registration fee \$25.00. Call Jo Stanley at ext. 4050 for details.
24	LULAC Scholarships Awards Night; 5:00 p.m., SVSC theatre. Scholarships presented by League of United Latin American Citizens. \$2.00 admission for adults, children free. For details call Ramiro Gonzales at ext. 4487.

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS GOLF OUTING

The first annual SVSC alumni golf outing will be held on Saturday, August 18, at the Green Acres Golf Course in Bridgeport. An 18 hole "scramble tournament" will be featured, and tee-off time is 10:00 a.m. A New York strip steak dinner will be served after golfing, along with refreshments.

The entry fee is \$25, which includes green fees, prizes, dinner and refreshments. All alumni, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Reservations must be received before August 1. For more information, call Jo Stanley at ext. 4050.