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15 NAMED TO BOARD OF FELLOWS

Fifteen residents from the Tri-Cities and the Thumb have been selected to serve on SVSC’s Board of Fellows. They were named to the advisory post by the Board of Control during its August 13 meeting.

The Board of Fellows works to assist and advise SVSC officials in many areas. They advise the president on long range planning regarding academic programs, public service functions, governmental relations, facility development and athletic programs. Maintaining SVSC’s standards of scholarship, research and service also are concerns of the board. Another area in which the Board of Fellows supports the college is in relating public opinion to the president and also assisting in interpreting the college and its programs to the community. The board is comprised of 36 people serving four year terms. Those renewing their seats and those beginning first terms are:

**Bay City**
- Gerald Blumeneau, Bay City Milling & Grocer
- Dr. Charles Link, B.C. Public Schools (re.)
- Terry Niederstadt, Second National Bank
- R. Earl Selby, Baker & Selby
- Dr. Richard Eric Strain, Optometrist
- Dr. John Way, M.D.

**Midland**
- Margaret Darger (renewal)
- Robert House, retired from Dow Chemical
- Judge Donna Morris (renewal)

**Saginaw**
- Joseph Gaertner, Gaertner's Greenhouse
- Danny Dambro, Dambro's Appliance
- Edward McArdle, Attorney, Braun, Kendrick
- Robert Vittito, Second National Bank
- Richard Wolohan, Wolohan Lumber (renewal)

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- Herbert Gettel, Gettel & Co. (renewal)

FACULTY/STAFF ORIENTATION SET

All new and returning SVSC employees are encouraged to attend the 1984 faculty/staff orientation, to be held in Doan Center on Thursday, August 30, and in Pioneer Hall on Friday morning, August 31. Highlights of this year’s program include recognition of faculty promotions, a soup-sandwich-salad bar luncheon, a joint SVSC-Delta reception, and office presentations.

The luncheon, held in Doan Cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, is being offered for the special price of $3 per person. Meal tickets may be purchased at the entrance on the day of the event, or may be ordered in advance through the Office of Academic Affairs.

The SVSC-Delta reception begins 4:00 p.m. Thursday at Jennison Nature Center in Bay City. Directions to the nature center are included in an orientation program mailed to all employees, but additional directions are available by phoning Dr. Eugene Hamilton at ext. 4068. Spouses or guests are invited to attend the event.

Office presentations, primarily for new faculty/staff but also for interested returning personnel, will begin at 9:00 a.m. Friday in room 224 Pioneer Hall. Beverages and rolls will be served prior to presentations.

Many new faculty and staff have been added for the upcoming year, and the orientation days provide an excellent opportunity to become acquainted, according to those planning the event. They add that the sessions define goals and objectives of the College for 1984-85. Employees are reminded to maintain minimum coverage of offices while they attend orientation events. Details of activities are in the printed program, or available from the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, ext. 4296.
SVSC CHOIR SEeks MEMBERS

SVSC's concert choir is looking for people who would like to celebrate a birthday — Johann Sebastian Bach's 300th.

The choir's major concert this year will be Bach's "St. Matthew Passion," in February, in addition to the annual Christmas performance. No audition is necessary, and the class can be taken on a credit or non-credit basis. Those interested should attend the first meeting on Tuesday, September 4, at 11:00 a.m. in SVSC's 68 building.

"Quality of voice and reading ability are secondary to be part of a quality presentation," said Dr. Eric Nisula, director of the SVSC concert choir. "'St. Matthew Passion' will feature two choirs, two orchestras, and four soloists. It's a magnificently moving portrayal of the suffering of Christ that Bach adapted from the Gospel of St. Matthew."

Registered SVSC students taking the class for credit should plan to enroll in Music 191, Nisula said. For more information, call ext. 4307.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSISTANT NAMED

Cindy Ponichtera-Morley, a former SVSC women's basketball standout has been named as assistant coach to Marsha Reall by Athletic Director Bob Becker. Ponichtera-Morley replaces Sue Guevara, who left SVSC to serve a graduate assistantship after a three-year tenure as Reall's assistant coach.

The appointment will be a reunion of sorts for the two, as Ponichtera-Morley's final season as a player with the Lady Cardinals was the first year Reall coached the team.

"Poncho" began her playing career at SVSC in 1976 after graduating from Eisenhower High School, where she lettered in three sports for the Commanders. She was also the school's homecoming queen during her senior year. At the time of her appointment to the SVSC coaching position, she was serving as a juvenile probation officer for Saginaw County, a position she has held since 1980. She also served a stint as head coach at Bethlehem Lutheran.

Last season the Lady Cards finished with a 30-1 record to place fifth nationally.

ACROSS CAMPUS

--Dr. Rosalie Troester, assistant professor of English, was elected vice president of the Michigan Women's Studies Association at its annual meeting in May. Her duties will include recruiting new members, coordinating local fund-raising efforts for the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, and serving on the group's executive committee.

--Reference Librarian Calvin Williams and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy born August 4. Young Calvin Mikael weighed 9 pounds, five 1/2 ounces.

--SVSC alum Steve Brady earned a $2,780 check for his play in the Buick Open golf tournament. The 25-year-old Brady, a former SVSC golfer, shot rounds of 69-67-73 and 71 in the prestigious national tourney.
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The SVSC Board of Control considered a number of budget-related items at its August 13 meeting. Prompting the most discussion was a resolution to roll back the increase in undergraduate tuition for Michigan students that had been approved in June. The proposal to return to 1983/84 rates was recommended by SVSC President Jack M. Ryder, who told the Board that new information received from the Michigan Department of Management and Budget would allow SVSC to hold the line on tuition for the upcoming school year.

Key to the rollback is assurance that the state would employ a forward funding mechanism to advance appropriations from the fourth quarter of the state’s fiscal year, which ends September 30, to the fourth quarter of the College’s fiscal year ending June 30, 1985.

"Because we are assured by Governor Blanchard’s Department of Management and Budget that funding would be higher than anticipated when we developed our budget in June, and because we are concerned about keeping higher education accessible for our students, I am asking the Board to roll back resident undergraduate tuition to last year’s level," Ryder said. We are still committed to maintaining quality programs while keeping our budget in balance, and with the information we now have received, we feel this will be possible while keeping tuition in check."

The amount advanced by the state will be approximately $100,000 more than college administrators originally had anticipated. While this will not fully replace the $230,000 projected to be raised by the previously approved tuition increase, Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock said college administrators expect to reduce overall expenditures during the fiscal year to compensate for the remaining $130,000.

The reduction, which sets tuition at $49.50 per credit hour, affects Michigan undergraduate students only. All graduate and non-resident student tuition will remain as approved in June. Required general service course fees remain at $3 per credit hour.

SVSC is slated to receive $8.7 million in appropriations in the state’s 1984–85 fiscal year. This represents about 60 percent of the total operating budget for the college. Forward funding will advance $887,700 to the school by June 30, 1985, according to state officials.

After approving the new tuition schedule, Board members adopted a $14.3 million operating budget for the new academic year. The budget reflects the tuition rollback, and projects revenue for tuition and fees at $5,232,000. Other revenue from miscellaneous sources totals $370,725, for combined revenues of $14,322,005.

Expenditure allocations include $10,797,915 for compensation, $3,378,970 for supplies, materials and services, plus capital expenditures of $264,350. College administrators will be looking for $129,230 in "unspecified expenditure reductions" to balance the '84-'85 budget.

Woodcock pointed out that if forward funding were discontinued, SVSC's accumulated deficit would rise. He said information available as books are closed for the last fiscal year show a reduction in the accumulated deficit from $300,000 to $148,000. This amount, coupled with the non-recognition of $887,770 in forward funding, would raise the total deficit to $1,035,770.
Although the budget calls for a balance between revenues and expenditures in the upcoming year, the Board gave its authorization to extend a one and a half million dollar line of credit with Michigan National Bank. No funds will be borrowed under the provisions of the agreement unless an unforeseen fiscal emergency arises.

Board members were informed that enrollment in 1984 summer sessions was 4.8 percent higher than a year ago, with 2,467 students taking summer classes. Registrar Paul Saft reported that registrations for fall semester classes are 6.5 percent ahead of the same date a year ago, with 2,828 students already registered for fall courses. Registration continues through the end of August. The college dormitories are again filled, with 43 students currently on a waiting list for housing.

Other Board action included:

--authorization to construct a lighted gravel parking lot west of existing Lot C, at a cost not to exceed $80,000. The new lot is expected to be in service by September 1. Woodcock emphasized that the lot will be especially crucial to campus operations because the lot north of Circle Drive will not be completed in time for the opening of fall classes, and Lot D is currently closed while I.F. 2 construction progresses.

--election of ten new and five returning members to the Board of Fellows. (See related article.)

--approval of leave without pay for Dr. Thomas Hearron, professor of English, who has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach in Rwanda, Africa. (See August 7 issue of Interior.)

--approval of a contract between Local 845, Council 25, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. The contract, which calls for hourly pay increases covering the 1983-84, 84-85, and 85-86 fiscal years, was ratified by the employees' bargaining unit on July 18. A $0.40 per hour increase was effective July 1, 1984, with increases of $0.20 per hour scheduled for July 1, 1985 and January 1, 1986. Other provisions of the contract address issues related to recognition of the union and union representation; set grievance procedures; specify conditions of employee probationary period; restate procedures for job postings, paid and unpaid leave; and detail retirement, life insurance, disability insurance, and health insurance benefits for the group.

Board members also

--heard remarks from Dr. Thomas Kullgren, new dean of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology. Kullgren told the Board he was "delighted to be a part of SVSC in this growing, exciting period. I am going to do everything in my power to insure that we will have some of the best programs in the state of Michigan."

--met and received a report from Dr. Ralph Coppola, new director of Sponsored Programs. Coppola detailed the current status of grants applications and told the Board of plans to actively involve the SVSC faculty in securing grant funds. He said one of his goals for the program is to insure that the value of direct cost items, such as equipment not consumed during the grant period, is greater than the amount of matching funds that SVSC must expend to secure the grant.

--heard a summary of Presidents Council academic program actions. Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S. P. Yien informed the Board that the academic officers of the state's public colleges and universities plan to take a more active role in reviewing programs offered by the 15 schools. He also distributed the group's recommendations for college bound high school students. While college admissions standards will not be raised immediately, the Presidents Council is urging students to take four years of English, four years of mathematics, three years of biological and physical sciences, three years of history and social sciences, two years of foreign language, two years of fine arts, and one year of hands-on computer experience to be properly prepared for college enrollment. Yien said the guidelines will be communicated to local high school administrators so they can use them in curriculum planning.

--listened to recommendations from Student Government President Dallas Mossman to place a placard with an artist's rendition of I.F. 2 near the construction site, and to develop other means of informing students of details about the complex. Mossman also told the Board he plans to reinstate a Student Government newspaper to promote campus clubs and organizations, as well as to inform students of actions that occur at events such as the Board meeting.