"Since 1984, higher education has been a high priority of the Governor and of both the Republicans and Democrats in the legislature. In addition, private benefactors have contributed millions of dollars to our special funds drive.

"Now that our resources have begun to increase, we are in a position to address our most pressing needs."

Those comments characterized the generally upbeat message President Ryder delivered to the SVSC community in his annual State of the College address last Friday. Ryder spoke of the continued growth of the college, and noted that development of physical facilities was beginning to match student enrollment growth that had occurred almost continuously since the institution's inception.

He opened by telling the audience that "the state of the college is good. It is good because of national economic trends. It is good because the people of the State of Michigan have decided to make quality education a high priority, and it is good because we at Saginaw Valley State College are prepared to respond to the increasing public support for our mission."

Ryder cited SVSC's building projects as evidence of results of higher levels of funding. "This May, we plan to break ground for a fine arts center which will feature

the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Gallery. With the help of the Dow Foundation, the Wickes Foundation, and many other area businesses and individuals, we are raising $7 million to build the fine arts facility."

He pointed out that another event scheduled for May is the beginning of a long-anticipated move to Brown Hall, Zahnow Library and the new science building. "These facilities will be used this summer and dedicated on October 12 in a ceremony which I ask you all to help plan." Ryder also cited the signing of the 1985 capital outlay bill that will contribute to growth of instructional space at SVSC. "The bill allocates $18.7 million for a health and physical education complex on our campus. This is primarily an instructional facility, but will also allow us to meet the needs of an enhanced recreation and intramural program."

Ryder described the process used to develop the program statement for the facility, and to select project architects. He reported that the firm of Giffels/Hoyem and Basso had been chosen to design the complex, and said they would have representatives on campus during the first week of April to consult with users on design of the buildings and fields. "We will keep you informed of their schedule of planning meetings," he said.

The complex will include a variety of facilities. On the list are classrooms, offices, locker rooms for students, laundry, equipment and emergency care rooms, a dance studio, and an arena that can seat 6,000 for meetings and Commencement. Also included are an indoor track, handball and racquetball courts, an aquatic teaching area with a swimming pool and diving area, and related outdoor facilities such as softball fields, intramural fields, ice rink, baseball field and fitness trail.

While expressing pleasure at the physical development of campus, Ryder reminded
listeners that other factors were even more important. "Buildings cannot teach or do research. Only people can. But men and women can teach and learn more effectively with the right equipment and facilities."

Ryder commented that SVSC has received a higher level of increase in appropriations than many other Michigan colleges, partially offsetting years when enrollment growth outstripped funding levels. "Political observers have noted that over the past two years, SVSC's appropriations have increased 23 percent above the average of Michigan four year colleges and universities. While two years ago, Saginaw Valley's state funding per student was 14th out of 15 state colleges and universities in Michigan, the Governor's most recent recommendation would make us eighth out of 15. Per student funding at SVSC has come a long way in a very short period of time and we are all grateful to the governor, the legislature and the citizens of Michigan for increasing our level of support."

Some of the additional support, Ryder said, has been used to hire three additional full-time faculty. He added that the current year's budget includes a request for funds to hire 24 additional full-time faculty over the next two years and to upgrade computing facilities. He said that, while these requests have not yet been endorsed by the Governor, "we will continue to explain our needs to the Governor and to our friends in the legislature."

Ryder took time to pay tribute to the crew of the Challenger space shuttle, lost in an explosion during mission take-off. He noted that the selection of a teacher, Mrs. Christa McAuliffe, for participation in the mission, her tragic death and the national reaction to it, contained lessons for us. "First, when provided with even a minimum of national leadership, this nation will demonstrate its appreciation for teachers. President Reagan's selection of Christa McAuliffe was intended to call attention to the importance of the teaching profession, and so it did." He said the selection of a graduate of Framingham State College also was significant. "In her selection, Christa McAuliffe joined the ranks of notables such as James Michener, Dan Rather and Barbara Jordan, who have studied at regional state colleges like ours and who have then gone on to lives of great achievement."

Ryder concluded by outlining problems faced by higher education, as identified in a study by Howard R. Bowen and Jack H. Schuster, and linked SVSC action to plans for solving such problems on our campus. Included are acquisition of adequate equipment, adequate facilities, provision of more secretarial support, additions to library collections, expansion of faculty numbers, and provision of travel funding and faculty mobility. "At SVSC, perspectives may be enhanced by summer internships like those initiated by Saginaw Valley State College and local industry last summer. In addition we have remained committed to providing sabbaticals, professional development grants, and opportunities for new experiences through non-credit courses, seminars, and for-credit courses."

He cited campus committees dealing with such issues as basic skills programs and enrollment strategy, and decentralization of budgetary responsibility, as examples of quality-enhancing activities demonstrating that college leadership is not the responsibility of the president alone. "Leadership is a shared responsibility. At Saginaw Valley State College, everyone bears a piece of that burden. Together we have been able to achieve much. And yet, there is still much to do."
SVSC OFFERS HEALTH TIPS AT FAIR

Learn how to improve your own well-being by attending "Health Yourself-1986." This year's wellness fair is set for Tuesday and Wednesday, February 18 and 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Doan Mall.

Gloria Hansen, director of Health Yourself-1986 and coordinator of health services, said the trend in medicine today is toward self-care. "We know good self-care leads to a longer and better quality life," Hansen said. "Our desire is to present information to everyone who comes so that they can improve their life style and live better."

She added that the wellness fair tries to integrate all areas of personal health and is designed to encourage active participation. This year's fair has a number of new entries, with more attention given to mental health, screening tests and educational areas.

Testing will include both blood pressure and oral checks for cancer. The Rape Crisis Center will be represented, as well as Overeaters Anonymous and the Sight Mobile. Student nurses will present information on diet, birth control, VD and other subjects. Booths will be operated by Bacchus, a campus organization that promotes alcohol education, and the Saginaw County Office of Substance Abuse Services. The Hair Affair of Saginaw also will be present, offering haircuts all day on both days. A $3 donation will be accepted for haircuts, and proceeds will be donated to the Leukemia Fund.

"One of the new things we'll offer this year is a computer that will provide a run-off of your health age," Hansen said. "You fill out a short quiz on some of your health habits, and the computer will check how long you should live if you continue with those same habits. It also will make suggestions on what changes you can make to improve the length and quality of your life."

The Cardinal athletic department will be available to discuss sports medicine, including advice on simple treatments of injuries and when to call a doctor for treatment. The AAA Auto Club will be offering driving safety tips. Hansen said AAA will show evidence supporting the positive results of Michigan's seat belt law.

SVSC's food services will be providing healthy snacks during the fair. Nutritional breakdowns of the foods served in the program will be made available, also. Hansen said some booths will be set up on Wickes Hall south concourse. One of these booths will be run by the Student Health Advisory Committee (S.H.A.C.), a group that surveys students to determine student health service needs.

"All of the information is geared toward learning how to take better care of the body, and many of the booths will give people a chance to actually participate," Hansen said. For further information call Health Services at extension 4272.

LOT C PERMIT POLICY EXPLAINED

Members of the campus community are reminded that the transferable hanging permit is the official parking permit for Lot C, not the gate control card. When a booth attendant is present, the Lot C permit must be displayed from the rearview mirror each time a driver enters the lot. The plastic gate control card cannot be used to enter the lot when an attendant is working the booth.

According to Public Safety Director Zane Rybkowski, this policy was developed to monitor the proper use of parking permits, and to provide adequate parking space. "In the past when permits were not checked regularly there were instances where one permit was being used by more than one person," Rybkowski explained. He said permits were loaned to other people by the purchaser, and this resulted in several people being provided reserve parking without paying the required fee. This practice resulted in the lot being filled to capacity.

Individuals who forget the permit still can enter Lot C by paying the daily 50 cent fee. Rybkowski said a receipt will be issued, and the motorist can be reimbursed if the valid transferable permit and the receipt are brought to the Public Safety office.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

--On exhibit in the Arts Workshop are etchings of the English countryside by artist John Brunsdon. The show runs until February 21. For gallery hours call extension 4159.

--"French Culture in Canada" will be the topic of Dr. David Barker's lecture, held in Wickes faculty lounge today from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and admission is free. Call ext. 4486 for details.
---Textbook Request Forms for Summer 1986 were distributed to all full-time faculty on February 7. Order deadline is March 10, 1986. Faculty who did not receive forms can get copies by contacting Laurie at ext. 4277.

---Measurements for commencement regalia are being taken by the Bookstore Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Orders must be placed no later than February 24.

---A doctor will be on hand in Health Services every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is $8 for faculty and staff, $3 for students.

---Completed Landee Award Ballots must be returned to Dr. Guy Lee, postmarked by March 1. To request a ballot form, call ext. 4059.

---A Roman Catholic Mass will be held in lower level Doan Center on Ash Wednesday, February 12, from noon to 12:45. All are welcome.

---"Saginaw News" columnist Maggie Rossiter will present a luncheon lecture on Thursday, February 13, in lower level Doan Center. Call extension 4170 for further information.

---The Snack Bar is offering a Valentines Day Special on Friday, February 14 from 11:00 to 1:00. The special includes a 7 ounce choice New York strip steak, baked potato, bread, tossed salad and medium beverage. Actual value of the meal is $5.95, but is available for $3.69. Limited supply, first come-first served basis; no rain checks.

---"Cuba and Central America" will be the topic of Dr. Ignacio Fleitas' lecture on Tuesday, February 18, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Wickes faculty lounge. Fleitas is an instructor from St. Charles High School. Refreshments will be served.

---An information open house for adult students will be held in the Chrysallis Center on February 19 and 20. For open house hours call extension 4267.

---The women's basketball team avenged a lone conference loss by whipping Lake Superior State College 91-62. The 29-point drubbing of the Soo Lakers puts SVSC in the driver's seat with a one-game edge over LSSC and three games over third place Grand Valley. Coach Claudette Charney used 6-foot-2 junior Lisa Masters and 6-foot-1 freshman Trine Tims in the line-up at the same time to wear down the Lakers. The showdown with Grand Valley State will be this Saturday, 1:00 in Cardinal Gym.

---The men's basketball team dropped to 4-8 in the GLIAC, 14-9 overall, after a 64-62 loss to Lake Superior State on Saturday. The Cardinals take on Grand Valley this Saturday in Cardinal Gym. Catch the action on WBCM Radio (1440 AM) at 3:00 p.m.

---First year head coach Art Tolfree will fly his softball team to Los Angeles on March 23 to participate in their first series of double-headers. The Lady Cards also are guaranteed five games in an eight-team tournament in Honolulu, Hawaii. Tolfree and his troops are selling raffle tickets to raise money for the excursion, offering round-trip air fare and lodging for two to travel with the Cards on their spring trip. The team has eight letter winners returning from last year's squad that finished fifth at the NAIA national tournament.