June 30, 1987

BOARD SETS 1987 TUITION FEE IN SPECIAL SESSION

SVSC's Board of Control convened in a special session Monday to consider the administration's tuition and fee proposal, tabled at the regular June meeting, and to complete other items remaining from the June 8 agenda.

The meeting was attended by a number of students who led an effort to moderate the level of tuition increase. Their appearance at the earlier meeting was instrumental in delaying action on the tuition proposal. Since that meeting, they had met with legislators and administrators to plead their cause, contacted Board members and conducted meetings to solicit student support.

President Ryder informed Board members that the House-Senate Conference Committee had made its recommendation for SVSC's appropriations, and he expected passage by the full legislative body. SVSC's 1987-88 appropriation would be $13,876,159 under the proposed legislation, including $688,000 in start-up money for the Wickes Hall renovation and the Arbury Fine Arts Center and a one-time only contribution of more than $223,000 to recognize enrollment increases. The appropriation would leave the College $109,050 short of revenues anticipated through a combination of state support and tuition when the rate increase proposal was prepared. Therefore, Ryder said, the administration was asking the Board to approve the proposal. He noted that full-time students (31 credits) would pay a total of $108 more per year under the plan, and that the administration would have to forego some planned expenditures to remain within revenues. Ryder also indicated it might be possible for the College to allocate $60,000 for increased student employment that would be available for students needing help with college costs.

After lengthy discussion, Board member Charles Curtiss introduced an amendment setting tuition for Michigan undergraduate students at $54.50 per credit hour, rather than the $55 called for in the administration's proposal. He cited data showing that tuition increases in Michigan had outstripped the rate of inflation in the past decade and stated his concern over the long term effect on accessibility to higher education. Curtiss pointed to examples where industry had ignored competitive forces and said tuition increases should include some evaluation of what economic conditions will be. He said wage levels in Michigan are declining.

His amendment, and the amended proposal, passed 3-2. (See Board Report)

Etceteras...

... Including a surcharge during winter semester 1981, SVSC has increased the rate for tuition and required fees 15 times prior to the current change. On seven occasions rates were held constant, and there was one decrease when SVC changed its status from private to public school.

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The general service fee of $3/cr. hr. replaced other fees in 1981-82 and has remained unchanged. Tuition-only increases since 1982-83 averaged 4.9%, less than the rate of inflation (5.1%) for that 5-year period.
GRANT TO BE USED TO TRAIN
CHILD DAY CARE PROVIDERS

More than 36 child day care providers will be trained by
the College through a grant from the CDC Training Advisory
Committee of the Department of Social Services.

SVSC received a grant of
$2,971 to deliver 576 hours of training. The College, through
the school of education and the office of conferences and
professional development programs, plans to offer
approximately three courses. Prior to determining the
courses, a needs assessment will be conducted.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

-- A reception honoring Dr. Kenneth DePree, in July
leaving his post as interim dean of the school of education;
and Dr. David Nelson, the new dean of the school of
education, will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m., June 30
in the Alumni Lounge, Zahnow Library.

-- A farewell reception for
Dr. Jim Syphers will take
place from 3 to 6 p.m., July 2
in the Alumni Lounge. Syphers
is resigning from his position as
associate professor of
social work to move east.

-- The Smothers Brothers & Tom
Paxton will perform during the
Midland Music Society Summer
Fest at 7 p.m., July 2 in Dow
Gardens.

STUDENT KUDOS

Marie Emmendorfer, a 1986
graduate of SVSC and currently
working toward a second degree
at the College, achieved
Michigan's highest accounting
honors on both the Certified
Public Accountants' exam and
the Certified Management
Accountant exam. In addition,
Emmendorfer was the nation's
second highest scorer on both
exams. Her achievements
netted her a number of awards
from various state and
national accounting
organizations.

INTERIOR SCHEDULE

The Interior will again be
published Tuesday, July 7.
Items to be included for
publication MUST be submitted
by noon Wednesday, July 2.

CALL FOR FALL CALENDAR ITEMS

Any events taking place
during the fall semester
should be included in the
Fall 1987 Calendar of Events.
Anyone wishing to have
activities included in the
calendar must have the
typewritten information into
the office of information
services by 4 p.m., July 10.

SVSC TO REALIZE SAVINGS
THROUGH BOND PREPAYMENT PLAN

The College's Board of
Control Monday received a
report on a bond prepayment
plan that is expected to save
more than $900,000 over the
life of outstanding housing
bonds. The plan, which allows
a discount for prepayment of
Series A bonds used to
finance construction on
SVSC's dormitories in 1970,
will reduce the net interest
cost for housing and auxiliary
bonds from 9.14 percent
to 8.075 percent.

SVSC's governing board took
the first step toward
refinancing the College's
bond package at a special
meeting Feb. 23. Board
members authorized College
administrators to meet a Feb.
27 filing deadline indicating
SVSC's interest in taking
advantage of a proposal by
the U.S. Department of
Education (DOE) that allows
prepayment of Series A bonds
for up to a 50 percent
discount.

On May 1 the board confirmed
its earlier action by
authorizing President Jack
Ryder and Vice President for
Administration and Business
Affairs Jerry Woodcock to
negotiate a bond purchase
agreement with underwriters.
The final plan allows the
payment of $334,000 to prepay
$661,000 in outstanding
principal of the DOE Series A
bonds, thereby realizing a
$327,000 discount on the
bonds.

Series B bonds, used to
finance the second stage of
housing construction and
renovation, and Series C
bonds, issued for construction
of the Pine Grove
Apartments, also are included
in the refinancing package.

Among the advantages of the
plan, Woodcock said, is the
leveling of debt service
payments. Annual payments for
Series A, B and C bonds
ranged from $33,050 to
$373,840 under the old
payment schedule. The new
repayment plan for Series
1987 bonds calls for a
maximum payment of $290,725
in 1996, with other annual
payments ranging from
$285,750 to $290,627.50.
Reducing the maximum annual
payment and leveling the debt
payments gives more flexibility
in planning College
bonded auxiliary budgets,
according to Controller James
G. Muladore.

Muladore noted the refinanc-
ing plan also removes some
restrictive covenants in the
prior trust indenture.

Low bidder on the refinancing
package was John Nuveen & Co.
Inc. of Chicago. The closing
date for the plan is July 1.
JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 to July 2 The National Cheerleaders Association will conduct a camp daily through July 2 at various sites on campus. For further information, contact Conference Bureau at extension 4162.

7 Orientation for new students will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at various locations across campus. For information, call extension 4170.

8-11 Mid-American Pom-Pon will conduct a camp daily through July 11.

11 & 12 The Saginaw Computer Club will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Pioneer Hall, Room 224. For more information, call extension 4323.

13-16 Mid-American Pom-Pon will conduct a camp daily through July 16.

22-25 Mid-American Pom-Pon will conduct a camp daily through July 25.

BASIC SKILLS TESTING

Basic Skills Testing by Academic Support Services will take place July 13 and 14 and July 22 and 23 in Wickes Hall, Room 312.

The reading test will be given at 10 a.m., Monday, July 13, and at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 23. The basic math exam will be given at 11 a.m., July 13 and 3 p.m., July 23. The writing test will be given at 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 14 and again at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 22. The basic algebra exam will be given at 3 p.m., July 14 and at 11 a.m., July 22.

All appointments must be completed and confirmed by calling extension 4284 within 24 hours of the scheduled testing.

Eldon Graham, associate professor of mechanical engineering, assists a few of the 30 participants in computer graphics during the recent Mid-Michigan Minority Pre-Engineering Program sponsored by SVSC. Participants also toured the offices of several area employers.
Independence Holiday Closing

The College will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day, Saturday, July 4. All campus offices will be closed until Monday, July 6.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

-- Mrs. Jan Blecke, associate professor of nursing, in April was inducted into the Michigan State University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. The organization's primary objective is the recognition and encouragement of all academic disciplines. Blecke was among 10 percent of candidates for graduate degrees accepted into Phi Kappa Phi this year. She expects to complete her course work for a Ph.D. in human ecology during the fall quarter.

-- Dr. Crystal Lange, dean of the school of nursing and allied health sciences, recently was elected to the executive committee of the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs. As a member of the committee, Lange will guide, administer and provide leadership to achieve the purposes and functions of the council under the board of directors of the National League for Nursing.

-- Dr. Rosalie Riegel Troester, associate professor of English, will present a paper titled "Women Writers of the Harlem Renaissance" to the Third International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women to take place July 6 to 10 at Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland. The International Congress on Women takes place every three years. Its aim is to bring together scholars and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines to share insights, experiences and research and to explore issues of importance to women throughout the world. Troester received a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies to attend the conference.

-- Dr. Jose Valderas, director of the Bilingual-Bicultural Center, was elected as Region 3 representative of the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education. Valderas will represent the tri-county area in issues/concerns related to bilingual education.

LADY CARDINAL CAMP IMPROVES BASKETBALL SKILLS

Members of the Saginaw Valley State College basketball coaching staff and team will provide a variety of basketball tips during the second annual Lady Cardinal Basketball Camp, Aug. 3 through 7.

Director Claudette Charney and assistant Dana Munk coached the Lady Cardinals to a 30-2 season in 1986-87. The five-day camp will include SVSC's Sonja Paquin, an NAIA honorable mention All-American her senior year; and Grand Valley State College's Deb Moinet. Moinet was a two-year starter under Charney and Munk at Muskegon Community College.

Registration deadline is Aug. 1. The camp is intended for girls in seventh through 12th grades. A combination of individual and team play fundamentals and all basic basketball skills will be stressed.

For more information, call conference bureau at extension 4162.

PERSONNEL

The following position is open to all regular employees of the College:

EQUIPMENT MANAGER/ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH, athletics, full-time, permanent (replacement). Salary negotiable. Requires bachelor's degree, plus management and organizational skills. Athletic equipment knowledge required, plus experience in athletics.

All internal applications must be received in the personnel office, extension 4112, by Thursday, July 2.

SVSC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

HIGH FIVE

-- The National Cheerleaders Association will conduct a camp June 29 through July 2.

-- The Mid-American Pom-Pon Association will sponsor a camp July 8 through 11, July 13 through 16 and July 22 through 25.

-- A basketball camp for girls in seventh through 12th grades will take place August 3 through 7. The camp is for both commuting and overnight campers. For further information, call the conference bureau at extension 4162.

EVENT WATCH

June 29-July 2...NCA Cheerleading Camp
July 7...Orientation
July 8...Mid-American Pom-Pon Camp
Students benefit through chemistry specials

High school students in the tri-city area are receiving a greater baptism into collegiate chemistry these days. In part that's due to the efforts of Dr. George Eastland, chemistry professor.

Eastland is chair-man of the American Chemical Society's Midland section and is responsible for the Chemistry Olympics on the SVSC campus. In addition, as a member of the ACS, 10 years ago he assisted in the preparation of a Project Seed program for disadvantaged high school students with an aptitude in chemistry. Now, those students are the responsibility of Dr. Albert Plaush, chairman of the chemistry department.

One junior or senior in the region per year receives $1,000 to help defray college costs. The student is required to complete a research project during the summer to "earn" the funding.

Eastland said the school has had some "real successes" in past students. Initially, he said many of the students had chemistry aptitude and little experience. Plaush said that status has changed. This summer, Jim Lawler, a senior-to-be at Bay City Western, is given very high marks by his mentor.

Plaush said Lawler has taken it upon himself to prepare two summer seminars on his research findings. One symposium was presented last week, a second will be made in August. Lawler's project involves working with carbon paste ion sensitive electrodes. He performs various electrode tests to determine specific ions in a solution, Plaush said.

While Project Seed has hands-on laboratory experience, the Chemistry Olympics involves mostly paper and pencil testing, Eastland said. A test is given on campus for students in a five-county region, then is followed by the national test.

One Midland student went on to take third place nationally and will compete on the international level in Hungary. Eastland said the third place national finish is a noteworthy achievement because only the nation's top 20 students make it to the international level -- and this was the first year of the regional involvement.
Most people on campus could describe part of Diane Brimmer's responsibilities; but more than likely, few could recite her list of activities.

For starters, Brimmer is the director of campus activities and orientation on campus. On top of a host of duties related to that position, she also serves as area representative for the Educational Foundation for Foreign Study.

At Saginaw Valley State College, Brimmer coordinates campus events for students and orientation programs for parents, new and transfer students. She also is responsible for the supervision of the Evening Services Office and the Children's Center.

Brimmer likens her duties as director of campus activities and orientation to those of a conference director. "It's like having five seminars and conferences."

Brimmer's job does not end with the student's introduction to campus. She attempts to help students peer into their future to perform well both academically and socially while at SVSC.

While Brimmer says her tasks are pleasant to perform, she admits they weren't always so. "When I first came to SVSC, I was starting a new program. Now, it's not so difficult."

Brimmer has been at SVSC since 1984. Prior to that, she was in Wisconsin and at Mundelein College in Chicago.

After Brimmer hangs her hat for a day at SVSC, she often dons another cap as area representative for EF. In that position, she finds host families for visiting students from abroad. That involves interviewing both prospective families and the students and matching the two.

Brimmer acts as personal and academic counselor for the foreign visitors. In addition, it provides her ample opportunity to also learn about other cultures.

"I looked for something I could be involved with on a volunteer basis. Something on my own time," Brimmer says. "I believe very strongly in international understanding. By getting Americans and other students to understand other cultures, hopefully that will help us on a longer-term basis."

Brimmer spends between three and five hours a month with each student. Currently, she is responsible for four Scandinavian students.
June 29, 1987

Heading the agenda at the June 29 special session of the Board of Control was continuation of discussion regarding 1987-88 tuition and fee rates. (See page 1 of this issue of Interior and "Board Report" section of June 9 issue.)

The proposal presented by the administration called for an increase of $3.25 per credit hour, from $51.75 to $55, for Michigan undergraduate students. Including the general service fee, which would remain constant at $3 per credit hour, the proposed rate would represent a 5.9 percent increase. Increases in other categories are $5 per credit hour, from $74 to $79, for Michigan graduate tuition (up 6.5 percent); $7 per credit hour, from $104 to $111, for out-of-state undergraduates; and $10, from $145 to $155 per credit hour, for non-Michigan graduate students.

The five Board members in attendance at the special meeting heard comments from President Ryder and other administrators in support of the proposal, as well as requests from students to limit the increase. Student Government president Lisa Tucker told Board members that she and Loren Bradley had met with Senator William Sederburg, and felt their efforts were in part responsible for inclusion of $223,626 in a special, one-time-only appropriation to recognize SVSC's enrollment increases. (The allocation was part of a $5 million fund distributed to institutions having student head-count increases from Fall 1984 through Fall 1986. Only Lake Superior State College and Michigan Technological, Northern Michigan and Wayne State universities did not share in the money, which will not become part of the institutions' operating base.)

Tucker stated that she felt the $223 thousand recognizing enrollment increases was to be used to minimize tuition increases. President Ryder noted that the administration proposal for tuition and fees coupled with anticipated state appropriations would result in smaller revenues than anticipated when the 1987-88 budget was planned.

He pointed out that a commitment to hire eight additional full-time faculty had been made several months ago so that recruitment could begin, and said that adjustments to the budget would have to be made in other areas. He noted that, while it would not be necessary to cut existing programs, it would not be possible to implement some of the programs such as expanded computing facilities needed to provide the highest possible educational opportunities.

Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs Jerry A. Woodcock said tuition increases already passed by other Michigan institutions ranged from 4.2 to 6.5 percent, and other schools anticipate asking for increases ranging from 5 to 9 percent. He expects SVSC will continue to rank 7th or 8th in the state in tuition level.

Ryder cited data showing other states have experienced tuition increases in recent years, so there is less difference between their rates and costs of attending Michigan institutions.

Following much discussion, the Board passed an amended tuition and fee schedule, setting tuition for Michigan undergraduate students at $54.50 per credit hour. The change represents a 5 percent increase over 1986-87 rates for Michigan undergraduates. Other tuition and fees remained the same as proposed by the administration. Voting for the revised proposal were Charles Curtiss, Henry Klykylo and Joyce Woods. Florence "Jo" Saltzman and Board chairman Dr. Richard Gilmore voted against the amendment.

In other action, the Board:

--approved a calendar calling for regular meetings in August, October, and
December of 1987 and February, March, May and June of 1988. Committees will also meet in September, November and April, and the October meeting will be held off campus.

--tabled until the August meeting the proposal for revising the Board of Control operating policies.

--heard a follow-up report on the teacher education and endorsement programs. Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S. P. Yien distributed and explained copies of the School of Education admission eligibility requirements.

He noted that SVSC currently is admitting 110 to 130 students in elementary education and 80 to 90 in secondary education annually. Grand Valley State College, with a total enrollment of 8,361 compared to 5,377 at SVSC, admits the about the same number of students to its education programs as SVSC, Yien said. He said admitting more students to education programs places pressure on faculty in other areas as well as in education, and said that teaching jobs are "not plentiful" in Michigan. He noted that SVSC has raised its required grade point average from 2.5 to 2.75 for admission to the education program, and requires 61 credits with grade "C" or better.

--received a personnel report listing positions filled recently.

--received a report of summer enrollment showing an increase of 6 percent in students and 7.6 percent in credit hours over 1986 summer sessions.

--heard a preliminary report on fall admissions indicating an 11.48 percent increase in applications accepted compared to the same date in 1986. Acting Admissions Director James Dwyer distributed data showing an increase of more than 26 percent in admitted transfer students, with admissions of first-time-in-college students up nearly 11 percent compared to 1986. Registrar Paul Saft reported that registrations for fall semester are running 13 percent ahead of the same date in 1986, and students have signed up for 31,397 credit hours so far, up 14 percent over the June figure for 1986.

--received data and a report on the refinancing of housing and auxiliary facilities bonded indebtedness. (See summary, page 2.)