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WEEK-LONG ACTIVITIES FOCUS ON FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, as part of its Financial Aid Outreach Program, will sponsor "Financial Aid Awareness Week" Feb. 15 through 19.

The purpose of the week, according to Paul S. Gill, director of Scholarships and Financial Aid, is to assist returning students in the preparation of the 1988-89 Financial Aid request form and to answer questions related to financial aid.

Information tables, staffed by Financial Aid personnel, will be located at various locations throughout campus. On Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., a table will be set up in the Brown Concourse. Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., there will be an information table on the first floor of the Zahnow Library. On Feb. 17, the table will be located in the Doan Center Lobby from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The table again will be in the Brown Concourse from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18. On Feb. 19, the table will be on the second floor of Pioneer Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Three financial aid workshops will take place Feb. 15 through 17. On Monday, the workshop is scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. in Room 207 of Brown Hall. Tuesday, the workshop will be from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Wickes Lecture Hall. On Wednesday, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., the workshop will be in Room 206 of Brown Hall.

The deadline for submitting financial aid applications is April 1, Gill said.

Further information is available in a financial aid newsletter sent to 1987-88 financial aid recipients and SVSU faculty members. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at extension 4103.

STATE OF UNIVERSITY ADDRESS:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 12:30 TO 2:00 P.M.
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SOCIAL WORKERS, EDUCATORS TO GATHER ON FEBRUARY 11

The SVSU department of social work is sponsoring a meeting and luncheon. Feature guest will be Peggy Palmiter, president of the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The meeting will take place from noon to 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11 in Doan Center.

Those slated to attend are social work faculty, field instructors, community advisory committee members, adjunct faculty and community college representatives.

Palmiter will discuss the importance of linking the practical and educational communities.

Dr. William Barnett, dean of the college of arts and behavioral sciences, will host the luncheon. In addition, President and Mrs. Jack M. Ryder and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Yien are scheduled to be present.

For information, contact Ann Rae, associate professor of social work and field practicum coordinator, at extension 4077.
ALUMNI SCROLL, REGALIA
ORDERS DUE TO DEVELOPMENT

Faculty and staff may present the Alumni Scroll to graduating family members during Commencement exercises May 6 and 7.

Friday ceremonies begin at 8 p.m. and will feature the colleges of arts and behavioral sciences and education. On Saturday, at 1:30 p.m., ceremonies will take place for the colleges of nursing and allied health sciences; science, engineering and technology; and business and management.

Those who wish to make the presentations should make arrangements with the Office of Development, at extension 4052.

In addition, the last day for faculty and staff to order regalia for Commencement is Friday, Feb. 26. Orders should be placed with Anse Cates, Bookstore director, or Judy Estabrook, senior bookstore assistant, at extension 4277.

There is no charge for academic regalia. Measurements will be taken between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The measurements of those who have ordered regalia in the past may be on file in the Bookstore.

If you have your own regalia, and wish to take part in the procession, contact the Bookstore, so an accurate number of participants is known.

CREF UNIT STATUS UPDATE

Participants with CREF units under the TIAA/CREF retirement plan recently received the fourth quarter statement for 1988, which reviewed the history of the CREF performance. It indicated the CREF units employees possessed Dec. 31, 1986, valued at $31.27, decreased. On Dec. 31, 1987, the unit was valued at $29.75. CREF's net rate of total return for 1987 was 5.3 percent. As of the close of the business day on Jan. 29, CREF's unit value increased 4 percent to $32.52.

An understanding of the positive performance of CREF prior to the stock market "crash" in October, is helpful, according to Ann Schulte, assistant director of personnel. During the period Sept. 1, 1982 to Sept. 1987, CREF's value increased 242 percent. In monetary terms: each $1,000 accumulated in CREF at the beginning of the period was worth approximately $3,390. At the end of 1987, that same accumulation was valued at $2,659.

For younger staff members with CREF units, short-term gains or losses are evaluated in a longer-term contract. When comparing CREF's long-term performance, Schulte said CREF has out-performed the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. She recommended referring to the Jan. 15 TIAA communication for a display of the Investment Return. TIAA states that for the 10 years, ending Dec. 31, 1987, inflation averaged approximately 6.4 percent, compared to CREF's average return of 15.7 percent.

Staff members with a fixed-dollar investment to offset the volatility of equity investments are earning a guaranteed return of 8.5 percent through Feb. 29, for current premiums, and at rates 9 percent to 11.5 percent on accumulations resulting from past contributions.

Illustrations of annuity income will be forwarded to each participant directly from TIAA around mid-March in the form of an annual report. Anyone that wishes to discuss those illustrations may contact the Personnel Office at extension 4108 or 4112.

NEW INFORMATION ON SRAS

An article titled "Ruling Issued on Salary Reduction Agreement: GCM Revoked," published in the January issue of NACUBO Business Officer, addressed the issue of SRA contracts.

The article reports the IRS has now determined a "once-a-year rule should be interpreted to allow one alteration in the SRA contract per year (by the employee), rather than one opportunity to change."

For SVSU employees, this means those who entered into a new contract for 1988, or those that extended their 1987 contract into 1988, are able to make one further alteration during the 1988 calendar year.

For more information or a detailed summary of the change, contact the Personnel Office, extension 4108 or 4112, for a copy of the article.

'TOM' YUN TO ADDRESS SUPER-
CONDUCTING SUPER COLLIDER

Dr. Suk Koo (Tom) Yun, professor of physics, will bring the superconducting super collider "down to earth" during a Wednesday, Feb. 10 lecture, sponsored by the Science Club.

Yun's speech will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Room 224 of Pioneer Hall.
WRITING LAB HOURS, SERVICES SCHEDULED

Writing Lab services for University employees and students are available daily throughout the winter semester. The lab is located in Room 206 of the Zahnow Library.

Lab hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday. The lab will be closed during Spring Break, March 6 through 13, and during finals week, April 25 through 30.

Tutors at the lab are prepared to help writers organize ideas and material; learn to use reference works, quotations and documentation; learn to eliminate basic errors in grammar, mechanics and usage; and revise a paper that has already been evaluated.

 Writers working on papers of more than 10 pages, or those unable to use the lab during scheduled hours, should make an appointment with Chris Looney, coordinator of basic skills -- English, at extension 4286.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The SVSU Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its annual Distinguished Alumni Award, to be given during Commencement ceremonies in May.

The award recognizes the contributions of an alumnus or alumna to society and his/her chosen profession.

The criteria for the award include service to the community, the University and/or the Alumni Association. The individual cannot be a present alumni board member or a past recipient of the award.

The nominee also must be an SVSU graduate.

Last year's recipient was Gertrude Margaret Allen, a 1973 graduate and a retired employee of the Michigan Department of Social Services.

Nominations are due to the Alumni Relations Office, Zahnow Library, by Feb. 29. For further information, call extension 4196.

WINTER ENROLLMENT UP

Continuing a long-term trend, 1988 winter semester enrollment increased above the 1987 winter semester. Since SVSU began in 1964, each year, the winter semester has exhibited an increase over the previous year.

The 1987 winter enrollment was 5,020. This year, enrollment is up 7.5 percent to 5,395.

Credit hours are up 6.2 percent from 47,220 in 1987 to 50,152 in 1988.

The number of students living in apartments has risen 24.4 percent, from 90 residents in winter 1987 to 112 in winter 1988. The number of students living in residence halls increased from 460 to 466 in 1988, an increase of 1.3 percent.

The majority of students enrolled at SVSU are from Saginaw County: 2,079, a 6 percent increase over 1987's figure of 1,962.

ACROSS CAMPUS

-- Mr. Don Zorn, recently retired after 20 years as a Physical Plant employee, extends his gratitude to all members of the campus community for the gifts, cards, plaque and visits on the day of his retirement, Jan. 29.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

-- The Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club will meet from 6 to 9 p.m., Feb. 10, in Lower Level Doan. To register, call BIDI at extension 4048.

-- The Valley Woodwind Quintet will perform at 8 p.m., Feb. 10 in the Theatre. For further information, call extension 4159.

-- The State of the University Address will take place from 12:30 to 2 p.m., Feb. 12, in Lower Level Doan.

-- The final Comedy Night will begin at 10 p.m., Feb. 15 in Lower Level Doan. Professional comedians will provide entertainment. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served.

-- Dr. Janet Rubin, professor of communication and theatre and winter 1987 exchange professor to Australia, will talk about "Australia: The Land Down Under," beginning at 4 p.m., Feb. 16 in Room 106A of the Arbory Fine Arts Center. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

-- "Health Yourself -- 1988" will take place from 1 to 7 p.m. Feb. 16 and 17 in the Brown/Wickes Walkway. Thirty groups will participate to help others learn more about their health.

-- Dr. William Gourd, professor of communication and theatre, will discuss "Human Communication: Gender Roles and Our Needs for Change," from noon to 1 p.m., Feb. 17 in Room 231 of the Zahnow Library.
NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR FIRST FOUNDATION AWARDS

In an effort to recognize outstanding achievement in service to SVSU, nominees are being sought for two Awards for Excellence in Service. Spring 1988 will be the first year such awards will be bestowed. One each will be awarded to a member of the faculty and to other SVSU employees.

The awards, which will include cash awards (of $500 per award), appropriate plaques and public recognition, are funded by the SVSU Foundation.

The selection committee includes an academic administrator, and representatives from the Personnel Office, Board of Control, Board of Directors of the SVSU Foundation and a student -- all appointed by the president. After the initial award, the past year's recipients will become members of the committee.

Criteria to be considered for the recipients are participation in University activities, demonstrated interest in University community issues and concerns, contributions to the betterment of the University and participation and leadership on University committees or councils which are recognized as contributing to the education and/or social welfare of the University.

Other qualities sought are a willingness to accept responsibility for participation and leadership in community activities in such a way the University benefits, and service in the best interest of the University through effective performance in an assigned role.

Nominations may be sent via memorandum to the committee chairman Larry Fitzpatrick, director of Personnel. Nominations should include a brief statement explaining how the nominee meets the established criteria.

In addition to Fitzpatrick, other members of the SVSU Foundation Award for Excellence in Service committee are Dr. Robert Braddock, academic administrator; Mrs. Jo Saltzman, chairman of the Board of Control; Mr. Melvin J. Zahnow, member of the SVSU Foundation; Ms. Lisa Tucker, president of Student Government; and Mr. Brian Law, member of the Board of Fellows.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

-- Dr. Albert Menard, assistant professor of physics, delivered a paper, "Project SOLVE 1987: Teacher Preparation in Science and Gifted Education," to the national meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers in Washington, D.C. Dr. Walter Rathkamp, professor of biology, director of Project SOLVE (Science Outreach Leadership Venture for Excellence), was co-author of the paper.

HIGH FIVE

-- Senior Sabrina Arnold set an SVSU track record at the MSU relays with her 7.13 time in the 55-meter dash. Arnold finished third for the Lady Cardinals and snapped the mark of 7.39 established by Felipa Smith in 1986.

-- SVSU's men's distance medley relay team of freshman Jeff Boks, junior Chris Ludka, and seniors Brad Abendroth and Shaun Butler, qualified for the NAIA national indoor track meet with a 10:12.40 clocking at MSU. The squad finished fifth.

-- Phillip Miller became the 11th SVSU men's basketball player in history to reach the 1,000-point plateau. Miller scored 43 points in two games last week, pushing his career total to 1,008. The 6-6 senior captain also moved into seventh in career steals with 116, passing Larry King (1984-86) and Al MacDonald (1978-81). Miller led SVSU in scoring with 23 points Saturday, the first time he has led the Cards since Dec. 17.

-- SVSU women's basketball team, ranked 19th in the NAIA last week, now has won eight straight games. The Lady Cardinals beat Aquinas and Hillsdale last week to push their NAIA District 23 win streak to 47 games. Sophomore center Brenda Eiselner had a career-high 24 points in SVSU's victory over Aquinas College Tuesday.

-- SVSU senior women's basketball captain Sue Mayes-Scott passed current student assistant coach Sonja Paquin (1983-86) for second on the all-time steals list with 315. Junior Trena Sanders passed Sherry Reder for ninth on the all-time scoring list and has 966 points. A 5-11 forward, Sanders moved into eighth past Erika Bush (178-81) and Sandy Theriault (1984-87) on the all-time steals list with 191.

EVENT WATCH

Feb. 10...Lunchbreak Concert: "Madcat" Ruth
Feb. 10...Entrepreneurs Club
Feb. 10...Science Club
Feb. 10...Valley Woodwind
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In his remarks preliminary to the action portion of the Board agenda, President Jack M. Ryder told members he had made phone contact with Don Powers to discuss a proposed faculty/administration retreat, but the project will not be initiated in the near future.

Ryder said the decision not to move forward came because of concerns expressed by Faculty Association leaders. Powers told Ryder he felt the Association was reluctant to enter into the retreat at this time, and the project would not be productive without support from both faculty and administration.

The executive board of SVSU/FA met with Ryder, Vice President Yien and Vice President Woodcock on Thursday, Feb. 4. The meeting, Ryder said, verified Powers' assessment of the faculty leadership's feelings toward a retreat. "The basic issue was the last (contract) negotiations." Professor John Willertz concurred.

Several Board members urged that faculty and administration make substantive progress toward establishing meetings to identify and resolve problems. They said the specifics of the process were open to change and need not involve Powers or his organization. However, in view of the NCA focus visit set for the 1988/89 academic year, the two groups should move forward. They asked for agreement on an acceptable third party (for conducting the joint retreat or seminars) by the next Board meeting.

Ryder presented an update on the Governor's budget recommendation for higher education. In conjunction with his "State of the State" address, Gov. Blanchard called for a 1 percent increase for higher education. That was based on the current year base after it was reduced by .75 percent, and one-time-only enrollment recognition funds were subtracted. Therefore, the amount recommended for SVSU in fiscal year '89 actually is $21,000 lower than the original appropriation for fiscal year '88.

Since the original recommendation, the Governor has revised his budget downward. If this later figure holds, SVSU would face a 2.4 percent reduction in next year's appropriation. Ryder reminded the Board that the appropriations process has just begun, so there is hope for improvement. However, he anticipates a difficult year ahead. Senate budget hearings begin in March.

Board members approved a "Student Rights and Responsibilities" document presented by Student Government leaders. Work on the statement began four years ago and has involved students, faculty and administration. It covers such issues as academic evaluation, academic freedom, advising, student records, participation in institutional governance, student publications, freedom of association, and affirmative action. Faculty have approved sections that directly apply to them, according to Association President Willertz. Board member Charles Curtiss congratulated the committee on its work, but urged addition of a "Student Responsibility" statement to the section on publications.

1988 salary adjustments for the University's top administrators were approved. The president and two vice presidents each received 6 percent increases. Under the new pay scale, Vice President Yien will receive $70,320 annually. Vice President Woodcock's new salary is $75,843. Dr. Ryder will be paid $79,860 in current salary and $6,000 in deferred salary. His 1987 salary base included $75,000 current salary and $6,000 deferred compensation. Board chairman Jo Saltzman commended the administrators on their leadership abilities and said the Board looked forward to "another excellent year."

Representatives from the College of Education continued their report of
Dr. Douglas Hansen, professor of physical education, updated Board members on developments in his department. He said the progress on construction of the health and physical education complex is on schedule. "Now we are looking at what we need in staffing and resources to start up the building."

Hansen said he anticipates dramatic growth in the number of students majoring in phys. ed. once the facility is available. The current enrollment of 90 could swell to 200 in the next three years, he said. Also, some areas, such as human performance, will have significant new capabilities, and others, such as aquatics, will be new programs. He reported that about half of the current phys. ed. students become teachers, while the remaining move into the business area.

Anticipated curriculum revisions include more lab experiences for all phys. ed. majors, expansion of offerings in fitness and rehabilitation and possibly adding a phys. ed. requirement for all SVSU students. Also, a separate major might be added for students interested in fitness and management.

In other action, the Board:

-- ratified the change from "school" to "college" for designation of academic units.

-- approved emeritus status on the Board of Fellows for Ellis Ivey.

-- received a proposal for granting emeritus status to Board of Control members and establishing privileges and responsibilities attendant with that status.

-- heard an enrollment report for winter semester showing a 7.5 percent increase.

-- received a housing report showing apartments filled to capacity and dormitory occupancy up from last year.

Discussion items at the Business and Facilities Committee meeting included:

-- Update on the line of credit: Michigan National Bank has indicated its legal counsel questions SVSU's authority to borrow funds. The issue is being explored and a relationship will be sought with another financial institution if necessary. SVSU has maintained the line of credit since 1982.

-- Discussion of forward funding language: the current appropriations bill does not have a sunset date and Woodcock believes the procedure will be on-going.

-- Status of the 1987-88 operating budget: the balanced budget presented in August now shows a deficit of $82,000. However, $89,000 in unallocated resources can be used to cover this. The executive order reduction of $103,000 will be recognized in the 1988-89 budget year.

-- Reconciliation of the 1986-87 budget with actual revenues and expenditures: total revenues were greater than in the approved budget and expenditures less, increasing the balance at the year's end to $246,643.

-- Room and board rates: fees usually are set in April so students can plan for fall. A 4 to 6 percent increase is anticipated. SVSU has had the second lowest increase of Michigan's public universities during the past seven years.