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PRESIDENT REQUESTS NEW ROLE AT SVSU

Dr. Jack M. Ryder will put aside the responsibilities of the SVSU presidency next year, but will continue his association with the University in other capacities.



At its Monday meeting, the Board of Control approved Ryder's request for amending his current contract to end his presidential tenure on June 30, 1989. Following that date, Ryder will take a six-month sabbatical leave before returning to campus in a teaching and/or administrative capacity.

The decision was a personal one, Ryder said, based on a desire to "change my lifestyle" while continuing to assist the further development of the University. For the next year, however, Ryder will devote his full energies to the presidency, "a commitment of nearly every waking hour." (See Board Report for details)

DR. RUFFIN ACCEPTS VISITING PROFESSORSHIP AT SVSU

Dr. Roosevelt S. Ruffin has been named visiting professor for the 1988-89 academic year at SVSU. His appointment, announced by Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert S.P. Yien, is effective July 1.

Ruffin accepted the position, funded through the Martin Luther King Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks program, after considering offers from other Michigan universities.

"We are really delighted to have him on board," Yien said. "He is a very, very sought-after person."

A Saginaw resident, Ruffin served as principal of North Intermediate School in Saginaw from 1976 to 1987. Prior to that he was assistant principal for instruction at Arthur Eddy Junior High in Saginaw. From 1966 to 1973 he was a Spanish instructor at Wayne State University. His teaching career also includes a five-year stint at Walter French Junior High in Lansing, where he taught Spanish language and American history.

Always deeply involved in community life, Ruffin has served on numerous boards and organizations. He was elected to the Saginaw City Council in 1985; his term extends to 1989. He is a member of the Tri-City Airport Commission

and was appointed by Gov. Blanchard to the Agricultural Labor Commission.

Ruffin serves on the board of directors for the Education Employees Credit Union of Saginaw, the advisory boards for the Saginaw Y.M.C.A. and for St. Mary's Hospital, and the allocation and budget committee for United Way. He is a member of Rotary International. He also served on the Michigan Council for the Humanities.

Ruffin's publications include Black Presence in Saginaw, Mich.: 1885 - 1900.

In 1957 Ruffin toured North Africa, Germany and France as an entertainer. He returned to Europe in 1975, touring Germany, Italy and Spain.



A frequent lecturer on Black history in Saginaw, Ruffin was the featured speaker at SVSU's Martin Luther King Jr. dinner in January 1987.

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Ruffin received the Ford Foundation Fellowship for Black Faculty in 1969. In 1970, the Negro Business and Professional Women recognized him with its Achievement Award and he was the recipient of the Frederick Douglass Award from the Women's Progressive Club in 1983. The 82nd Legislature of the state of Michigan also awarded him "Special Tribute" in 1983, and he was named to the Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honorary in 1962.

Ruffin earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University. He completed his doctorate in Spanish at the University of Michigan. He also completed an administrative extern program at M.S.U. and is a charter member of the National Superintendents

Academy at Trinity University.

The M.L. King Jr./Chavez/Parks program, initiated by the state in 1986-87, provides funding in three categories: visiting professorships, scholarships for graduate level minority students and programming targeted toward minority high school students.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE REPORTS FULL HOUSE

Like the Little Old Woman that Lived in a Shoe, Residential Life has so many students it doesn't know what to do! More than 40 students are in need of homes for the upcoming school year. All University housing is at capacity and Residential Life officials are seeking assistance to house an overflow of students.

The Residential Life Office maintains a list of people who have rented to SVSU students in the past, but continues to seek new housing sources. SVSU has 486 units in its residence halls; 478 of these are open to student housing requests, with eight spaces reserved for handicapped individuals. An additional eight units are used by SVSU advisors and office staff.

SVSU also has 40 two-bedroom apartment units filled.

Housing within a six- to eight-mile radius of the campus is most desirable to students.

Anyone interested in housing the homeless SVSU students should call Residential Life.



FIRING UP THE CAMPUS -- Food Service employees Ray Foster and Merit Anderson deliver barbecued chow hot off the fire for the campus community during the campus picnic on June 30. Below, the SVSU Jazz Ensemble deliver some jazzy tunes for dining pleasure. (Photographs by Michael T. Hollenbeck.)



STUDENTS NET AWARDS

Four Bay City area students will be attending SVSU this fall on scholarships awarded by the Bay Area Community Foundation.

Robert Arrowsmith received the Bay City Kiwanis Club Scholarship, made available to any Bay County high school senior attending college.

Marjorie Frei was one of two women to be awarded the Bay City Zonta Club scholarship for women attending college after at least a year hiatus.

Tina Luptowski received the Chevrolet-Pontiac-Canada award given to CPC Bay City workers and their families.

Debra Renae Warnement was the winner of the Green Hut Charities-Leo Malecki Award given to an outstanding Bay County high school athlete.

ATTENTION: YOUR BIOGRAPHICAL FILE NEEDS UPDATING!

Campus personnel are asked to submit biographical information to the Office of Information Services. Many folders do not include information after 1985.

In particular, information is sought from faculty and department directors.

For further information, contact Information Services at extension 4054.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

-- The gallery featuring the larger-than-life exhibits of the works by Marshall M. Fredericks will be open for public view for one more weekend during July. Located within the Arbury Fine Arts

Center, the **Marshall M. Fredericks Gallery** will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 16 and 17.

-- Seats are still available for the Aug. 18 trip to Tigertown to see the **Detroit Tigers** play the Chicago White Sox. Tickets are \$25 and include round trip bus transportation, reserved seats to the baseball game and sandwiches and refreshments on the bus. Checks made out to Joe Vogl in Conference Bureau should be submitted by July 22 to either Vogl or Sue Hentschel in Institutional Research and Planning. The bus will leave the area beneath the water tower at 4:30 p.m. All participants must be at least 21 years old.

-- **Faculty/staff orientation** for new personnel is scheduled to take place Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 24 and 25 in Lower Level Doan. Orientation on Wednesday will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. On Thursday, the program will be from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by the Deans' Luncheon until 2 p.m.

ACROSS CAMPUS

-- Congratulations are extended to **Debra Newton**, senior accounting clerk in the Controller's Office, on the birth of her son Paul Michael on June 16. Paul was 20 inches long and weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces. He is the second child of Newton and her husband Michael.

ABOUT TOWN

-- The Midland County Visitors and Convention Bureau is sponsoring a two-week long **Riverdays Plus!** extravaganza. The activities

begin July 14 with a concert by The Temptations. On July 16, Dixieland's Olympia Brass Band will perform. Cruises aboard the riverboat replica Princess Laura will be given July 18 through 24 and the Kelly-Miller Circus will perform at the Tridge July 20 and 21. Activities take place throughout Midland. Call 839-9901 for further information.

TRANSITIONS

The following personnel changes occurred during June. Please note the necessary alterations in the Faculty/ Staff Directory.

New staff

-- **Ms. Cheryl Rogers** (ext. 4356), hired as part-time secretary for the American Business Law Association.

-- **Ms. Cheryl Stokes** (ext. 4107), hired as senior accounting clerk, Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

-- **Ms. Julie Vander Mel-Tack** (ext. 5673), hired as coordinator in the Learning Assistance Center. Tack holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University.

-- **Ms. Elizabeth Wright** (ext. 4194), hired as Independent Testing Lab supervisor in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. Wright has a bachelor's degree from Albion College.

Transfers

-- **Mr. James Cook** (ext. 4080), from groundskeeper to custodian.

PERSONNEL

The following positions are open to all regular University employees until Wednesday, July 13:

SENIOR ACCOUNTING CLERK, Office of the Controller. Full-time, permanent (replacement). Level 5, \$6.96 per hour.

PROGRAMMER ANALYST, Computer Services. Full-time, permanent (replacement). Salary negotiable.

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, education. Full-time, tenure track position. Salary negotiable.

All internal applications must be submitted to the Personnel, ext. 4112.

**CHINESE PROFESSOR
TO VISIT SVSU IN JULY**

Professor Zhang Jian of Shandong University, the People's Republic of China, will visit SVSU July 26 through 29.

The visit, sponsored by the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, will include a public lecture by Zhang at 7:30 p.m., July 26 in Room 127 of Brown Hall. Zhang will discuss "Characteristics and the Present State of the Chinese Language."

Zhang is considered an expert in English and Chinese language and literature. He is renowned for his translations from English into Chinese and vice versa.

Currently, he is a professor of English at Shandong University.

**MONTHLY GATHERINGS
BENEFIT BSW GRADUATES**

SVSU alumni that graduated with bachelor degrees in social work or majored in social work are invited to gather the second Wednesday of every month for an informal luncheon at the Panda House Restaurant in Saginaw. The gatherings begin at noon.

Luncheon topics highlight current events in the field of social work.

Interested alumni should contact Bob Fortier at 781-2483, or Alumni Relations at ext. 4196.



MOVING IN, MOVING OUT -- More moving maneuvers are taking place daily at Wickes Hall. Most recently, three college deans were moved from the first floor to the third floor; Computer Services moved into its permanent headquarters, as did the Controller's Office. More moves are anticipated throughout August. (Photograph by Michael T. Hollenbeck.)

BOARD REPORT



A Report of the
Saginaw Valley State University
Board of Control

July 11, 1988

The Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control met in special session Monday to set tuition and fee rates for the 1988-89 academic year. Only two other items were on the brief agenda, but one of those upstaged the annual wrestling with budgets and tuition costs.

Last on the three-part agenda was a resolution to amend the current contract covering President Jack M. Ryder's employment with SVSU.

Ryder caught many in the room by surprise when he read an introductory statement requesting the Board to release him from presidential responsibilities, effective June 30, 1989. His current contract extends through June 30, 1990.

While asking for release from presidential duties, Ryder made it clear that he anticipates continuing his service to the University. It simply will take a different form after mid-year 1989.

In a pair of resolutions approved by the Board, the framework was set for Ryder to re-enter the classroom as a professor of education, or in another position mutually agreeable to the Board and President Ryder, possibly coupled with a more narrowly focused administrative role. The second resolution authorized Board Chairperson Florence Saltzman to establish

a committee of the Board to explore search process alternatives for Ryder's successor. The committee will recommend a process and tentative timetable for the search. If they deem it desirable, committee members may engage a presidential search consultant to assist in developing the process recommendation.

In announcing his decision, Ryder commended the Board for its role in contributing to the development of SVSU over its 25 year history. "The potential for future development in service is infinite," he said.

He cited several institutional accomplishments and noted they were the result of efforts by many campus constituencies. "Lila and I, too, have played a role in all of these achievements. This effort has meant a commitment of nearly every waking hour. Mind you, I am not complaining, since I seriously doubt if I could have functioned in any other way.

"Thus, I believe it is time that I re-direct my efforts on behalf of the University from my role of President to one of professor in the teaching faculty and/or reduced administrative responsibilities effective June 30, 1989."

On behalf of the Board, chairperson Saltzman said the announcement was unexpected.

She said the Board tried to dissuade Ryder from resigning. "To our regret, we must respect his decision and accept it as final.

"There will be other occasions when we can cite Dr. Ryder's distinguished record of accomplishments at greater length. For now, we appreciate his willingness to continue as president of Saginaw Valley while we search for a worthy successor."

Both Ryder and the Board emphasized that the decision was a personal one. "There was no pressure from the Board for me to leave, nor did I do so for health reasons, or to accept a job outside the University," Ryder said. "The presidency is a 24 hour a day job. It is time to turn the mantle over to someone else."

Ryder was appointed in 1974 as the institution's second president. His 60th birthday is December 2, 1988 and he will have served nearly 15 years as president when his tenure ends.

"I want you to know that I have enjoyed my experience as President of SVSU and consider it a privilege to serve you and the people of Michigan in this way. My tenure has been rewarding both personally and professionally."

As its first order of business Monday, Board members approved a tuition and fee schedule for 1989 that will increase costs of attending SVSU by nearly 14 percent for Michigan undergraduate students.

The proposal presented by the administration sets 88-89 tuition for Michigan undergraduates at \$62.50, up \$8 from the current per credit hour rate of \$54.50. Tuition will climb from \$79 to \$90.50 per credit hour for Michigan residents enrolled in SVSU's graduate programs. Non-residents will pay \$127 per credit hour for undergraduate courses and \$177 per credit hour for graduate classes. These figures compare with \$111 and \$155 per credit hour, respectively, in 87-88. In all cases, the general service fee remains unchanged at \$3 per credit hour.

The new structure also lists changes in some other fees. Lab fees are being hiked from \$16 to \$18 per credit hour. The one-time-only matriculation fee will move from \$25 to \$30, the first change in several years. Also, the fee for applied music courses will rise from \$35 to \$55.

Other changes include a \$5 increase in graduation fees to cover the rising prices of diplomas and other graduation costs. Diploma replacement will increase \$1, to \$4.

Students enrolled in SVSU's off-campus programs also will pay higher service fees. The new rate in Macomb is \$24 per credit hour, up from \$21. Oscoda/Wurtsmith students will see their tuition climb from \$75 to \$85 per credit hour at the undergraduate level and \$85 to \$95 for graduate courses.

"I am very uncomfortable with the decision that we must make this morning," said Board

chairman Florence "Jo" Saltzman. Prior to voting on the proposal, Saltzman recognized several of the students crowding the boardroom to express their concern about the increases.

Student Government President Lisa Tucker told the Board that about one quarter of SVSU's current students had sent post cards to her office spelling out their opposition to the hikes. She reminded the Board that students faced a 5 percent hike last year.

"We expressed that (our concern) last year. This year our concern is more than doubled." Tucker said many students are having financial problems already, and can ill afford to pay higher tuition costs. She said Student Government leaders had met with area legislators last year and again this year to urge them to increase support for all of Michigan's public universities.

"I understand President Ryder's position and I understand that the school needs increased funding. It comes down to -- we are panic stricken."

Another student leader, Penny Crowley, said, "We need to retain the best students as much as we need to retain the best faculty and staff." The student leaders feared some students would be unable to attend college at all at the increased rates, and others would transfer to other institutions, including out of state colleges.

"The solution to this problem does not lie in this room," said Board member Ted Braun. "No one at this table is insensitive to the concerns we hear from students." He said, however, "It would be a tragedy if we were to lower the quality of our education-

al programs."

Charles Curtiss, who has served on the Board since the institution's inception, said he still had the same concern he expressed last year. If tuition continues to rise faster than the consumer price index, students will pay an increasing proportion of their incomes to secure a college degree.

"I think that Michigan has a lousy system for funding higher education," Curtiss said. "Higher education is used to balance the budget. The assumption is that governing boards will raise tuition to cover costs. Until boards, administrators, students and legislators can sit down and work creatively, we will have this problem."

Following discussion, the resolution to raise tuition was passed unanimously. As disappointed students filed quietly out of the boardroom, one said, "I am going to Arizona."

The only other action taken by the Board was authorization of a plan to pave parking lot J and install sidewalks and lighting. Estimated cost for these improvements is \$130,000 to come from the University's Plant Fund. Repayment of the interest-free transfer will come from future years' parking operations.

Dr. Roosevelt Ruffin, newly named visiting professor under the M.L. King/Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks program, was presented to the Board.