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PEOPLE THE KEY VARIABLE IN SVSU's FUTURE

"In large measure, we remain the masters of our own fate," President Jack M. Ryder told faculty and staff gathered for 1988-89 orientation meetings.

He analyzed current state and institutional trends for the upcoming academic year, noting that present state policies will mean limited resources for carrying out institutional goals.

However, Ryder said, "If we cannot or will not reaffirm our dedication to educational excellence and institutional effectiveness, even unlimited resources would not represent an absolute guarantee. If we can and do reaffirm our commitment in this direction, the lack of resources won't stop us.

"The key variable in this not-so-complicated equation is people: you and me."

Ryder discussed his plans to retire from the SVSU presidency, emphasizing the decision is not due to either his health or relations with the Board of Control.

"My relations with the Board of Control have never been better. I am simply interested in pursuing a lifestyle which is different than that which is required of a university president," Ryder said. "In addition, Lila and I look forward to doing things which have consistently and uniformly taken a back seat to institutional interests.

"Figuratively speaking -- and Lord knows I'll need some practice -- stopping to smell the roses sounds appealing at this stage in my development."

Ryder stressed his continuing commitment to the University as he assumes a new role following his June 30, 1989 retirement. As a professor of education and in other ways as deemed appropriate, "you have my pledge to continue to serve at a minimum of one hundred percent."

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"The past must be considered prologue; the future is now. It seems appropriate in the days ahead that we acknowledge and celebrate our past as the foundation for the Saginaw Valley State University which will exist well into the next century."

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Any hopes that Ryder held for an easy finale to his presidential tenure have been dampened by recent developments at the state level. He explained how the tuition controversy, which has received extensive media coverage, will affect SVSU operations for the 1988-89 budget year.

Shortly after the Board approved an in-state undergraduate resident tuition and required fee increase of 13.9 percent, Governor Blanchard began to express concern over the level of such increases state-wide. Later in July he threatened a line-item veto of appropriations for institutions that failed to roll back the combined tuition and fee increases to less than 10 percent.

Ryder linked the Governor's tuition rollback initiative to the Michigan Education Trust (MET) installment tuition program, which is based upon a projected annual statewide tuition increase of 7.3 percent. "I fully expect that the Governor will remain concerned about tuition and required fee levels in the future," Ryder said.

He said SVSU will lose $280,000 in anticipated income as a result of the rollback. "This figure represents revenue which was built into our 1988-89 budget and without which a deficit or, at minimum, financial difficulty can be expected."

Outlining steps for dealing with the tight budget, Ryder said increases in supplies and expenses will be on a "case by case basis where
documented evidence can
demonstrate an imperative
need."

He called for limiting out-of-
state travel unless it is
"absolutely necessary" and
announced that the soon-to-be-
vacated alumni relations
coordinator position will be
filled by a part-time person.

Ryder said the fact that some
University projects will be
supported with earmarked funds
at the same time others may be
restrained creates potential
for confusion and misunder-
standing. He requested
communication, cooperation and
understanding from the campus
community. "Our collective
attitude of restraint...should
be grounded in the challenge
of achieving educational
excellence and effectiveness
in the face of adversity," he
said.

A meeting "for the singular
purpose of reviewing our
pattern of state appropria-
tions and its relationship to
our 1988-89 operating budget"
has been set for Friday,
September 16 at 12:30 p.m. in
Wickes Lecture Hall.

All interested members of the
campus community are en-
couraged to attend for
clarification on a number of
fiscal matters and for
responses to specific ques-
tions they may have. Copies
of the proposed General Fund
budget were distributed as
background for the meeting.
(Additional copies can be
obtained by contacting the
President's Office.)

In spite of problems created
by constrained resources,
SVSU has many achievements to
cite, Ryder said. He high-
lighted progress toward
ethnic and cultural diver-
sity, noting the hiring of
Leroy Hampton as director of
affirmative action.

"Among his significant
achievements was a major
revision of an institutional
affirmative action plan which
is working," Ryder also cited
Hampton's counsel in the
employment process.

Other advancements toward
diversity include the
establishment of the Wade H.
McCree Jr. Minority Incentive
Scholarship and the appoint-
ment of Dr. Roosevelt Ruffin
as the M.L. King/C. Chavez/R.
Parks visiting professor for
1988-89. In addition, Ryder
said a coordinator of

minority affairs will be
hired to provide direct
assistance to minority
students enrolled at SVSU.
"This...remains our highest
priority for new administra-
tive positions."

Another major success, Ryder
said, was the recently
completed initial Faculty/Ad-
ministration Futures Seminar.
The seminar chaired by Mrs.
Jo Saltzman, chairperson of
the Board of Control, brought
frank exchange of issues and
ideas on a variety of
University topics. (See 8/2
special edition of Interior
for details.)

Ryder noted that SVSU is
unequivocally dedicated to
academic quality. He said our
physical facilities "are
among the best in the entire
country," and can provide an
appropriate setting for
academic excellence.

Concluding, Ryder indicated
that events are being planned
in observance of SVSU's 25th
anniversary. Activities range
from addresses by prominent
academicians to an evening of
entertainment and celebra-
tion. Future Interiors will
carry details of the Sept. 26
to Oct. 1 events.
BOARD STUDIES SEARCH PROCESS

Following Dr. Jack Ryder's announcement of his impending retirement from SVSU's presidency, the Board of Control at its July meeting appointed two members to study possible methods of implementing a search for his replacement.

While trustees Charles Curtiss and Joyce Woods have headed efforts to recommend a search process, all board members have been studying materials specifically related to this search, according to Dr. John Fallon, assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Control.

"They have been discussing the matter informally with people who previously have been involved with this," he said. Fallon indicated the University attorney also has been contacted regarding legal aspects of the search. In addition, board members have been in contact with a consultant experienced with academic searches to investigate the elements of an effective search.

"At some point in the future, it is likely that individuals in the campus community will be invited to meet with the consultant regarding the search process," he said.

Curtiss and Woods are hopeful that they will be ready to recommend a process and timetable to the full board at a special meeting that may be set in September to consider tuition rollback. If this is not feasible, their recommendation will be presented at the Board's regular meeting in October.

OPENING RECEPTION SET FOR MEXICAN ART EXHIBIT

The opening reception for the Popular Arts of Mexico exhibit will take place beginning at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14 in the University Gallery in the Arbury Fine Arts Center. Midland artist David Torrez will discuss "Folk Art in Mexico." Torrez designed the large mural that once decorated an exterior wall of Cardinal Gymnasium. A miniature now hangs in the Alumni Lounge.

The works will be on display Sept. 7 through 30. For hours, call extension 4159.

LAST CALL FOR PHOTOS!

Faculty and staff that wish to have their portraits taken for the 1988-89 Faculty/Staff Directory may do so from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Sept. 1. For an appointment, call Kevin Benham at 4086.

ACROSS CAMPUS

-- A farewell reception for Mrs. Alberta Lee, coordinator of Alumni Relations, will take place at 4 p.m., Sept. 9 in the Alumni Lounge.

RING SALESMAN SETS HOURS

A representative of Herff-Jones College Rings will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 6 and 7 outside Doan Center. A $15 deposit is required for all ring orders.

'INTERIOR' SUSPENDS PUBLICATION FOR HOLIDAY

There will be no Sept. 6 issue of The Interior. The next issue will be published on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Items to be considered for publication must be in the Office of Information Services by Wednesday, Sept. 7. Items should be typewritten. For more information, call Cecilia Simons at ext. 4054.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

-- Activities for AIDS Awareness Days will take place throughout the campus on Sept. 7 and 8. For more information, call Health Services at ext. 4271.

-- The Saginaw Valley Entrepreneurs Club will meet for dinner and a program by Dr. Raymond Genick, beginning at 6 p.m., Sept. 14 in Lower Level Doan. Genick, the "Entrepreneurs Shrink," is the director of Wayne State University's Small Business Development Center. For reservations, call BIDI at extension 4048.

-- Health Services will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 15 in Brown Concourse.

-- The Industrial Relations Research Association will meet for dinner and a program at 6 p.m., Sept. 15 in Lower Level Doan. For reservations, call extension 4064.

-- The Valley Film Society will show "Basileus Quartet," an Italian film, beginning at 7:45 p.m., Sept. 16 in the Theatre. When a violinist dies suddenly, his colleagues -- who have lived only for his music -- find their lives altered. For ticket information, call extension 4332.
PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

-- Dr. Susie Emond, professor of education, and Dr. Elaine Stephens, associate professor of education, conducted a four-day workshop on reading instruction for elementary and secondary teachers in the Saginaw Catholic Diocese Aug. 15 through 18. Stephens worked with the teachers for two days on integrating reading strategies into teaching subject matter. Emond spent two days helping teachers understand the Michigan Reading Model and its application in their classrooms.

-- After a full hearing before an RTC, the PPC decision on tenure for Dr. Tyler Haynes was reversed and Tyler Haynes was granted tenure by unanimous decision on July 5, 1988.

-- Dr. Ricardo Pastor, professor of Spanish, made a presentation during the 70th annual meeting of The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in Denver, Colo. The title of Pastor's presentation was "Narrativa minera."

ABOUT TOWN

-- The Bay Area Community Foundation has more than doubled its fund goal for the construction along both the shoreline and the Riverwalk Pier. The group's new goal is to raise $1.25 million before October. Already, $1.17 million has been raised. For more information, call 893-4438.

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCES -- This summer, children of the Bay City Public Schools Migrant Worker Program visited the SVSU campus. Above, the biology animal laboratory was not a favorite smelling point for some of the youngsters. Below, the children found the greenhouse a bit more pleasant.

EVENT WATCH

Sept. 6...VB vs. Oakland U.  
Sept. 7-8...AIDS Awareness  
Sept. 7-30...Arts of Mexico
The women's volleyball squad will host Oakland University of the GLIAC at 7 p.m. in Cardinal Gymnasium. For ticket information, call extension 4114.

Activities for AIDS Awareness Days will take place throughout campus. Educational literature and information will be available. The event is sponsored by Health Services, extension 4271.

The popular arts of modern Mexico will be displayed Sept. 7 through Sept. 30 in the Arbury Fine Arts Center Exhibit Gallery. The exhibit will feature works from many states of Mexico: ceramics from Colima and Jalisco; masks from Guerrero and Michoacan; fabrics woven in Oaxaca; embroidery from Hidalgo. For more information, call extension 4391.

The women's volleyball squad will host Northwood Institute at 7 p.m. in Cardinal Gymnasium. For ticket information, call extension 4114.

Ambassador Ralph Earle II will discuss a number of issues pertaining to U.S.-Soviet relations and nuclear war during a lecture at 8 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre. Earle was the chief negotiator of the SALT II Treaty and is director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Admission to the lecture is free to students; $2 for faculty and staff. For information, call Campus Activities, extension 4170.

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A PSAT/SAT Workshop is slated from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wickes Lecture Hall. For more information, contact Conference Bureau at extension 4348.
19 Dr. Mary Elizabeth Carnegie of New York will address the evolution of professional nursing organizations at noon in Lower Level Doan. Carnegie is among the foremost black nursing historians and is one of the first editors of Nursing Review. For more information, call extension 4098.

21 A discussion and reading of works of a famous poet will take place from noon to 12:45 p.m. The activity will be by Dr. Leslie Whittaker, professor of English. For more information, call extension 4380.

21 Jon Cisky, professor of criminal justice, will discuss "Crime Stoppers" from noon to 1 p.m. on campus. His talk is part of the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences Professorship Lecture Series. For further information, call ext. 4312.

24 A Real Estate Exam will be administered beginning at 8 a.m. in rooms 126, 127 and 128 of Brown Hall. For more information, contact Conference Bureau at ext. 4348.

24 The women's volleyball squad will host Oakland University of the GLIAC at 1 p.m. in Cardinal Gymnasium. For ticket information, call extension 4114.

26 The women's volleyball squad will host the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 7 p.m. in Cardinal Gymnasium. For ticket information, call extension 4114.

30 The women's volleyball squad will host Michigan Tech University of the GLIAC at 7 p.m. in Cardinal Gymnasium. For ticket information, call extension 4114.

30 The Cardinal cross country team will host Ferris State University of the GLIAC beginning at 4 p.m. For information, call extension 4114.

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