

# Schoolcraft College is affected

## Blackouts point out need for maintenance

By TIM RICHARD  
Twice in two winters, the electric power has gone out in the Forum Building of Schoolcraft College.  
"We lost class time a week once, four days the other time," recalled college President C. Nelson Grote.  
"Plants and animals had to be moved to temporary quarters. Laboratory specimens and fish were lost. We had to take emergency measures to keep chemicals from freezing. We had to re-tune the pianos."  
The Forum is the major general classroom building on the community college campus at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Like many other structures, he said, it needs some major maintenance.  
The same general story is true of the college's equipment, both instructional and institutional. It's getting old and needs updating.

"THE BOARD has tried to do it from the general fund," said Grote, recalling how trustees began five years ago to earmark \$250,000 a year for major maintenance and the same amount for equipment.  
Some work has been done. But nearly every year a cut in state aid, a hiccup in enrollment or a revenue loss due to the Single Business Tax has disrupted the budget. Major maintenance and

equipment have been cut nearly every year.  
This year the Schoolcraft board is asking for millage, and major maintenance and equipment are a promised part of the package.  
Voters March 26 will be asked to approve one mill for five years for capital expenditures. That will raise about \$10 million over the life of the millage.  
Maintenance, equipment and some small site improvements would get about \$3 million of the package.  
"The board has not adopted an exact expenditure schedule by category nor set a dollar value within each category," Grote said. Why not? The biggest reasons are:  
1) The uncertainties of inflation and  
2) the need to get state aid for some building projects.  
In an interview, the president was able to put his finger on some of the major maintenance and equipment needs of the college.

"WE NEED TO repair one fire alarm system. We've put that off every year since I've been here," said Grote, who succeeded founding President Eric Bradner in 1971.  
"We need to refurbish the parking lots. They haven't been resurfaced since the college was opened (in 1964).

The streets have been sealed and patched but haven't been resurfaced.  
"We're going to have to replace some chillers (air conditioners) and heating plants," he said, citing a \$10,000 study the college had contracted for which showed a centralized heating and air conditioning system would pay for itself in energy savings in a few years.  
"Some of our lighting has to be updated."  
One of the Forum power failures was caused by a cable blowout underground. It's that kind of capital plant investment which must be attended to soon, he said.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS the same kind of updating, Grote went on.  
"Some 71 percent of our students are in career programs. In most, they use labs or classes with equipment. We

can't afford technological obsolescence."  
Grote had made his mark as a vocational-technical dean in Kentucky before being hired by Schoolcraft. One of his chief assignments was to increase voc-tech offerings. He feels he has done what the community asked.  
"It's like your newspaper business with your computerized typesetting. You wouldn't think much of us if we were still teaching people to run a Linotype," he said.  
The equipment need goes beyond voc-tech courses, he said. "The language lab in the Liberal Arts Building is original equipment. So are the microfilm readers in the library."  
"Even in liberal arts, you're talking about furnishings and carpeting."

"THE NEED to keep updating in au-

tomotive is constant. Consider the impact of the diesel engine. Look at emissions controls.  
"In electronics we have to update.  
"Secretarial work has gone from \$200 mechanical typewriters to sophisticated word-processing electronic equipment. One new curriculum will

require an investment of \$10,000 to \$15,000 (per station). This is controlled by the expectations of business and industry which hire our graduates."  
Climate systems technology — the blanket name for heating, air conditioning and refrigeration — is becoming more sophisticated.

### CHIROPRACTORS SEEK RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS



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## Ross authors bill for accountability

State Senator Doug Ross (D-Oak Park) has introduced legislation which would require ready access to the voting records of state legislators.  
Senate Bill 120 provides that votes on the final passage of bills be compiled in a voting report on each legislator. It would enable interested residents and the media to find swiftly the record of legislators' votes on issues of interest or to obtain the total vote record of a particular legislator, according to Ross.

"These votes are all available in the daily journals of the Senate and the House, but the voters shouldn't need a research grant to find out how their legislator voted," he said.  
The legislation would require the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House to:  
• Maintain a record of the votes of legislators on the final passage of bills.  
• Describe the bill's content.  
• Note if the bill became law.  
• Index the bills categorically.  
• Index the bills that became law.

Recently, the Democratic caucus voted to open their meetings to the public, insuring that decisions made by the 24 Senate Democrats can be publicly scrutinized, said Ross.  
The newly adopted Senate Rules charged the senate majority leader with the responsibility and authority to oversee Senate operations.  
Tighter restrictions have been adopted on out-of-state travel, office expenses, lame duck travel, and Senate ethics.  
These changes and proposals like Senate Bill 120 are moving the Senate towards becoming a more responsive and accessible body of government, according to Ross.  
"This is information that is available in a piecemeal fashion in Lansing already," said Ross. "We need an economical means to provide this information to the people who send us here to vote."  
The secretary of the Senate is currently reviewing electronic voting equipment and data processing proposals for use in the Senate.  
The capacity of such equipment could easily incorporate the provisions of Senate Bill 120, said Ross.

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Those receiving bachelor's degrees from Farmington were Joann Cadovich, Robert Ellis, Kurt Gaisner, Eric Hans, Donald Hunt, Wendy Mathies, Kim Sloane and Cheryl Soccill.  
Michael Hamm and Caryn Hendries of Farmington Hills also received bachelor's degrees.

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