

Voters nix Schoolcraft tax increase

By TIM RICHARD

Usually when you're going to take a bath at the polls, you have some inkling it's coming.

That's why Schoolcraft College officials and supporters were stunned Monday when voters turned down their request for a 0.8-mill property tax increase.

The vote was 6,156 in favor and 7,659 against, for a 45 per cent yes vote. Only the Northville K-12 district, of the five which comprise the community college district, gave it a majority.

"EVERYTHING WAS right," said President C. Nelson Grote, frowning slightly in disbelief.

"The economy was right. Cars are selling. People are back at work. The campaign was excellent and positive," he said, citing the leadership of Livonia Police Commissioner Edward Milligan and the support from college staffers David Heinzman in community relations, Patrick Newman, Midge Ellis and Marvin Gans.

"The candidates were all for it," a reference to the fact that all nine candidates for three trustee positions endorsed the millage.

"There was no other school millages on the ballot."

"There was no organized opposition," said another millage supporter.

HERE IS HOW the individual districts voted:

•Clarenceville—169 yes, 188 no.

"That's the first time Clarenceville hasn't supported a Schoolcraft millage," said Heinzman, a one-time Clarenceville teacher.

•Garden City—750 yes, 1,399 no.

•Garden City—harrumphed Schoolcraft board Chairman Paul Kadish. "We have 900 students down there (at the Harrison center), and only 750 yes votes. Our own people didn't support us."

•Livonia—3,037 yes, 3,479 no.

•Northville—1,658 yes, 977 no.

•Plymouth-Canton—1,142 yes, 1,618 no.

Garden City School District has been torn over teacher problems and unable to pass its own millage. It was generally felt the Schoolcraft proposal might have problems there. But a defeat of less than a 2-1 margin was a modest improvement from the 3-1 defeat of a 1976 proposal for 0.53 mills.

"THE MOST IMPORTANT thing we lost was the \$10 million bond issue," Grote told the campaign group. "We will withdraw our application tomorrow morning."

He referred to a board decision of intent to sell a bond issue to support (among other things) expansions or new facilities for the fine arts program, applied sciences, a new learning resources center and the campus center.

Although those projects weren't on the ballot, the college made it plain the millage would be used to finance the programs that would go into them.

Grote said the board would be asked to approve a tuition increase, but he called that source of revenue "a Band-Aid process."

"WE'VE GOT some budget problems first thing tomorrow morning," said Kenneth Lindner, vice-president for finance.

The millage, if approved and levied in full, would have brought in \$1.5 million. Actually, the board planned to levy increasing amounts over a five-year period.

Immediately, said Lindner, the budget will be out of balance \$346,000. Total budget is \$10 million-plus.

Also lost, he said, were \$400,000 for physical improvements—special maintenance for older buildings and equipment replacements and additions.

The board will hold a public hearing on the reduced budget at 8 p.m. June 20 in the conference room of the college administration building on the main campus at 1800 Haggerty, Livonia.

Trustee Mark McQueen revived talk of a special election where a Schoolcraft millage would be the only issue on the ballot. McQueen had been adamant that a Schoolcraft money issue should be on the ballot only when the bulk of students are in school so that they can be reached.

Monday's proposal was held in conjunction with regular board trustee elections and elections in the five K-12 school districts.

The defeat was the third straight for Schoolcraft. Similar proposals lost in 1971 and 1976.

Summer play camp debuts at Fairview

Summer is here and so is the Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC) play camp for children at Fairview Elementary School, from June 27-Aug. 4.

The sessions are designed for children from four to six years old.

Participants are involved in outdoor playground and gym activities, creative games, arts and crafts, songs, dramatics, and weekly trips to such places as Greenfield Village, the Detroit Zoo, Detroit Youth Theater and Kensington Metro Park.

Counselors provide supervision for the children.

There are six weekly morning or afternoon sessions to choose from this summer. Camp hours for the morning sessions are 9:30 a.m.-noon, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Wednesday is field trip day and the campers meet from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Hours for the afternoon sessions are 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesdays, the campers meet from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The first camp session begins June 27 and runs through June 30. Session two begins on July 5 and runs through July 8. The third session meets on July 11 and continues through July 14. Session four of play camp starts on

July 18 and goes through July 21, with the fifth session running from July 25 to July 28. Session six runs from August 1 to August 4.

Cost for each weekly session is \$15. Camper may enroll in any weekly session they choose and can enroll in as many sessions as desired. Snacks are provided each day with the exception of Wednesday, field trip day. Campers should bring a bag lunch for field trip day and a beverage is provided.

Campers meet at Fairview, 28500 Oak Crest, in the Old Franklin Town Subdivision, between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile Road, east of Middle Belt. Transportation to and from the camp site is the responsibility of the parent.

Tisdale elected sorority officer

Patricia Tisdale, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Brennan, of Farmington Hills, has been elected treasurer of the Charles Hughes Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta at the University of Denver College of Law.

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Johnston is a Cottey grad

Pat Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnston, 35660 Camden Court, Farmington, recently received her associate of arts degree from Cottey College, Mo.

She was one of 131 candidates from 34 states, who received their degrees.

3 get degree

Three Farmington community residents were given degrees this month from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Douglas Wayne Ehlers of 28244 Peppermill, Farmington, took a master of science degree.

Bachelor of arts degrees went to Bonnie Jean Shuster, 32871 Middle Belt, Farmington Hills, and Linda C. Wright, 23146 Hawthorne, Farmington.

Marine goes to Okinawa

Marine Pvt. John Lugari, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lugari, 22288 Cora, Farmington Hills, has reported for duty with the 5d Marine Division, Okinawa.

2 win Alma scholarships

Ann E. Simanek and Karen Weber, both of Farmington, have been named recipients of an Alma College Honors Scholarship.

Miss Simanek is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simanek, of 2514 Westmoreland, and Miss Weber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Weber, of 2666 Greythorn Trail.

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