

Schoolcraft trustees cancel millage election

By TIM RICHARD

Schoolcraft College trustees have cancelled plans to use a Feb. 27 special election to ask voters for a one-mill property tax increase.

The 6-2 decision came after two hours of discussion Wednesday and was based on two reasons:

•Livonia School District's decision to "piggyback" its own millage request on the date Schoolcraft had

reserved would almost certainly doom the community college's request Livonia, which has about half the college district's tax base and voters, will seek some 16 mills in renewal and new millage.

•The college itself had yet to put together a campaign plan to change voters' minds after the 1976 and 77 millage losses.

The eight-member college will board will hold a study session to begin wres-

ting with a new election date. The open meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday (Jan. 11) in the college's Garden City center at 6701 Harrison.

TRUSTEES Nancie Blatt and Dr. Gerald Cox held out for the Feb. 27 special election.

But after a 4-4 vote on rescinding, Chairman Paul Kudish and Treasurer Harry Greenleaf switched to join trustees Ron Cowden, Mark McQue-

sten, Rosina Raymond and Leonard Wozniak on cancellation.

Although the big factor was certainly the Livonia school board's decision to use the same date, Schoolcraft trustees pointedly avoided criticizing the Livonia board. Schoolcraft had been first to reserve that date with the Wayne County election scheduling committee.

"With that much on the ballot," said Mrs. Raymond, referring to Livonia's

double-pronged, big money request. "People are going to vote against something—and that's us."

She referred to past election results which invariably showed Schoolcraft's money requests getting lower percentage "yes" votes than the requests of the K-12 districts—Clarencville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton.

"NO ONE FROM the faculty union is even here," observed Cowden, voicing trustees' concern that the Faculty Forum, bargaining agent for some 169 instructors, had shown little enthusiasm for taking part in a millage campaign from which its members would be the chief beneficiaries. "We don't have the horses," Cowden added. "I'm not comfortable we could sell it."

McQuesten said, "I have not seen or heard where we have the organization to win voter support. Where is this group? I'm not convinced we have the support of the faculty, of the staff or of the community."

"I don't see any other date where anything will be different," answered

Mrs. Blatt. "A lot of things are in our favor (on Feb. 27). If we don't, \$450,000 will have to be cut from the budget. That's not just test tubes and paintings. That's people."

KADISH REVEALED he had set up a six-member steering committee to start preliminary campaign planning. This revelation led Dr. Cox to decide him that it should have been done "in the open" by all elected trustees.

Just when another election date might be set is widely uncertain.

The City of Livonia is eyeing April 11 for a Detroit Edison Co. franchise renewal and some charter amendments. Because some member K-12 districts in the Schoolcraft College District vote in school rather than municipal precincts, April 11 is thus impossible for a college election.

May 11 is seen as a possibility, but it's too close to the regular June school elections.

August was ruled out because partisan primaries will be held then using municipal precincts.

This leaves September as another possibility.

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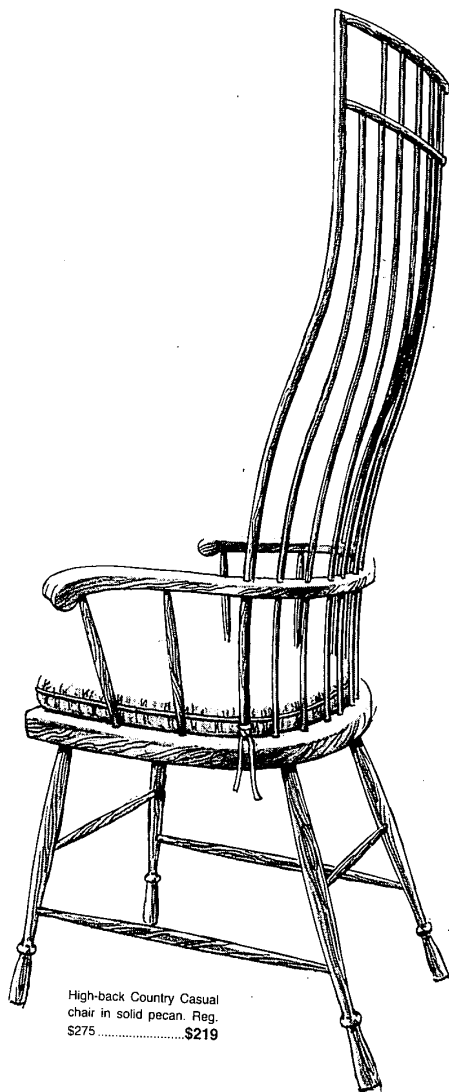
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Book discussions set for Thursdays

Friendly, informal book discussions continue at 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience or literary background.

"Your Erroneous Zones" by Wayne Dyer, currently topping the paperback sales charts, will be the topic of discussion today. The French classic "Germinal" by Emile Zola, will be discussed Jan. 26.

"The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner" by Alan Sillitoe is the scheduled topic Feb. 9, while "The Clewiston Test" by Kate Wilhelm will be the subject Feb. 23.

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