

Trustee blasts proposed registration fee

By TIM RICHARD
There will be no property tax increase and no tuition increase for Schoolcraft College.
But students are likely to pay a set of "registration fee" increases when they enroll in August for the fall semester.
Trustee Mark McQuesten lodged a vigorous dissent when the administration Wednesday said it was considering registration fees of \$5 per credit hour per credit courses and \$3 per hour for community service courses for the fall and winter semesters.
The fees would be \$2.50 and \$1.50 respectively for the shorter spring and summer semesters.

EDWARD McNALLY, vice-president for student affairs, said the fees are justified because "an additional burden has been placed on the staff and registration costs have risen" with the increasingly popular mail-in registration system.

President C. Nelson Grote said neighboring colleges are levying even higher fees.
McQuesten, however, called it the

equivalent of a tuition increase. "It's a cost, and what you're saying is, 'Let's throw it at the students.'"

No one else on the eight-member board objected.
The administration has authority to levy the fees without board approval and presented the proposal as a matter of courtesy.
The fee increase would double the amount of revenue Schoolcraft receives from that source—from \$85,000 annually to about \$195,000.

Other fees are for laboratory use, commencement, transcripts, applications, physical education and music and would be unchanged.

THE FEE HIKE was the only major percentage increase in the \$11.2 million budget proposed to the board by Dr. Grote and Kenneth Lindner, vice-president for business.

Lindner said the new budget is up 7.8 per cent and projects a "modest" credit hour growth of one per cent.

Trustees will take up the budget in a June 21 meeting and conduct a public hearing, as required by the state constitution, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21.

Percentage-wise, the budget would earmark 56 per cent for instruction (\$6.3 million), up from the current year's 54.4 per cent.

Lindner said the budget will provide for salary increases being negotiated with the secretaries union and for three new fulltime instructors—in math, child care and apprenticeship. It will also provide for \$175,000 in maintenance and \$220,000 for equipment.

But the budget cannot "continue to support a 10-sport athletic program; hire five fulltime instructors requested in mathematics, music, business, technical and library; provide all of the technicians requested in instruction; and fund completely all our equipment replacement requests."

THE FACULTY Forum, bargaining agent for instructors, asked a reversal of what it saw as a trend starting in 1972 toward reducing the portion of the budget going toward instruction.

"Instructional money has continually declined to a low of 48.4 per cent of the general fund in 1976," said William Nickels, Forum president.

"That is a low of 10 per cent in four years. While enrollments and costs have increased, instructional supply budgets have barely held their own, and faculty salaries have lost nine per cent of the budget."

This brought a 17-point retort by President Grote, who said the Forum used a "very narrow definition of faculty and a very broad definition of administration" when calculating costs.

Grote said the Forum lumped counselors and librarians, which the Forum represents, with administration in concluding that the faculty's share of the budget has failed to keep pace.

Among reasons for changes in the non-instruction share of the budget, he said, are: Utility costs are up disproportionately; insurance has risen greatly; community services and continuing education part of Schoolcraft's program; and the college's program at the Detroit House of Correction, which is reimbursed by the state, has come into the budget.

Meanwhile, Grote said, the college

has had to budget funds for new facilities such as the new Applied Sciences Building, the Liberal Arts addition, the outdoor physical education area, 30 more acres of vacant land which requires mowing, child care center costs, and a senior adult center.

Moreover, he added, there have been disproportionately increased costs for worker's compensation, unemployment compensation, and social security along with full funding of teachers' retirement.

In addition, as the college has aged, funds must be set aside for maintenance and equipment. Grote said the Forum also failed to consider that the computer center, which is charged entirely to the business office, but is used for instruction. Accounting procedures, Grote said, aren't sophisticated enough to charge a portion of the costs to instruction.

"Instruction is our first priority... whether that's understood or appreciated by the faculty," he said.

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VIOLA ADAMS
Viola Adams, 69, of 33703 Oakland, Farmington, died June 9 in Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were June 12 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. The Rev. J. Kenneth Hoffmaster, retired minister of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, officiated. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

She was a lifetime Farmington resident and life member of the Star Chapter 229 of Farmington. Surviving are her sister-in-law Audra Walters; niece Sandra; and nephew John Walters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

JOHN HATALLA
John Paul Hatalla, 47, of Farmington, died June 10 in his residence. Services were held in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church of Farmington with Fr. Kean Cronin officiating. A rosary was recited in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home led by Msgr. Thomas Beahan. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Hatalla was president of Colored Color Company and a member of

Detroit Color-Lab Association. He was a Korean War veteran. Surviving are his wife Patricia; daughter Joan Marie; sister Mary Yewisiak; and brothers Paul and Richard.

JAMES HARKNESS
James Scott Harkness, 80, of Southfield, died June 11 in Grace Hospital Northwest after a lengthy illness. Services were June 15 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with Dr. William Mercer of the Nardin Park United Methodist Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Mr. Harkness was a former Farmington Hills resident and retired electrician with General Motors Corporation. He was a past commander of the United States Canadian Veterans Association and a World War II veteran.

Surviving are his wife Helen; son James; daughter Helen Wohlgelegen of Farmington Hills; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

EDWIN OGLESBY
Edwin E. Oglesby, 88, of Farmington Hills, died June 12 in Oakhill

Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. Services were June 16 in Middletown, Ohio. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, and burial was in Woodside Cemetery in Ohio. Mr. Oglesby was a retired superin-

tendent of Black-Clawson Co. Surviving are his sons Edwin R., Frank N., and Robert F.; sisters Elizabeth Dell and Mildred Rupp; brother August; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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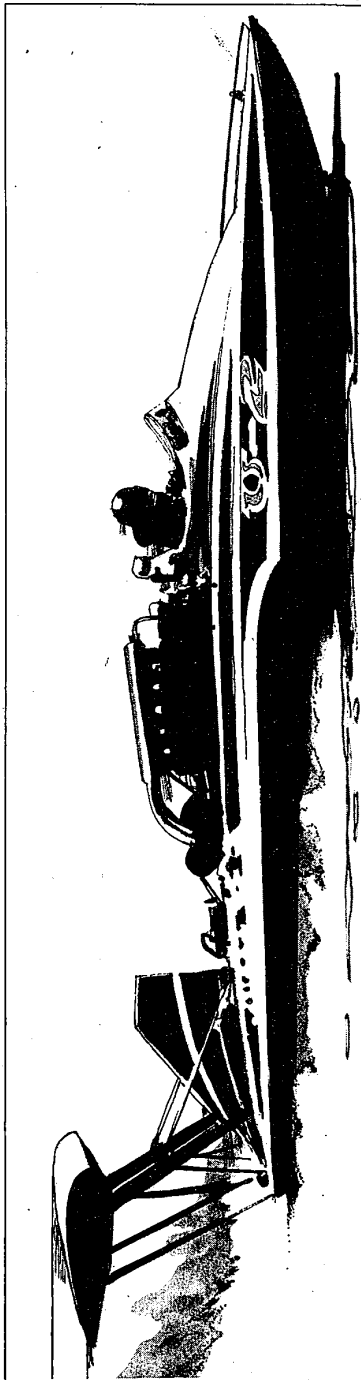
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