

SC faculty defies court order, continues strike

By TIM RICHARD
Defying a circuit court order, Schoolcraft College Faculty Forum members said late Sunday they would continue their strike today.

Continuation of the strike into a second week brought the prospect that some students will ask for refunds of their tuitions and fees. The college board of trustees last week authorized the administration to make full refunds in hardship cases if the strike went into a second week.

A college spokesman said Sunday night, "The college's official position is that teachers are under court order (to return to work), and we will be open for class (Monday) morning."

THE FACULTY Forum, bargaining agent for 350 instructors at the two-year college, was reportedly split on whether to return to work but "nearly unanimous" in its resolve that the majority's wishes would rule. Members met jointly with the secretaries union, also on strike, four and one-half hours Sunday night.

College President C. Nelson Grote said Friday the college had obtained a temporary restraining order from Wayne Circuit Judge Thomas Roumell telling the Forum to cease its strike and return to work Monday.

At the same time, Grote said the college had unilaterally requested that a state fact-finder enter the dispute. At a special Sunday evening meet-

ing of the board of trustees, Richard Arlen, spokesman for the Faculty Forum bargaining team, asked the college to "accept" the fact-finder's report; in other words, that fact-finding be binding on terms of a new contract.

"I don't think your attorney will recommend you accept," Arlen predicted, "but your attorney doesn't have to live here."

He was right. Ninety minutes later, trustees emerged from a closed session and said they had rejected the Forum's proposal. The reasoning: Voters had elected trustees to make budget and contract decisions, and trustees shouldn't delegate that

authority to a fact-finder, who might also be a non-resident.

Fresh in their minds was the experience of Wayne County government: The county is seeking to lay off 1,200 general government employees for two months to save enough money to pay an arbitrator's award to 650 sheriff's deputies.

Fact-finding, binding or otherwise, will take seven weeks, Arlen said. "You could get burned or we could get burned," he said.

THE SITUATION left the second striking union up in the air. The 62 secretaries and clerks were unaffected by the court order. They

walked out Sept. 18, the same day as the Faculty Forum.

As far as students were concerned, things were in a quandary. If a student wishes a tuition refund because of the faculty strike, it will take secretaries to handle the paper work, but the secretaries are still on strike.

Only a small number of Schoolcraft's 9,000 students are expected to ask for refunds. Refunds are not automatic. A college official said some hardship must be shown—for example, if extension of the school semester interrupts a student's chances for necessary Christmas season work or prevents a student from enrolling in a four-year college in winter.

The health insurance question was resolved by agreeing to stay with "current language" and no change in the carrier.

That was a victory for the faculty, which opposed the college's proposal that employees pay part of the increase in health insurance costs.

Graves said there was agreement to expand the college day from the current 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. This lengthening of the work schedule was a victory for the college, which sought more flexibility in class scheduling.

Two other questions—the counselors work year and the status of a reading lab assistant—were resolved by compromise.

On economics, the two sides' positions were last reported to be \$100,000 to \$150,000 apart. The college's annual budget is in the neighborhood of \$11 million.

THE NEW disruption—defiance of the court order—occurred at the end of a week in which progress was made at the bargaining table.

John Graves, chief of the college team bargaining with the faculty, said

Obituaries

ALFRED G. POLLARD

Mr. Pollard, 77, of Farmington, died Sept. 9 in Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital. Services were Sept. 11 in Our Lady of Sorrows Church and a rosary was recited in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Pollard was a retired from Rison Brothers Creamery where he was a sales manager for 40 years. He was president of the Strathmore Exchange Club, a member of Meadowbrook

Country Club and member of the Knights of Columbus. He attended the University of Detroit.

Surviving are his wife Ann; daughters Shirley Reame, Mary Demmitt, and Elizabeth Jary; brother, Robert; 25 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

LUCY O'MARA FORGET

Mrs. Forget, 85, of Detroit, died Sept. 13 in Marycrest Manor Nursing Home in Livonia. Services were Sept. 16 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic

Church with Fr. Ken Cronin officiating. Rosary was recited in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, and burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Port Sanilac.

Mrs. Forget retired in 1946 from the Detroit Public Schools, where she taught handicapped children for many years at Brady Elementary School. She graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Adrian and Michigan Normal Teachers College.

Surviving are three sisters and 24 nieces and nephews.

WARREN J. BEAUCHAMP

Mr. Beauchamp, 65, of Farmington, died Sept. 16 in his residence. Services were Sept. 21 in the Eighth Church of Christ with reader Harry Hunter officiating. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, and burial was in Romeo Cemetery.

Mr. Beauchamp was a self-employed real estate appraiser. He was a member and past president of the Detroit chapter of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers and past president of the Michigan Chapter of American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. He was very active as a member of the Eighth Church of Christ and served in World War I with the U.S. Army.

Surviving are daughter Joanne Neuman; sons John L. and Dr. James W. Beauchamp; and eight grandchildren.

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7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25

- Enactment of change zoning of land on the west side of Halsted between Ten and Eleven Mile from multiple residential to light industrial.
- Enactment of change zoning of land south of Grand River between Tulare and Middlebelt to office service and business use. Proponent is Chuck Baier of El Nibble Nook restaurant.
- Enactment of change in zoning of land on Eight Mile between Farmington Road and Cass from multiple residential to office service use.
- Consideration of council to authorize the city manager and city attorney to negotiate the necessary termination of the April 3, 1978 community development block grant.
- Consideration of final plat approval for Meadowhill Estates Subdivision.
- Consideration of amending engineering site plan design for paving side streets for apartment complexes, shopping centers, etc.
- Consideration of approval of construction in the Good plain for the River Glen Apartments.
- Consideration of amending the city code in reference to swimming pools.
- Consideration of special assessment district for road improvement on Springbrook to Shilwassee.
- Consideration of proposal from government affairs consultants in regard to the search for a city manager.

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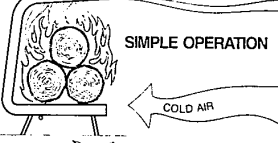
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