

# 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.

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 330 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 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 Howell 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 agent, 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 non-resident.

Fresh in their minds was the experience of Wayne County government: The county had tried to lay off 1,200 general government employees for two months to save enough money to pay an arbitrator's award to 630 sheriff's deputies.

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

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

walked out Sept. 18, the same day as 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 11 p.m. The lengthening of the work schedule was a victory for the college, which sought more flexibility in class scheduling.

Two other questions—the course work year and the status of a ready lab assistant—were resolved on economics.

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.

## 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 Heeney-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 Denmitt, and Elizabeth Jary; brother, Robert; 25 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### LUCY O'MARA FORGET

Mrs. Forget, 85, of Detroit, died Sept. 18 in Marycrest Senior Nursing Home in Livonia. Services were Sept. 18 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic

Church with Fr. Kean Cronin officiating. Burial was in the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, and burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Port Sanilac.

Mrs. Forget retired in 1966 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, 85, of Farmington, died Sept. 18 in his residence. Services were Sept. 21 in the Eighth Church of Christ with reader Harry Hulter 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 local chapter of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers and a director 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.

Press seminar booklets will be available as a guide throughout the year for potential buyers.

Leading the discussion will be Farmington editor Steve Barnaby, accompanied by reporters Louise Okentaky and Lynn Orr. Suburban Life Editor Loraine McClish and photographer Harry Mauthe and Ms. Elford will be there, too.

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