

Schoolcraft trustees considering expense of leasing junior high

By TOM LONERGAN

It could be too expensive for Schoolcraft College to use the soon-to-be-vacant Dickinson Junior High School in Livonia.

The college's Board of Trustees learned recently that Schoolcraft could accumulate a \$373,000 deficit by mid-1983 if it used the Newburgh Road building on a "pay as you go" basis. That means paying for the building from the two-year college's regular revenue sources — student tuition, fees and state aid.

"We couldn't see that we could use it," said W. Kenneth Lindner, the college's vice president of business affairs.

Dickinson, between Six and Seven Mile roads on Newburgh and a half mile west of the college campus, will be closed at the end of the current school year.

It is one of many vacant buildings the Livonia School District wants to lease to either other educational institutions or the federal government. Livonia has closed 21 schools in recent years because of declining student enrollment.

SCHOOLCRAFT is considering using Dickinson in stages beginning next fall.

According to a plan developed by Lindner, the college would use 50,000 square feet next fall, 75,000 square feet during the 1981-82 school year and the total 117,000 square feet in 1982-83.

But before any decision is made, Schoolcraft trustees want to meet with

the Livonia Board of Education to negotiate.

Livonia wants a minimum three-year lease, according to Lindner, at \$1 a square foot. The rate would jump 6 percent during both the second and third years of the lease.

According to Schoolcraft spokesman David Heinman, the college is "looking at other alternatives for funding" or sharing the building with another tenant.

LINDNER presented a preliminary 1980-81 college budget of nearly \$14 million, up \$933,000 or 7.5 percent over this year's. Schoolcraft's budget year runs from July 1 to June 30. The board will adopt a new budget after a public hearing in late June.

The college expects a 7 percent increase in state aid next year to \$5,472,000, some \$384,000 more than the state share of this year's budget. State aid provides nearly 40 percent of

the college's revenue.

An 8 percent increase in property values in the Schoolcraft district is projected for next year, leading to a possible \$558,000 increase in property tax revenue. The college district covers the K-12 districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton and a portion of Novi.

Schoolcraft levies 1.77 mills per \$100,000 SEV (state equalized valuation) for operations and special maintenance.

IN OTHER recent action: The Schoolcraft board unanimously approved seeking a controller at a salary range between \$29,439 and \$41,215.

The board authorized creation of the controller position in 1977, but had never authorized filling the job. The college's auditor, Plante & Moran, of Southfield, has recommended Schoolcraft hire a controller for the past

seven years.

The person hired must be a certified public accountant (CPA) and will work under Lindner, vice president for business affairs.

The board has appointed its chairman, Harry Greenleaf, and Trustee Leonard Wozniak, both of Livonia, to a negotiations council that reviews bargaining with the faculty.

The Faculty Forum's contract expires Aug. 25. The forum represents 160 full-time teachers, counselors and librarians and 200 part-time faculty.

The first bargaining meeting between the college and faculty hasn't been scheduled. The current contract was reached in September 1978 after a brief faculty strike.

Trustee Richard Hayward, of Livonia, was selected by the board to attend the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges convention in San Francisco March 30-April 2. His attendance will cost the college \$931.

College's list top students

Following is a list of students from Farmington and Farmington Hills who have been placed on the dean's list or honor roll at a college or university during the fall term.

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49 (ALL-A) GRADE POINT AVERAGE — Julie A. Gansen, Lori A. Kany, Richard J. Oswalt, Anthony Palombo, Randall L. Stern, Douglas D. Wetzel, all of Farmington; Joseph W. Baharz,

Jennifer A. Dillon, Karen Kalajian, Allen L. Kuba, Linda C. Lawson, Scott D. Levine, Carol A. McDonough, Craig M. Misch, Laurence N. Roer, Paul A. Wikke, all of Farmington Hills.

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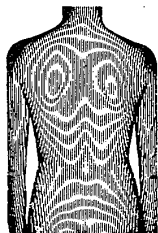
HONORS LIST — Susan M. Campbell, Angela M. Heath, Thomas G. McGregor, David D. Stader, all of Farmington; Elizabeth Chambers, Jeanette Disbrow, Perry A. Rogers, Jeffrey D. Sovel, all of Farmington Hills.

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DEAN'S LIST — David T. Harger, Brenda K. Limatta, Arthur J. Lockie, Stephen L. Niehaus, all of Farmington; Robert J. Carter, Sandra B. Doll, Catherine M. Dummer, Dennis M. Haezbroek, Gregory E. Harris, all of Farmington Hills.

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