

# Millage on June Schoolcraft ballot

By TIM RICHARD

Voters in the Schoolcraft College District will be asked June 11 to approve a scaled-down tax hike package following the March 26 defeat of a request for one mill for five years.

The new request, in two parts, will ask one mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation) for a single year. The parts:

- A half-mill to raise about \$1 million for a Culinary Arts Addition to the Waterman Campus Center. The college already has about \$12 million in the bank for this expansion.
- A half-mill "for remodeling, equipping and re-equipping existing buildings, site improvements and major maintenance expenditures."

Both of those items were in the March 26 package. In effect, the new

proposal drops an Applied Sciences addition and a new Learning Resources Center from the package.

**THE VOTE** Wednesday on the board of trustees was 6-2 to put the package on the ballot. Dissent came from the two board members who are politically poles apart — Leonard Wozniak and Mark McQuesten.

Wozniak called the Culinary Arts addition "a mistake... too expensive." He added, "I'm convinced it's going to be defeated. Regardless of how great we (trustees) think this institution is, the question in voters' minds is not Schoolcraft College but taxes."

McQuesten said, "I'm not ready to work on it (millage campaign), and I can't ask others to work on it." Referring to last month's special

election where the 7,200 turnout (five percent of the electorate) was less than the college's enrollment, McQuesten turned his oral guns on the voters.

"The people are guilty of gross neglect of this college. They created an institution and refuse to support it. The students have shown themselves to be irresponsible. I can't be the student spokesman any longer," said McQuesten, the board's only former Schoolcraft student.

**THE MAJORITY**, however, thought the college's physical plant is in bad enough shape that another request to voters is justified.

"My heart says what we did (in the March 26 proposal) was correct, but the realities are that we must priori-

size," said vice-chairman Harry Greenleaf.

"The culinary addition is expensive, but it's not just for 60 students. It's 60 a year, from now until there's no need for the program. Maintenance and equipment are also a top priority," said Greenleaf, summing up the majority view.

The June 11 millage request will be on the same ballot as elections for K-12 school board members and Schoolcraft board members. Thus, the college's millage request could become a board election issue.

Three full six-year terms expire, but only two will be elected under a state law that pares the Schoolcraft board from eight members to seven. Incumbents Gerald Cox of Garden City and Nancie Blatt of Livonia are circulating

nominating petitions. Board Chairman Paul Y. Kadish of Livonia said he will retire after eight years.

In addition, trustee Richard Hayward of Livonia will have to face voters to serve out the remaining two years of the term to which he was appointed. He is circulating nominating petitions.

**THE CULINARY** art addition would allow the community college to expand enrollment from 58 to about 120 and provide community facilities as well.

The Michigan Legislature has appropriated \$750,000 for the project, but the money will be lost in another year unless the college district can come up with its share. In addition, the college already has \$500,000 in the bank for it. Major maintenance and equipment

plans are not spelled out on the ballot because many small projects are involved. An administrative memo lists these:

Road development, repairs to parking lots and drives, a new fire alarm system, new pipes for the pool, modification of the boiler piping for the Liberal Arts Building, modification of heating, air-conditioning and ventilating systems for energy conservation, and equipment for the business division, student affairs division, administration, physical plant and athletics.

Each half-mill would yield about \$1 million on the college district's valuation of \$2 billion. The college district includes the K-12 districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and a small portion of Novi.

## China expert stresses importance of normalization

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY

It's a long way from Lansing to China, but West Bloomfield Farmington Area League of Women Voters adapted to a last minute switch in speakers at its annual luncheon April 7.

China trade expert Herb Hayde filled in for TV newsman Tom Greene whose Lansing farm was badly damaged by last week's wind storm.

Hayde, a West Bloomfield resident, has just returned from the first United States trade mission to China since 1949. He represented the Burroughs Corp. Hayde is an international business, man, traveling to several eastern countries interested in electronics and computers.

"You don't do business in China unless you become friends as a prelude. That's why 'normalization' was so important," Hayde told the 55 league

members and guests at the Farmington Hills Roman Terrace Restaurant.

All the major computer companies were invited to make the trip by the Chinese Electronic Society.

"The Chinese lack technology. They are 20 years behind the United States. They know they must achieve today's technology. Their plan is to leap frog those 20 years in five to become a modern industrial power," explained Hayde.

**A TRADE AGREEMENT** is expected to be signed between the two countries in May, Hayde says they were told by U.S. Ambassador Leonard Woodcock.

"We feel there is a tremendous potential. We want to help them develop their own ability. They don't want money exchanged. They want to trade goods," Hayde added.

Asked about oil resources, he said, "They have vast oil fields, but they need developing. Japan wants oil. All countries want oil. Of the 10,000 visitors each month to China, most are Japanese."

As one of 20 delegates from nine manufacturing companies, Hayde described crossing the China border by footbridge after trains and planes got them to the border.

"Parking is grey with smog from home smoke fires. Cantonese cooking is a far cry from what we have here," he said.

When you have a duck dinner, you eat all of the duck, he explained. "I even ate the duck foot webs which are like gelatin. Our whole delegation turned down the duck heads, though. There, soup is the last course."

Crowds gathered wherever the delegation went. The Chinese are not yet

taking foreign visitors for granted, he reported.

"Chinese women are absolutely liberated. They wear the same clothes. Sometimes it's difficult to tell which is which. They all wear only olive drab or blue clothes," Hayde described.

## LWV lauds Ms. Lazerton

Outgoing West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters President Mary Lazerton was honored for her "masterful work" on behalf of the league for the past two years by the Michigan State Legislature.

State Rep. Wilbur Brotherton, R-Farmington Hills, presented Mrs. Lazerton with a framed resolution of

commendation at the league's annual meeting April 7 at the Roman Terrace restaurant in Farmington Hills.

League officers and directors for the coming year were elected to guide study and action programs by the non-partisan group.

Elected from the Farmington area were Neva Carter, president; Ruth

Women are on road crews and all jobs are held by both sexes.

There are no newspapers. The walls are the newspapers. In factories, workers gather around blackboards for the latest news, he concluded.

Brown, first vice president; and directors, Agnes DeMent, June Lee and Martha Himelboch.

Elected from the West Bloomfield area were Jeanne Moriarty, treasurer; Grace McLendon, secretary; and directors Sandra Smiley, Shirley Saham and Madelyn Rosen. Continuing in office as a director is Sandra Nessel.

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