

College dickers over Dickinson

Schoolcraft College may use the soon-to-be-closed Dickinson Junior High School in Livonia next fall if...

The "if" is a cheap lease agreement giving Schoolcraft the option to buy the building, at 18900 Newburg, a mile east of the college.

The Board of Trustees last week authorized Schoolcraft administrators to negotiate a two-year lease with the Livonia Board of Education. If an agreement is reached, Schoolcraft plans to sublease part of the building back to the Livonia schools. The college would pay operating and maintenance costs for the building.

SCHOOLCRAFT President C. Nelson Grote said the two parties have to "find out how far apart we are. It's a matter of rolling up our sleeves and getting down to not cutting..."

Livonia will close the school in June. Dickinson is among 21 schools closed by the school board in recent years due to declining enrollment.

Schoolcraft is seeking a two-year lease to "buy time" to determine if it could operate the building on a break-even basis in the future.

Grote said it's possible Wayne State University, which is looking for a western Wayne County center, would rent part of Dickinson in the future.

The Schoolcraft board approved a number of "principles" college officials

will try to achieve in negotiations. They include:

- Rent from \$1 to \$100 per year.
- Schoolcraft to have control of the building and grounds.
- The lease may be extended with any rent increase agreed to in advance.
- An option of future purchase by the college.

WHILE APPROVING negotiations, several trustees doubted Schoolcraft could operate the building without losing money.

"We can't keep this place going," said Trustee Leonard Wozniak, of Livonia. "I find it hard to believe we can acquire more overhead and maintain it."

"We're speculating on what we can do," said Trustee Richard Hayward, of Livonia. "There are a lot of things that could happen, and all of a sudden you're committed to it."

In written comments prepared for the board, Grote said use of Dickinson "at best... appears to be a marginal proposal."

Expenses for using a little over 40 percent of Dickinson next year would exceed revenues by \$4,330. In 1981-82, the deficit would increase to \$19,000 with 64 percent of Dickinson used, according to the administration.

Should the college lease Dickinson, it would move community education classes to Dickinson and begin developing small business courses which would eventually be held at Dickinson.

He tops the charts with rockers

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every once in a while and I sit and listen. All I could hear was little old women talking about their husbands' problems. Who wants to listen to that stuff?

"The older people don't understand it, but these guys are educated men. They're not a bunch of flakes off the street. They've gone to school and studied music, and they ended up with rock. Well, that's where the bread and butter is. They're in it to make money. That's the name of the game."

"I picked up Kiss in Lansing once. They are the friendliest guys you would ever want to meet. Like Gene Simmons, you would never expect this guy to be as lovable and friendly, he's a real peach. You see them in their Kiss attire as wild men but they are really quiet, down-to-earth people."

WE KNOW THAT metropolitan De-

troit loves rock and roll and the people who make it, but how do the bands listen. All I could hear was little old women talking about their husbands' problems. Who wants to listen to that stuff?

"The different rock groups all really love Detroit. They know it's a great rock town," Robbie says.

Robbie drives groups to theaters and arenas all over Michigan, including Cobo Hall, Masonic Temple, The Silverdome and Pine Knob.

"We like to drive out to Pine Knob because we get away from all those darn buildings. Last season was just great. It ended with Bette Midler. She is really a loving and friendly person. She told me she loved Pine Knob and she is looking forward to returning."

"If I were to pass away today and there was such a thing as reincarnation, I would want to come back and do the exact same thing that I'm doing now. I love it."




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Pipe-smoker wants to set new record

You're probably wondering what ever happened to Jim Puro.

Funny you should ask. He's the guy from Livonia who has at various times set records for stuffing his mouth with cigars and cigarettes. Last fall, he crawled on hands and knees from Livonia to downtown Detroit.

Now, just when we're all primed for a bit of nonsense to escape from world news, Puro comes to the rescue.

At 9 TONIGHT, he's going to try setting a record for the most number of pipes smoked at once.

"The hardest part was finding all the pipes," he says. "Then you have to fig-

ure out how to get 'em in your mouth."

Actually, setting the record won't be too hard, primarily since there appears to be no record for such a feat. And rather than go it alone, he's going against Mike Papa, his partner in Mouth, a music group that performs in Garden City.

"We're gonna be setting the record," Puro boasts. "Nobody's ever attempted it."

The whole stunt tonight is a benefit for Rey's syndrome, an often-fatal childhood ailment which has no known cause. The show is at Harpo's Lounge at Harper and Chalmers on the east side. (To get there, take the Ford freeway to the Chalmers exit.) Admission is \$3, with all of it going to Rey's research. Entertainment, the normal kind, will be by a group called Sweet Crystal.

PURO'S SMOKE-IN is going to be filmed by a crew from NBC-TV's "Real People" show, to immortalize it for the world.

"But for national television, why not?" he asks.

PURO FIGURES on stuffing in 34 various pipes - all standard size to baccostyle models. He'll be using a mild blend of tobaccos, which he'll light with propane torches.

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