

Students Fail Again In Bid For SC Seat

For lack of a full board of trustees, the Schoolcraft Community College student effort to gain a board advisory seat floundered again.

The issue was tabled until the regular May session of the board or until a special session is called.



Forty students and their leaders crowded the board room to witness deliberations but expressed no disappointment when a favorable motion was withdrawn and postponed.

OF THE FIVE trustees present, two expressed obvious opposition. These were Garden City representative Clarke Oldenburg and at-large trustee Dr. Robert Geake of Northville.

Two others favored the students' request. Trustees William Secord of Northville and at-large trustee John LaRue of Livonia.

Board Chairman Jane Muehle, who last month favored the proposal, didn't make a clear statement at this meeting.

Of three board members absent, two had previously opposed seating a student-Paul

Muthick, representing Clarenceville Schools District, and At-large Trustee Dr. George Martin of Livonia.

STUDENT SENATE President Dennis McCarthy and 1970-71 President-Elect Tom Winkler displayed numerous endorsements. Nine past board actions where advice of a student representative would have been valuable, a petition for the seat signed by 900 students, and a promise that such a student advisor would also respond to trustees' requests were also submitted.

President Eric Bradaer and Vice President for Student Affairs Edward V. McNally

gave their unqualified endorsement to the student request.

Among written endorsements were those of newly-elected Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara and State Rep. Jackie Vaughn, (D-DeTroit), who chairs the special committee on total citizen participation and the student bill of rights. The unanimous approval of the College Council, on which students, faculty and administrators are invited to sit as advisors to the president, was given.

Twelve campus student organizations endorsed the student senate bid, as well as Rev. James W. Varty, Chaplain of the Newman Association, a campus-oriented organization. Seven letters of private

citizens were submitted in endorsement.

THE STUDENT leaders also submitted Observer Newspapers news articles and an editorial favorable to their cause as supportive material.

Trustees received the arguments scant minutes before the meeting, and it is doubtful any had time to review them prior to being called upon to vote.

"The motion made, and later postponed, by Secord was:

"That the trustees accept the president of the Student Senate...in an advisory capacity to the board."

Oldenburg uttered the first unfavorable statements, questioning whether the student advisor would be content to wait until called upon.

WINKLER SPOKE from the audience and said the recognized this as a requirement and stated, "We don't want to get into a more powerful role...We would not interfere with the workings of the board but serve strictly to give advisory positions on matters relative to the students."

A student senator asked Dr. Geake for an opinion. Geake reiterated his fears of setting a precedent and added that he felt a single representative would eliminate the desirable situation of allowing all students to be heard from the audience.

Dr. Bradaer's strong support for the student cause came as a surprise. "I hope you will give it very definite and positive consideration," he said after commending the students' manner in seeking their goal and stating he felt it would be an advantage to the board.

Vice President McNally said he agreed with Dr. Bradaer and stated, "I think it will give the students a better understanding of why board decisions have to be made and a better total understanding of the college."

He said an official representative would help bridge the trustee-to-students communication gap.

Stuart Bloom, president of the Schoolcraft Faculty Forum, supported the students. Both emphasized the goodwill value while pointing out, as did Mrs. Muehle and Dr. Geake, that it would not likely result in any "cataclysmic" differences in board-all college actions.

Bloom has previously revealed that the Faculty Forum is seeking a similar advisory status on the board through collective bargaining this year.

TOM WINKLER, Student Senate president for 1970-71, may be the first student to serve on the Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees, as an advisory member--if a campaign for such seat is approved by the trustees. (Observer photo by Dennis Pajot)



DENIS MCCARTHY -- In one of his last acts as 1969-70 Schoolcraft Community College Student Senate President this young man passed on documents showing support for the next president to become an advisory member of the college board of trustees. Here, however, he's presenting the materials to College Vice President for Academic Instruction Robert Keene. (Observer photo by Dennis Pajot)

Top MSU Eastern Marks For To Honor Rep. Esch

Eleven students from Oberverland are among the 410 honor students that will be recognized at the annual banquet on Tuesday night, April 28, at Michigan State University.

Marvin L. Esch, U.S. Congressman whose 2nd District includes Plymouth, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Eastern Michigan University at June 6 commencement exercises.

To gain the honor roll, a student must attain a grade point of 4.0 or 4.5 (A or A-plus) in every course.

A resident of Ann Arbor, Esch was for 14 years a member of the faculty of Wayne State University and has acted as consultant to the Agency for International Development.

Those who earned this outstanding academic achievement included: Mary A. Shaw, 28282 Farmington Road, Farmington; Sally J. Siedoff, 28810 Harwich, Farmington; Doug E. Tyler, 30540 Peartidge, Farmington.

EDWARD COLE, president of General Motors, will deliver the 11th EMC commencement address and receive an honorary doctorate.

2 Receive MA Degrees
Christie A. Childs of Livonia and F.W. Jackson of Livonia received master of arts degrees in recent commencement ceremonies at Western Michigan University.

Catherine Begonche, 32428 Florence, Garden City; and Bruce D. Cavender, 42115 River Oaks, Plymouth.

\$50 Given In Northville

A gift of \$50 to be used in the general scholarship and loan fund has been presented to Schoolcraft Community College by Ford Motor Company. College trustees accepted the award in April.

Bloodmobile In Northville
A Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville, Friday, May 1, from 2 to 8 p.m. For an appointment to donate, call 349-2361 or 422-2787.

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