

Draugelis Quits As SC Attorney

Giving "personal reasons" for his action, Edward Draugelis, Plymouth attorney who has been the legal counsel for Schoolcraft College for the past seven years, Wednesday tendered his resignation to the board of trustees prior to a study session on the campus.

The resignation becomes effective June 1, the date by which the board has to present a plan for reappointment to Circuit Court Judge Rolland Olark after he ruled the college's present system of electing trustees violates the 1970 U.S. Supreme Court requirement of equal representation for community college districts.

A suit challenging the constitutionality of the board was filed by representatives of the Livonia New Democratic Coalition.

IN HIS LETTER to the board, Draugelis stated he would continue to handle the reappointment case and would lend whatever assistance was necessary after the June 1 date of resignation.

Draugelis has served as counsel during the growing years of the college, which consists of five K-12 school districts — Livonia, Garden City, Plymouth, Clarenceville and Northville.

He was the advisor through the lengthy teachers' negotiations of two years back that brought a long strike before a settlement was reached.

He was counsel for the college during the period of the now historic "four-letter word" troubles that threatened at one time to bring student demonstrations.

IT WAS Draugelis who gave an opinion to the board in March 1970 that it was affected by the decision of the

U.S. Supreme court in the now famous *Hadley* case... a ruling handed down by the high court on Feb. 25, 1970. Draugelis went to the law library in downtown Detroit, copied the *Hadley* opinion which decreed "one-man, one-vote" representation for community college districts.

He then wrote his own opinion and sent copies of both to each of the eight members of the board and to the administration. At the same time, he recommended the board ask Attorney General Frank Kelley for an opinion and act to amend the law in Michigan. He stressed need for immediate action.

NO ACTION was taken until two months ago when representatives of the NDCL presented a communication to the board asking why it had taken no action in reappointment after the *Hadley* opinion.

The NDC in its letter asked the board for an answer as quickly as possible, and when none came, took the matter to Circuit Court.

In the meantime, the board voted to have Draugelis' opinion of same 14 months earlier checked by another law firm for its opinion. Draugelis' findings were verified.

Those close to the Plymouth lawyer believe it was the long delay in taking action and the decision to have the opinion studied by another law firm that ignited Draugelis' resignation action.

QUERIED about his reasons, Draugelis referred to his resignation letter which stated "for personal reasons."

"I believe it best that I resign as Schoolcraft College counsel at this time," he said. "This means that I will no longer be bound by the

code of a lawyer and client and start taking an interest in the college affairs as a taxpayer, voter and individual who is much interested in the future development of the college.

"I plan to take an active part in the Sept. 13 election and hope that the bill presented by State Sen. Carl Pursell is approved for immediate action.

"I would love to participate in a campaign to elect six members at-large to the board. My hands have been tied for seven years, but I'll be just another individual come June 1, and that will make a big difference."

The Draugelis resignation is expected to be accepted at the regular monthly meeting of trustees next Wednesday night.



EDWARD DRAUGELIS

Reappears

Schoolcraft College's missing trustee put in his first appearance in 13 months at the board of trustees' study session last week.

James Boswell, the Livonia trustee, attended the session which was called to study the upcoming budget for the college. Boswell had left the board in March of 1970, declaring that the board was unconstitutionally seated.

Pursell's Bill Asks At-Large S'craft Vote

A bill to elect Schoolcraft College trustees at-large has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature by State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth).

Pursell's bill provides that the college would have nine trustees. The three present at-large trustees — Dr. George Martin, John LaRue and Dr. Robert Geake — would retain their seats, and six new members would be elected on a non-partisan ballot Sept. 30.

PURSELL'S IS the second legislative bill aimed at bringing "one-man, one-vote" apportionment to the Schoolcraft district. State Rep. Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia) offered a bill two weeks ago to create seven single-member wards.

A Wayne County circuit judge and Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley both ruled April 8 that Schoolcraft's present system violates the 1970 U.S. Supreme Court requirement of equal representation for community college districts.

The circuit court order by Judge Rolland Olark delayed the scheduled June 14 election to Sept. 13, with the new trustees to take office Oct. 4. Pursell's bill would set the same dates.

Pursell's bill calls for electing two new trustees for six-year terms, two for four years and two for two years. Thereafter, the district would go back to the traditional June election and six-year staggered terms for trustees.

Schoolcraft's present board has eight members — three elected at-large and the others from the five K-12 member school districts. Mathematically, Livonia School District was under-represented, resulting in the court case.

Pursell's bill has support from college Attorney Edward Draugelis and college President Eric Bradner. The freshman senator also said he polled the Michigan Community College Assn., and the consensus was for an at-large election.

PURSELL AND Draugelis saw the advantages for Pursell's Senate Bill 59:

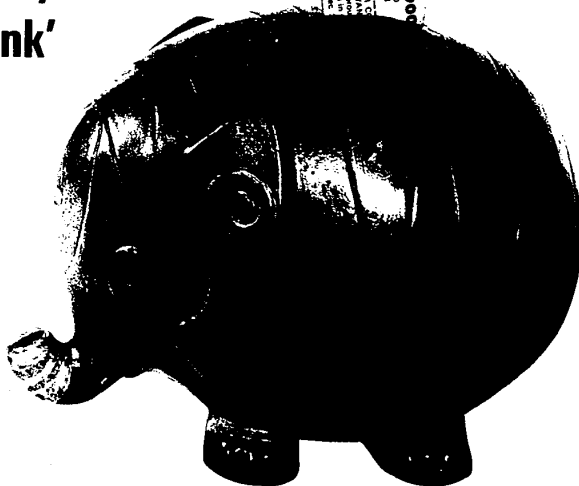
• It is unfeasible, as Stempien proposes, to split the college district into smaller divisions, because the local school districts cross county and municipal lines, and census figures for those fractional units are unavailable.

• A large amount of resident development is under way — notably the Levitt and Sons complex in Northville Township — and any ward system would quickly be obsolete.

• Under Stempien's bill, it would be possible for voters to pick an entirely new college board, thus destroying continuity, but Pursell's bill would save at least three experienced trustees.

"Especially at this crucial time with Dr. Bradner retiring, the situation at Schoolcraft could become chaotic if the new incoming committee had no experienced trustees to fall back on for background and assistance."

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Madonna Will Honor Sen. Hart At Graduation

Madonna College will honor 94 graduates and U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.) at commencement activities this weekend.

Hart will receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree from the four-year women's college operated by the Felician Sisters in Livonia.

A senior honors program will be held in the student center Saturday at 7 p.m., with the graduation exercises and presentation of diplomas on Sunday.

SISTER M. DANATHA, college president, will present awards and a congratulatory message on the senior honors night.

Valedictorian is Susan Adamczak of Manistee and salutatorian is Inez R. Hunter of Dover, Del. Also graduating with honors are Cheryl Karbon of Farmington and Linda Holym of Detroit.

An alumnae reception will follow the program.

A baccalaureate mass Sunday at 2 p.m. will be offered in the Presentation Chapel by the Rev. John J. Catelot. Afterwards, the graduates will form a procession to march to graduation exercises in the student center at 3 p.m.

Madonna Hikes Fees

Madonna College has raised its tuition \$100 a year for full time students beginning with the fall semester. Tuition will be \$650 for full time students and \$35 per credit hour, a \$4 increase, for part-timers.

Room and board will rise by \$25 a year to \$400 for a semi-private room, \$500 for a private and \$500 for board. Rising costs were blamed for the increase.

The Catholic women's four-year college in Livonia is operated by the Felician Sisters.

SEN. PHILIP HART
Madonna Speaker

Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, will preside and present diplomas to the graduates. About two-thirds will receive the bachelor of arts and the rest the bachelor of science degrees.

Hart, a Catholic, will be honored for 22 years of public service, the last 12 in the Senate.

McDonald Sues For Divorce

U. S. Rep. Jack McDonald (R-Farmington) is suing his wife, L. Joyce, for divorce in Oakland Circuit Court.

Charging "extreme and repeated cruelty," a standard charge in Michigan divorce cases, McDonald asks custody of their sons, Michael, 16, and David, 11.

The McDonalds separated April 1 after 17 years of marriage. They lived in Redford Township, where he was supervisor, until 1969 when they established legal residence at 28000 Grand River, Farmington, and built a house in Great Falls, Va.

McDonald, 38, is serving his third term in the House. He is the third young Michigan congressman to seek a divorce in three years. William D. Ford (D-Taylor) was divorced in 1960 and Garry E. Brown (R-Kalamazoo) in 1970.