



**BRADNER HONORED** — A special resolution from the State Senate and House of Representatives is presented to Dr. Eric Bradner by State Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) at the retirement dinner honoring the college's first president on Saturday. Behind Dr. Bradner is the portrait of him done in a special photographic

process which will hang in the college library recently named the Eric J. Bradner Library. In the foreground (from left) are Miss Lois Waterman, dean emeritus; Dr. James Woodburne, Dr. Bradner's son-in-law, Susan Woodburne, Dr. Bradner's daughter; and Mrs. Florence Bradner, the former president's wife.

# 400 Honor Dr. Bradner; Nixon Writes In Praise

By R.T. THOMPSON

"Never has anyone had such a fine testimonial given him as the one I have received from this large gathering," said an emotional Dr. Eric Bradner at the dinner honoring his retirement as president of Schoolcraft College.

Every one of the more than 400 stood and applauded as the founding president of the Northwestern Wayne County Community College District said his farewells to friends, associates, members of the faculty and administration who helped him establish the college during the past seven years.

The affair, held in Waterman Student Center, was attended by all those who started with Dr. Bradner in forming the college back in 1960, present and past members of the board of trustees, and educators from all sections of the state.

AND THERE was one surprise that even Dr. Bradner wasn't prepared for. A personal letter of congratulations from President Richard Nixon.

Mrs. Jane Moehle, chair-

man of the Schoolcraft College board, read a resolution in which he was named president emeritus and then told that the college library would be known as Eric J. Bradner Library from that moment.

Mrs. Moehle then unveiled a painted portrait of Dr. Bradner which will be placed in the library.

Charles Castillo, speech instructor at Schoolcraft and a longtime friend of the Bradners, served as master of ceremonies and mentioned the high spots of the honored guest's 38 years service in education.

A second surprise came for the Bradners when Castillo introduced Dr. Richard Young, one of the original members of the study committee studying the need for a community college in the area.

Dr. Young had just arrived from Algeria when he learned of the testimonial and immediately made plans to attend.

He related many of the incidents involving the early planning and told how Dr.

Bradner was lured down from Delta College to take over the new institution.

STATE SEN. Carl Pursell presented a resolution to Dr. Bradner from both houses of the State Legislature.

Resolutions also were presented by William Craft, president of the Livonia Board of Education; Dr. Rob Robinson, representing the Northville Board of Education; Supt. David McDowell for the Clarenceville Board; and resolutions were read from the Garden City and Plymouth school boards.

Mrs. Nancy Ordowski, retiring president of the Schoolcraft College Faculty Wives Club, presented Mrs. Florence Bradner, wife of the retiring college president, a bouquet of 12 roses.

Letters were read from U.S. Sens. Philip Hart and Robert Griffin; Gov. William Milliken; Dr. John Porter, head of the State Department of Education, as well as from the presidents of Oakland CC, Monroe CC, Macomb CC, Jackson CC, and most of the community colleges in Michigan.

Ron Monette, who assisted in arrangements for the affair, presented Dr. Bradner an original sculpture made by James Black of the college's art department.

All members of the present college board were present, with the exception of Trustee James Boswell of Livonia. Past members attending included: Lee Bennett and Ervin Brown of Livonia, Dr. Forrer of Northville and Sam Hudson of Plymouth.

## S'craft Budget At \$6.1 Million

A tentative operating budget of \$6.1 million was quietly adopted by the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees last week — a contrast to last year's adoption.

Last year's tentative budget was adopted amid controversy over the faculty contracts and the addition of six administrative posts to the college.

Missing from this year's meeting to adopt the budget were faculty and students who had objected to parts of the budget last year.

THOUGH THE budget is still subject to change, the final version is expected to be adopted on June 23 after a public hearing. The college began working on the budget on Dec. 8. Since

that time an administrative committee on the budget, the vice presidents, the budget review committee, the college president and the board of trustees have examined it.

The new budget is more than a half million dollars (or nearly 10 percent) over the 1970-71 budget of \$5.6 million. It is based on an expected enrollment of 5,950 students—a 12.5 percent increase over this year's enrollment of 5,296.

Currently, 1.22 mill is levied for operating expenses and .55 mill for debt retirement.

Voters will be asked to approve another .5 mill for general purposes and .5 mill for capital improvement at a special millage election on Sept. 13. If it passes, the mill will be levied for 20 years.

## State Ed Board Salutes Bradner

The State Board of Education has adopted the following resolution honoring Dr. Eric J. Bradner, who will retire this June as president of Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia:

"WHEREAS, Dr. Eric J. Bradner has served the youth of our nation for over 38 years; and

"WHEREAS, he was most instrumental in the establishment of the Schoolcraft Community College District and served as president of Schoolcraft College since its inception in 1961; and

"WHEREAS, he will retire from this position on June 30, 1971, concluding twenty-two years of service as an outstanding administrator in Michigan community colleges; and

"WHEREAS, he has been instrumental in fostering the growth of the Michigan community college system beginning with his 12-year (1949-1961) tenure as dean of the Bay City Junior College; and

"WHEREAS, he has guided Schoolcraft College, as its president, during its establishment and development as one of the really fine community colleges; therefore, be it

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