

NDC-L Will Fight At-Large Election

By KATHY MORAN
Representatives of the New Democratic Coalition of Livonia plan to contest the at-large trustee election plan for Schoolcraft College which is scheduled to be heard in Wayne County Circuit Court at 2 p.m. Friday.

Judge Roland Olzak will review the plan Friday which was submitted to the court by Schoolcraft attorney Edward Draugelis on May 7. The plan calls for the election of six trustees on Sept. 13 with terms effective on Oct. 4.

The NDC initiated the suit against Schoolcraft in March

in order to force reapportionment of the college district to bring it into keeping with the "one-man one-vote" rule set by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Neil deStigter, plaintiff in the suit, explained that the NDC will contest the plan because it is not in keeping with the original agreement setting up Schoolcraft and fails to provide for "a responsive representative" board.

"We are objecting to an arrangement which would in effect ignore the electorate of the district," deStigter said. "We would not have had a college district unless we had a districting plan."

deStigter said they want to "conserve that which was the agreement originally" where each district would have its own representative on the board before plans for the college could be approved.

THE NDC FILED the suit because the districts were of unequal populations with the intention that the districts be redivided into equal population districts from which one trustee would be elected.

Now five trustees are elected to represent each of the five school districts composing Schoolcraft. However, Livonia is larger than all the districts together and yet each one has one representative.

"We want a system that will provide the most responsive, and most representative board," deStigter said.

"I am appalled at those who claim it is an impossible task." The added cost of determining the population figures needed to reapportion the district is the "cost of truly representative government," he said.

BECAUSE THE census

tracts follows municipal lines rather than school district lines the exact population figures are not immediately available.

The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments expects to have population figures from block areas but not until the end of summer at the earliest. These are the figures that will be used in reapportioning the state for state representative elections.

This would be too late for the Sept. 13 election procedure.

deStigter said that "the cost of running in an at-large election will be borne by each individual candidate" because they will be running in a large district as opposed to smaller areas under a district plan.

SC Millage Committee Approved

The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees approved the establishment of a steering committee to develop plans and distribute information on millage election on Sept. 13. The college will ask voters to approve a half-mill for general purposes and other half-mill for capital improvement. The millage requests total one mill but will be voted on separately.

The steering committee will be made up of President-elect C. Nelson Grote; Richard Arlan, president of the Faculty Forum; Dave Heinzman, director of public relations; and W. Kenneth Linder, vice president for business affairs.

Four additional members will be appointed to the committee by Dr. Grote.



B.P. THOMAS GUMBLETON

250 Will Graduate At S'craft

Commencement exercises for nearly 250 graduating students will be conducted at Schoolcraft College on Sunday, May 23. Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton will be the principal speaker as the college honors its sixth graduating class. Parents, friends and the public are welcome at the ceremony to be held in the main gymnasium at 2 p.m.

Bishop Gumbleton is the auxiliary bishop and vicar general of the Archdiocese of Detroit. His speech is entitled, "The Graduate Looks At His Priorities." A native Detroit, the bishop assists Cardinal John F. Deane as vicar for parishes and organizer of parish vicariates designed to implement Vatican II directives.

BISHOP Gumbleton, 40, is a graduate of Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit; St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth; and the Pontifical LaSalle University in Rome, where he earned a doctorate in canon law.

Two Livonia clergy will also participate in the graduation ceremony, offering the invocation and benediction. They are the Rev. E. H. Reinhardt of Nativity United Church of Christ, and the Rev. Fred W. Burke of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Schoolcraft's founding president, Dr. Eric J. Bradner, will preside over his last graduation. He retires at the end of June. The school's president-elect, Dr. C. Nelson Grote, will be a platform guest at the ceremony.

OTHERS participating include Mrs. Jane K. Moehle, board chairman; Paul Mutnick, board vice chairman; B. William Secord, board treasurer; L. Clarke Oldenburg, board secretary; Dr. Robert Keene, vice president for instruction; Jon P. Adams, dean of vocational-technical instruction; and Frederick S. Stefanski, dean of academic instruction.

Other platform guests will include Dr. R. Robert Geake, John M. LaRue and Dr. George E. Martin, board trustees; Miss Lois Waterman, dean emerita; W. Kenneth Linder, vice president for business affairs; and Edward V. McNally, vice president for student affairs.

Special honors will be announced during the ceremony and three new campus buildings will be dedicated. Music will be performed by the college wind ensemble and the 40-voice chorus, under the direction of Wayne Dunlap and Bradley Bloom, respectively.

A reception for all guests will be held in the Waterman Campus Center immediately following the ceremony.

Rudick Earns Doctorate

Lawrence W. Rudick, speech instructor at Schoolcraft College, was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree by Stanford University on April 1.

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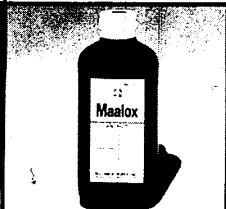
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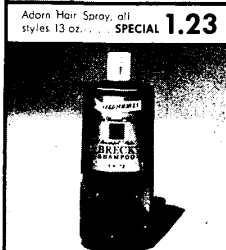
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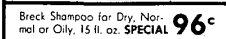
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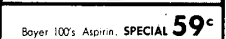
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