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SC 'Non-Partisan' Split Familiar

By KATHY MORAN

A voting pattern that began with the first meeting of the new Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees was evidenced again last week in a controversial vote.

This time the issue was an "advisory" seat to the board, an issue which shadowed the previous board and was a campaign issue during the September trustee election. The trustees had only to vote on the "concept" of advisory seats to the board. Early in the meeting, it was suggested that the non-voting seats be for representatives of the students, faculty and non-academic personnel.

But after much politicking, the board had only to vote on a loosely-worded motion supporting the "concept" and not the actual creation of the seats.

THE SIX trustees with known political leanings voted with their respective parties as they did earlier in the year when trying to elect a chairman to the non-partisan board.

In both votes, Republicans Dr. Robert Geake, Arch Vallier and Mary Dumas voted together as did Democrats Rosina Raymond,

Paul Kadish and John LaRue. Republicans voted against the "advisory" concept while Democrats supported it. The split was first evidenced in the vote to elect a chairman to the board on Oct. 4. It took five votes before the Democratic support for LaRue gave in, yielding Dr. Geake the fifth vote he needed to become chairman.

In that vote, trustee Leroy Bennett sided with Democrats, and Erwin Brown sided with Republicans. The advisory seat vote brought a reversal with Bennett voting with the Republicans and Brown with the Democrats.

MOST OF THE voting in college matters does not follow party lines, but this is the second time in four meetings that the split has shown itself.

The question of advisory seats was renewed when Mrs. Raymond and Kadish made endorsement of them part of their campaigns for election to the board in the fall. Both won the support of the student newspaper and the political action committee of the

Faculty Forum, the bargaining unit representing most of the faculty members. Mrs. Dumas in the campaign supported the concept but did an about-face when actually assuming her board post. She was not supported by the Forum or the student newspaper during the election.

In a three-hour study session on the seats, Mrs. Dumas said she changed her mind after getting on the board and viewing the issue from a trustee's point of view. She said that previously she didn't realize that creation of a seat for students and one for faculty could spiral into seats for other groups in the campus community.

ONE AMENDMENT among several offered actually came to a vote at Wednesday's meeting. It was a compromise offered by Kadish to win votes from the opposition.

Mrs. Dumas and Vallier argued that the concept of advisory seats should not be approved until guidelines governing the seats were adopted by the board.

Kadish's amendment added that the concept would be supported providing that guidelines were established that met the approval of the board. The amendment failed in a 4-4 split with trustees voting as they did on the final vote.

The amendment failed with a 4-4 split with five votes needed for passage. Against it were Vallier, Bennett, Mrs. Dumas and Dr. Geake. Support came from Kadish, Mrs. Raymond, LaRue and Brown.

An earlier vote would have

tabled the issue because of the lack of sufficient support. This motion made by Mrs. Raymond failed in a 4-3 vote with Brown absent at that time. Voting for it were Mrs. Raymond, Kadish and LaRue with Bennett, Mrs. Dumas, Vallier and Dr. Geake opposed.

THE ISSUE is not dead yet. Kadish and Mrs. Raymond are anxious to fulfill their campaign promises and the faculty and students anxious to remind Mrs. Dumas of her original position.

A second vote at Wednesday's meeting was another indication of the political influences on the board.

Mrs. Raymond and Kadish hastened to support the Democratic candidate to the Board of Canvassers and Dumas and Vallier supported the Republican candidate.

After a little hesitation, it was suggested that the motion be for appointment of both candidates, and it was agreed that Mrs. Raymond would make the motion and Mrs. Dumas would second it.

New SC Tax Request Urged

The Schoolcraft Board of Trustees has received a letter from the college's Foundation encouraging the board to consider returning to the voters with a request for increased millage.

The college led an unsuccessful campaign to add one mill to the current levy of 1.77 mills in September.

Faced with the need to expand the campus to accommodate the increasing enrollment, College President C. Nelson Grote said after the defeat that he anticipated having to return to the voters again.

"It is our sincere hope that the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees will give serious consideration to the proposition of going back to the electorate at some appropriate time in the near future and that you will give us an opportunity to assist in conducting a successful campaign," the letter from Foundation President Jan Reef stated.

Overseas Calls Need Planning

Michigan Bell today reminded the families and friends of American servicemen in Vietnam to plan ahead for holiday telephone calls between the two countries.

"If you have holiday greetings to exchange by phone with a relative or friend in Vietnam, arrange to have him place the call from there," local Bell manager Robert L. Kilpatrick suggested.

He said that trying to reach a particular serviceman quickly by calling from the U.S. is close to impossible — servicemen are likely to be on duty or stationed in remote areas where they're extremely difficult to locate.

TO MINIMIZE these difficulties, special arrangements have been made again this year to permit servicemen to call home at the times most convenient to them.

The USO, the military, the Bell System and communications people in South Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Guam will be working together to simplify the calling and permit the maximum number of men to talk.

Last year, more than 1,000 calls per day were completed by the Bell System throughout the holiday season for off-duty servicemen in Vietnam calling home.

Families and friends of Americans stationed in other southeast Asian countries were also advised to make arrangements for servicemen there to originate the holiday phone calls, since they too often are difficult to locate.

Rates on telephone calls at all hours between the U.S. and Vietnam are \$9 for a three-minute station-to-station call and \$12 for a three-minute person-to-person call. Ser-

vicemen can call collect so that the messages can be paid for at home.

Vietnam is 13 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

5 Earn Diplomas

Five local men recently graduated from the basic training course in the Oakland Police Academy at Oakland Community College.

Among the 43 graduates were Patrolman Thomas Cox, 31625 Shiawassee, Farmington, Farmington Police Department; Patrolman David Butler, 24722 Madison Ct., Farmington, Novi Police Dept.; PSO William Grant, 19750 Northbrook Dr., Southfield, Oak Park Police Dept.; Patrolman Michael Messina, 33350 Manor Dr., Farmington, West Bloomfield Police Dept.; and Patrolman Michael Ramsey, 40275 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth, Westland Police Dept.

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