

What Millage Means To Schoolcraft

By KATHY MORAN

When Schoolcraft College millage proposals on Sept. 13, they will be deciding the future growth of the college. The fate of the proposals will determine whether the college can expand its programs and accommodate more than the current enrollment of 6,000 students.

The two proposals on the ballot are for one-half mill for general purposes and another half-mill for capital improvement.

IF THE PROPOSALS pass, the college administration will ask to levy only .23 mill this year - or 12 cents per \$1,000 state equalized valuation.

President C. Nelson Grote said.

This would bring the total levy for the college to two mills, or 42 per \$1,000 SEV.

Both millage proposals are for an unlimited period of time, as are all community college millages under the new Michigan Constitution. Dr. Grote said that the administration estimates it will only have to levy the full new mill (provided it passes) for three years beginning in 1975 or 1976. The levy will decline as construction is completed.

"THE HALF-MILL for capital construction will give us the economic base to complete important capital construction part of Phase II provided we are successful in getting some matching money from the state and provided our cost estimates don't spiral more than was built into the planning," Dr. Grote said.

Phase II is a continuation of the building construction on campus that will eventually accommodate 14,000 students. It has been delayed one year already because of lack of funds.

Included in the projections are plans for a fine arts center, additions to the vocational technical building, a learning resource center, and science and business expansions.

Though the master plan lists the buildings according to priorities, Dr. Grote said the college is "not locked into priorities, and we have made some changes already."

IF THE MILLAGE is successful, the college will immediately apply for matching funds to begin the fine arts center and an addition to the vocational building.

Phase II of Schoolcraft's expansion has already been delayed a year due to lack of funds.

If it isn't successful, the college will apply for funds on the vocational addition since it has enough money left from a 1968 bond issue to cover the cost of the \$660,000 building. The fine arts center and other expansion will be indefinitely delayed if the millage fails.

"The administration does not plan to recommend that the board levy .23 of the capital construction mill during this year," he added saying the revenue would be used to initiate the Phase II program. LAST YEAR the college levied 1.77 mills or \$1.77 per \$1,000 SEV. Of that levy, 1.22 mill was for operations and .55 mill was for debt retirement. The college will set this year's

levy immediately after the election.

The college maintains an open admissions policy and currently has 1,000 students enrolled than the college was originally designed to handle. The students are taking lighter class loads than last year.

Dr. Grote estimated that the college admits close to 55 per cent of the district graduates who enter any college. This figure is in keeping with the state average. It is projected that the figure will climb to 80 per cent in 1980.

THOUGH THE college has 30 per cent non-residents, it

maintains an admission policy where resident students are admitted to programs before non-residents.

Dr. Grote said one objection that has been raised against the millage proposal is that non-residents do not "pay their way" in the college.

However, he said that residents can pay taxes for 47 years plus pay tuition for two members of their family for two years each before the family's investment equals the investment of a non-resident family's cost of sending two children for two years each.

Non-residents are charged \$20 per credit hour while residents pay \$10.

Dr. Grote likened the college's situation to a locomotive that is equipped to pull more cars but needs a "seal of approval" to take off.

SINCE THE college has the main expenses, such as land acquisition, taken care of, he said the taxpayers will get more tangible results from their tax dollars if the millage passes on Monday.

"I think we could start ahead with less dollar impact," Dr. Grote said.

Regional Affairs

A Horde Of Candidates Winds Up Dull Contest

By KATHY MORAN

More than 75 persons attended a forum for candidates for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees Tuesday, which was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Livonia and Plymouth and the Livonia Jaycees.

Thirteen of the 17 candidates in the election spoke briefly on why they are seeking election and what questions they then answered questions from the audience.

Voters in the college district will elect five trustees on Monday, Sept. 13. Three of the nine candidates for six-year terms will be elected as well as two of the eight candidates for two-year terms.

The following is a brief sketch of the candidates.

TWO-YEAR TERM (TWO ELECTED)

DR. GERALD COX, 45, who was runner-up in the 1963 trustee race, told the audience that he has watched the college's growth since he sought office previously and decided to run again to become active in its growth.

Dr. Cox, 3261 Meadowood Garden City, is a business education department head at Central High School in Detroit and was formerly an assistant professor at Wayne State University. He also was a department head at Detroit's High School of Commerce and Cass Tech High School.

MARY DUMAS, 48, of 17638 Loveland, Livonia, is a substitute teacher in the Livonia schools. She has been active in the Livonia Republican party, Livonia Women's Action Against Crime Committee, and is a volunteer probation officer for the 18th District Court in Livonia.

Mrs. Dumas said she is seeking election to continue her interest in education and to see the college expand in vocational education, career opportunities for women and retraining programs for adults.

DR. HARVEY HERSHEY, 39, of 36450 Ladywood, Livonia, said that his experience in education prompted him to seek a board post.

Dr. Hershey is currently the dean of instruction and director of labor relations at Wayne County Community College and has worked in community development for Oakland Community College and adult education for the Michigan State Department of Education. He is also a member of the Michigan Commission on Aging.

PAUL KADISH, 35, of 18087 Purlingbrook, Livonia, said one of his main reasons for seeking election was to give students an ex-officio seat on the board which had been denied them a year ago.

The Democratic candidate for the 14th District Senate seat, Kadish is president of Associated Group Underwriters Inc. and a partner in Kadish-Friedman Insurance Associates.

He is a member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and a delegate to the

Livonia School Board Advisory Council.

WAYNE LARCINESI, 21, of 29210 Lori, Livonia, said he is running as a conservative and to effect revisions in the college's admissions policies.

He is currently a student at Schoolcraft and a member of the Collegiate Patriots Club, a conservative student group. He graduated from Bentley High School in 1968.

RON MARDIROS, 41, of 10855 Camden, Livonia, is the branch manager of AAA Bonding Insurance Co. and owner of the Livonia Printers and Mailers. He was formerly on the Livonia Charter Commission and is a member of the Livonia Redford Township Chambers of Commerce. He is city assessor and a veteran of Democratic politics.

Mardiros said he is seeking the post because he can be instrumental in bringing the board together with the students and the community. He criticized the number of educators seeking trustee seats, adding that being a non-educator he would be a valuable contributor to the board.

LAWRENCE NOLAN, 3175 Minton, Livonia, made his first public appearance Tuesday since filing for the election. He is a recent graduate of Western Michigan University, where he was the president of the student body and president of the Student Alumni Board. He attended Schoolcraft in 1967.

His past experience at Schoolcraft led him to realize the college's potential to students and prompted him to seek election.

GEORGE SHIRLEY, 41, said he is seeking election because he enjoys young people and feels the board needs a member who will be responsive to the students. Formerly a resident of Westland, Shirley recently moved to Livonia. He is a graduate of Detroit College of Law and maintains a private law practice in Livonia. He served on the Livonia Charter Commission.

GEORGE L. BROKHOLM - Services for Mr. Broholm, 78, of 1385 McKinley, Plymouth, were held recently at the J. Griffin Funeral Home. Burial followed in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mr. Broholm, a retired railroad postal clerk, died Aug. 31 at his home.

Survivors include: his wife, Rozelle; three daughters, Mrs. Clarence Hare, Mrs. Frank Jukubus and Mrs. Doris King; two sons, George Broholm Jr. and Paul L. Broholm; two sisters; a brother, 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

EMIL H. DIGER, Services for Mr. Diger, 29, of 23138 Lake Avenue, Farmington were held recently in Thrall Funeral Home with Rev. Howard Snel officiating. Cremation followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit.

Born in Switzerland, Mr. Diger, a World War II veteran, died Aug. 29 in long illness. He was a five-year resident of Farmington and a retired executive chef at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Survivors include: his wife, Georgia;

SIX-YEAR TERMS (THREE ELECTED)

ROGER CARVER, 46, of 29222 Jacquelyn Drive, Livonia said he decided to put his time and effort where his thoughts were and to seek the college's board seat.

His experience in business as owner of Carver Insurance Agency, qualifies him for a trustee seat, he said. His undergraduate degree is in vocational education. He is a member of the speakers bureau for the Michigan Heart Association and is president of the Livonia Kiwanis Club and the Belle Mar Civic Association.

JAMES HIGGINS, 45, of 29449 Linda, Livonia, is an electrical engineer for Detroit Edison and a member of the Columbus Engineering Society of Detroit and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Describing himself as a neophyte (novice), Higgins said the board could use an engineer's approach. His lifetime residence in the area also qualifies him for a board post, he said.

ROSINA RAYMOND, 57, of 15906 Oak Drive, Livonia, cited her past experience as a member of the Schoolcraft College Founding Committee as the basis for her interest in the college and in seeking a seat to the board.

Mrs. Raymond has taught in the Livonia schools and at Madonna College, where she headed the speech department. She is president of the Livonia Business and Professional Women and vice president of the Library Commission.

REV. IVAN SMITH, 58, of 10656 Deering, Livonia, said he has had experience in coordinating people and boards which he could use as a Schoolcraft trustee.

He is assistant pastor of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and was formerly pastor of Grandale Presbyterian Church in Detroit. He served as admissions counselor at the College of Emporia, Emporia, Kan., and has been a substitute teacher in Detroit.

ARCHIBALD VALLIER, 57, of 1338 Penman, Plymouth, said the board needs a person

with a background in engineering and business. He added that he entered the race because he enjoys public service.

A retired engineer, Vallier is a part-time consultant to the Office of Economic Expansion of the Michigan Department of Commerce on pollution and waste disposal problems. He is completing his eighth year on the Plymouth City Commission.

FOUR CANDIDATES did not attend the forum.

Ernest Schmitter sent a letter saying he could not attend because of a death in the family, and Leroy Bennett could not attend because of recent surgery. Mark Bowley and Milan Emanuel did not indicate why they could not attend.

LEROY BENNETT, 41, of 14387 Northville Road, a Plymouth, said in the letter that he believes he is qualified for a trustee seat because of his past experience as a Schoolcraft trustee and because of his membership in the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Bennett served on the board from 1963 to 1967 but was defeated for re-election. He is a multi-science chairman at Holmes Junior High in Livonia.

ERNEST SCHMITTER, 28, of 31179 Garden City, is a warranty administrator for Detroit Diesel and a former Schoolcraft student.

In his letter, Schmitter said he would make decisions on a common sense basis after gathering all the necessary facts if he became a board member.

MARK BOWLEY, 18, of 16385 Farmington Road, Livonia, is a sophomore at Schoolcraft and is a 1970 graduate of Stevenson High School.

MILAN EMANUEL, 24, of 15047 Lakewood, Plymouth, has been teaching undergraduate classes at Wayne State University for two years and has substitute-taught in Livonia for the past three years. He received a Schorren scholarship for outstanding achievement in political science.

AREA DEATHS

son, Rev. S. Davidson of Farmington; and two grandsons.

CLYDE O. LEET, Services for Mr. Leet, 68, of 22823 Lakewood, Farmington were held recently in Thrall Funeral Home with Rev. Carl H. Schultz officiating. Burial followed in North Farmington Cemetery.

Mr. Leet, a lifetime Farmington Township resident and landscaper, died Aug. 28 in Port Huron.

Survivors include: a daughter, Mrs. Larry Shover of Detroit; two sons, George Leet and John Leet both of Wayne City; two sisters, Mrs. Weidner, 6, One of Farmington; and Mrs. Carol Westwood of Sun City, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

ALGER H. RATHBURN - Services for Mr. Rathburn, 82, of 15645 Keweenaw, Redford, were held recently at the Charles H. Step Funeral Home with Rev. Ronald C. Staranko officiating. Burial followed in Grandview Cemetery.

An 18-year resident of Redford Township, Mr. Rathburn died Sept. 1 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia after a long illness. He had worked for Mechanical Manufacturing.

Survivors include: his wife, Gertrude; a son, Michael Rathburn; a daughter, Debra Leven; his mother, Mrs. Robert Leven; and a sister, Jeanne Chappman.

CLINTON W. VICKERMAN - Services for Mr. Vickerman, 55, of 42180 Oakman, Plymouth Township, were held recently in St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Fr. James A. Mazuch officiating. Burial followed in St. George's Cemetery in Commerce, Ontario.

Mr. Vickerman, an engineer for Price & Western Co., died Aug. 27 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Survivors include: his wife, Joanne Vickerman; six children, Victoria, Michael, Richard and Patrick all of Tecumseh, Ontario; Mrs. James Case of Detroit; and Mrs. Brian Lacourriere of Highland; five brothers and six sisters; and eight grandchildren.

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