



New Law Cuts 'Credits'; SC Faculty Loses Pay

A conflict between the master contract for faculty members at Schoolcraft College and the state appropriation act for community colleges could result in a disagreement hitting at the heart of the faculty's right to bargain a contract.

Richard Arlen, president of the Faculty Forum, said he has discussed the conflict with members of Schoolcraft's administration and is seeking legal advice before taking further action.

The conflict stems from a difference in wording of the 1971-72 state act over the previous year and the wording of the faculty's two-year master contract which is currently in its second year.

ARLEN SAID that when the faculty agreement was drawn up, the appropriations law for 1970-71 was in effect specifying that faculty had to have 15 "contact" hours per semester.

The term "contact" was not defined in the law, but the master contract defines it in terms of specific instructors and their class loads.

Since some teachers have larger workloads for fewer classes, provisions were made to accommodate the work loads in the contract.

Thus, English composition instructors were given credit for four "contact" hours for

each three credit hours they taught because of the number of hours they work outside class. Teachers with lab classes were also given allowances in the contract.

But when the Legislature passed the appropriations bill for 1971-72, the 15 "contact" hours was changed to 15 "credit" hours, which more specifically defines the teacher's work load.

IMMEDIATELY after its passage and before it was signed into law, Schoolcraft administrators began changing work loads of instructors affected by the change in wording.

Arlen said the faculty was not consulted on the changes despite the fact that the changes affect the master agreement with the entire faculty.

"No one ever spoke to the bargaining unit about it," Arlen said. "The administration has taken the position that they can interpret the contract unilaterally."

"It violates the provision that faculty can negotiate for

wages, hours and conditions of work.

"If they (the legislators) can do it to us, they can do it to four-year colleges and K-12 schools and local boards will not have the right to negotiate their own contracts," Arlen said.

ARLEN SAID the real impact of the conflict could be felt in such areas as vocational education, where instructors spend a large portion of their time in lab classes that are given only one credit hour.

Some type of statewide action may be initiated by the Michigan Education Assn. since the language of the law affects all of Michigan's community colleges, Arlen said.

But he added that the Schoolcraft faculty will take some action after they get their own legal advice.

Scheduling is now in the process for winter classes at the college.

College President C. Nelson Groke said the conflict with the faculty hinges on the "intent" of the Legislature in passing the law.

Currently, the college is bound to the language in the bill since the college's appropriation is contingent upon fulfilling the conditions stated in the law, he said.

Scouts Schedule Honors Dinners

Redford and Sunset Districts of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, have announced plans for their annual recognition dinner meetings.

Redford district's will be held Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Charles Howell Scout Reservation. Sunset district will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in Churchill High School, Livonia.

Highlights of the dinner meeting will be the presentation of the coveted silver beaver award to specially selected scouts.

For the first time in the district's history, the special

silver fawn award will be presented to outstanding women who have helped with the scouting movement.

District programs will be reviewed and elections of officers for the coming year will also take place.

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Work includes construction of grading and drainage structures, utility alterations and service road paving. Estimated cost of the project is \$3 million. Completion is scheduled for November, 1972, according to the State Highway Commission.

'Look-See' Invitation By Madonna

Madonna College is sponsoring an open house on Sunday, Oct. 24 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for high school girls, parents and friends.

The program will include information about the college's academic programs, admission requirements, costs and financial aids. Currently enrolled students will discuss aspects of student life and will also conduct tours of the campus.

The program will begin in the science lecture hall of the academic building at 2 p.m. Tours are scheduled to begin about 3 p.m. The college is located on Schoolcraft and Levan. Madonna, which is Michigan's only women's college, is a fully accredited senior college offering liberal arts programs in teacher education, social welfare, nursing, religious education, medical technology, pre-professional programs and home economics and family life.

School Board Moves Meeting To Stevenson

LIVONIA The Livonia School Board's Oct. 18 meeting has been moved to the auditorium of Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile.

Board President William Brown said last week that a resolution on bussing students between districts, tabled at a previous meeting, will be considered at that meeting.

Finishes Basic

LIVONIA Wayne R. Kaniewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kaniewski of 33972 Middle Ave., Livonia, graduated from basic training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif.

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