

A 6-Month Tide Washes Over Grote

By KATHY MORAN

Dr. C. Nelson Grote welcomed 1971 from his home in Morehead, Ky., with a special resolution to get to know a community college hundreds of miles away.

Now, in 1972, he welcomes the new year with several resolutions related to that college, and he looks back on the most hectic year of his life from the president's chair at Schoolcraft College.

In six months, Dr. Grote has seen an almost incomprehensible tide of events.

THERE WERE: notification of accreditation of the 10-year-old institution, the election of an almost entirely new Board of Trustees, the defeat of a crucial millage request, a strike by office personnel, an inauguration, a 10th anniversary celebration, a wage-price freeze that still affects the college, not to mention the enormous task of moving the six-member board to a completely strange community.

"I have learned more in the last six months than in any six-month period of my adult life," Dr. Grote said.

"I not only had to become familiar with a very complex institution, but I had to move my family into an entirely new community. This meant getting my children registered in schools, making initial contacts with doctors and dentists, getting my family familiar with the area, shopping centers, and making new friends in the community."

"It's been very exciting, but also time-consuming. I also had to become familiar with a new set of structures, to learn the relationships between school districts and intermediate school districts (which do not exist in Kentucky), and school districts and the state."

"I AM USED to a state with a biennial budget. The annual budget in Michigan adds another new dimension."

"Schoolcraft College is unique in that it cuts five school districts and five municipalities, so that meant getting to know more than one mayor, superintendent, board of education and city council."

Looking over his first six months as president after succeeding in founding President Eric J. Brander on July 1, Dr. Grote said the most significant achievements were that when the college became fully accredited and the im-

provement in inter-personal relations between campus groups.

The accreditation process began long before Dr. Grote took over, but his first official duty was to appear before the committee of type of the North Central Assn. of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The appearance was one of the last before the college was notified of its accreditation.

GOOD RELATIONS with all campus groups is one of Dr. Grote's goals, and he says he had detected signs that those relations are improving every day.

"While we sometimes disagree, we have learned to disagree without being disagreeable," he said, commending the groups for working well together. "We are doing a much better job of talking about 'our' problems and not 'your' problems."

His biggest disappointment since his tenure began in Dr. Grote doubly hard.

The same night (Sept. 13) that voters turned down a needed one mill request, Dr. Grote's mother, Elizabeth, died.

"In March we learned that she had a terminal disease, so I had this shadow to live under from the first day I came to campus. The impact of her death plus the defeat of the millage compounded the memories of that day."

REGARDING the millage defeat, he said, "I just really believe the general public did not appreciate the seriousness of what a successful election would have meant to the future of the college. The impact of the defeat will be felt for years to come."

Asked whether the college will seek a millage hike in the future, Dr. Grote said, "It is perfectly clear that the college will have to find additional sources of revenue to keep



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programs and services at the same level as for 1971-72.

"Capital construction will end with the construction of an addition to the vocational building."

The strike staged by Schoolcraft office personnel in September as a result of "an unfortunate set of circumstances" was another disappointment that Dr. Grote chalked up for his short term.

"I broke my heart to see those girls out there on the picket lines — especially because they had really laid the red carpet out for me when I arrived here. They were always stopping by to see if I needed anything."

The secretaries walked off their jobs after they could not reach agreement on contract but returned to work after the wage-price freeze.

THE EFFECTS of the wage price freeze are still being felt at the college since faculty still are uncertain if they will receive retroactive pay.

Another financial problem was when the college had to cut \$254,000 from its 1971-72 budget after the auditor's report showed that the college had less money in its pockets than thought.

And to compound matters, Dr. Grote lost his top financial man to illness shortly after assuming the presidency.

Kenneth Linder, vice president of business affairs who has been with the college since 1962, has been hospitalized since mid-August with a serious illness.

"His absence has caused a

whole host of problems," Dr. Grote said, adding that many of Linder's responsibilities ended up in his hands.

RESIDUES MISSING out on the expertise Linder could contribute to the college, Dr. Grote found himself working with an almost entirely new board.

After a court ruled that trustees should be elected according to the "one-man, one-vote" principle, the college had to elect five new trustees in September. The resignation of a sixth trustee left the board with only two carry-overs.

"I expected to be working with at least five trustees who had elected me but ended up with only two of those," he said. As a result of the court ruling, three of the trustees who had served on the board since the beginning of the college did not seek reelection.

But the new board is working hard toward learning quickly all about the college. Dr. Grote said he has met with the board 12 times between Oct. 4 and Dec. 18.

AS FAR AS his general impressions of Observerland, Dr. Grote said he has found the community friendly, but not quite as warm as southern hospitality.

"Wilma (his wife) and I have found our neighbors and the community more friendly than we expected. They are more friendly, warm and cordial than we found when living in Chicago. But at the same time, they are not quite as warm, friendly and cordial as in the mid-South."

It has been difficult to adjust to the quick criticism in the North, he said.

"People are much quicker to criticize here. At times I feel you are guilty until proven innocent here where as in the South you are considered innocent until what you have done is proven otherwise."

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courses will be also given in finance, management, EDP, plastics technology, metals technology, salesmanship, numerical control technology, quality control, and mechanical design.

For course counseling or registration information, contact the university.

Hospital Career Plan To Open

A Career Development Program begins at Wayne County General Hospital on Jan. 17 for hospital employees who are in "dead end" jobs.

The program will provide training for 250 non-professional employees with benefits expected to include increased stature for the employee, higher pay, new knowledge and skills. A more effective utilization of manpower will be possible.

The program was agreed to by the Wayne County Board of County Commissioners and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees International Union. A \$1.1 million grant will be administered by the union in Wayne County as well as in St. Paul, Minn., and Memphis, Tenn.

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