

Budget Is 'Waiting Game' For SC

By RICH McCULLEN

The approximately \$5.9 million general operating budget at Schoolcraft College is still an uncertainty as college officials continue to await a long overdue appropriation from Lansing.

Although a public hearing on the 1973-74 budget is only a week away (June 27 at 7 p.m.), Schoolcraft Vice President for Business Affairs W. Kenneth Lindner says the approximately 40 per cent of the year's income which comes from the state is still only an estimate.

The State Senate approved its version of the appropriations bill for community colleges several weeks ago, but that bill is currently under committee discussion in the House, and indications are that it could be severely trimmed.

Lindner says he has been expecting word on the appropriation "momentarily" for several days now. Regardless of the House action, he must present a balanced budget to the board of trustees and the public by next week. That budget may have to be based on the best available estimate.

"We are one of the few colleges in the state that has ended up with a budget in the black every year, and we will stay that way," he emphasizes. "We will not ask the board to consider a deficit budget. That would be legally impossible."

Creating that balanced budget may necessitate some \$90,000 in cuts if the state appropriation stays the same as current estimates.

"We are out of balance by about \$90,000 if the bill stays in its present form," Lindner reports. "If we stay that way, we will adjust downward until we become balanced."

Lindner would not predict where the cuts will come, although he said they would not be from a single area, nor would they result from a uniform, across-the-board reduction. Some services, however, will have to be cut, and Lindner will make recommendations to the trustees from some 2,500 expenditure areas.

The final decision on reductions, he emphasized, must come from the board.

One still uncertain factor which could clear up the college's fiscal woes is a special state grant of \$100,000 received last year to finance the service center in Garden City and other community service projects.

A renewal of the grant was included in the Senate version of the appropriation bill. It is one of the many factors undergoing intensive scrutiny in the House.

Lindner describes his current attitude as neither optimistic nor pessimistic, only "frustrated."

"At least this is not as bad as 1967," he recalls. "That year was the worst situation we have ever had — we were 10 months into the fiscal year, before we got an appropriation. But we came out \$211,000 to the good that year."

As it stands now, the proposed budget totals \$5,925,973, of which \$2,703,078 is the estimated state appropriation. The second largest piece of income comes from local property taxes — \$2,194,970 next year.

Of the total figure, the largest amount, \$5,530,619, is spent for personal services. Of this, \$2.9 million is for full and part time faculty, the remainder for various support services.

As of last month, the college anticipated an increase of \$798,015 in expenses for the coming year.

Visitors Banned In Problem Camps

LANSING — A ban on non-camping visitors will be imposed this summer in five state park campgrounds where overcrowding has led to rowdyism, vandalism and other undesirable occurrences, the Department of Natural Resources has announced.

The ban's intent is to maintain tranquility and protect registered campers from noise and harassment, says DNR Parks Division Chief O. The visitor ban, which comes from the DNR in a director's order, will take effect prior to the Fourth of July, and will cover the following parks:

- Lake Macatawa campground in Ottawa County's Grand State Park; Proud Lake campground in Mason County and South Higgins Lake campground in Roscommon County.

In addition to the ban on visitors, the director's order specifies that alcoholic beverages be banned in Silver Lake State Park, and that chain link fencing — to control access — be installed where necessary in the five areas.

Schlichtig notes that although problems in the five campgrounds have been especially rampant this spring, particularly during the Memorial Day weekend, these areas have been plagued with similar difficulties for the past few summers.

The special restrictions will be in effect through Labor Day.

Schoolcraft Registers On June 25

Registration for the eight-week summer session at Schoolcraft College will be held on Monday, June 25. Classes begin the following day.

Students will register in the auxiliary gym starting at 8:30 a.m. with those who will complete courses of study during the session. At 9, students whose last names begin with M through Z will register, while those with last names from A through L will report at 1 p.m.

Evening students will register between 6:30 and 9 p.m., also in the auxiliary gym.

The college is offering 67 day and evening classes in 17 subject areas. These include accounting, art, biology, business, chemistry, economics and English. Also, history, law enforcement, mathematics, music, practical nursing, physical education, political science, psychology, sociology and speech.

Tuition for residents is \$11 per credit hour. These are persons living in the school districts of Clarencville, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville. Non-resident tuition is \$22 per credit hour.

For further details about the summer session or admissions requirements, call the college which is located at 18600 Hagerty, Livonia.

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RUTH AYERS — Services for Mrs. Ayers, 54, of Lincoln Park, whose family are Westland residents, were held in the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with the Rev. Jack Styr of Christ Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Mrs. Ayers died June 10.

Survivors are her husband, Russell; one son, Russell J., Rex L., Franklin W., Richard L., William F., Roy, Dennis W., Norman E. and Roger D.; three daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Betty) Sutton, Mrs. Linda (Phyllis) Hewes and Mrs. David (Gloria) Harnett; two brothers, Stephen, Jr., and Cecil Rowley; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Cook, Mrs. Betty Clark and Mrs. Martha Smith; and 54 grandchildren.

JOHN W. TAKALA — Services for Mr. Takala, 57, of 18000 Jay, Detroit, were held in the J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. Ray Franche of Immaculate Heart Lutheran Church officiating. Mr. Takala died at his home June 5. He was a carpenter.

Survivors are his son, Walter of Dearborn; two daughters, Mrs. Ellen Polack of Dearborn and Mrs. Carol Synowski of Brighton; four brothers, Leo of Redford Township, Fred of Northville, Bruno of Florida and Henry of Chicago; three daughters, Mrs. Martha Ward of Westland, Mrs. Marion Sharp of Romulus and Mrs. Emma Durlitzer of Redford; and six grandchildren.

VICTOR TEPEL JR. — Services for Mr. Tepel, 32, of South Lyon, a former Livonia resident, were held at Taylor Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Julius Hays of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mr. Tepel died suddenly June 9 in an auto accident at 196 and Orchard Lake Road. He was a photographer for General Motors Corp. and a member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Survivors are his wife, Wanda, a daughter, Shelley, two sons, Gregory and Steven; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tepel Sr. of California; a sister, Mrs. Dolores Kivonia of Grosse Pointe; two brothers, Al of Detroit and Harold of the U.S. Navy; and a grandniece, Mrs. Anna Tepel of Pennsylvania.

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