

152 to Get Degrees at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College will award associate degrees and certificates of program completion to 152 members of the college's second graduating class at public commencement exercises at 2 p.m. on Sunday, (April 30) in the Lois L. Waterman Campus Center.

Dr. Harold E. Sponberg, president of Eastern Michigan University will deliver the commencement address.

The ceremony will open with a procession of faculty and administrators in academic regalia and the singing of the national anthem. Rev. Roger Storm, chaplain of Campus Christian Life, will deliver the invocation.

After a choral selection by the Schoolcraft College choir under the direction of Wayne Dunlap, platform guests will be introduced by Dr. Eric J. Bradner, president of Schoolcraft College.

Dr. Sponberg will be introduced by Harold E. Fischer, chairman of the Faculty Board of Trustees. Announcement of honors awards will be made by John H. Brinn, vice-president for instruction.

Dr. Bradner, Jon P. Adams, dean of technical-vocational instruction, and Robert A. Stenger, dean of academic instruction, will present de-

60 Faculty Members Picket at Schoolcraft

Feeling it necessary to show the Board of Trustees that they were unhappy with the way negotiations were being conducted on a financial package for the 1967-8 college year, more than 60 members of the Faculty Forum of Schoolcraft College quietly picketed the Board meeting last week in the Administration Building.

It was an implication to Trustees that more forceful actions may be taken if the Forum and College negotiating team fail to reach an agreement soon. The teams have held bargaining sessions weekly since Jan. 13 and are not closer to an agreement than in the opening meeting.

The negotiating teams met Friday evening in a six-hour marathon starting at 4 p.m. and failed to move in any direction.

The Faculty Forum is the official bargaining agent for the professional staff.

Anthony Rizzo, chairman of the Faculty Forum negotiating team, said the group felt it was necessary to have a show of strength as a demonstration against the slowing of negotiations in recent weeks.

"True enough," he said, "We have been meeting weekly but for the past several weeks it has been all talk with nothing concrete in regard to money. Having expressed our views on these matters with the Board's representatives and the administration with little apparent effect, our professional responsibilities to school and community compel us to act."

The pickets marched in front of the Administration building entrances prior to the start of the meeting, forcing the Trustees to walk through the picket lines. Meanwhile, a group of 30 taxed the capacity of the Board conference room to sit in on the regular monthly meeting.

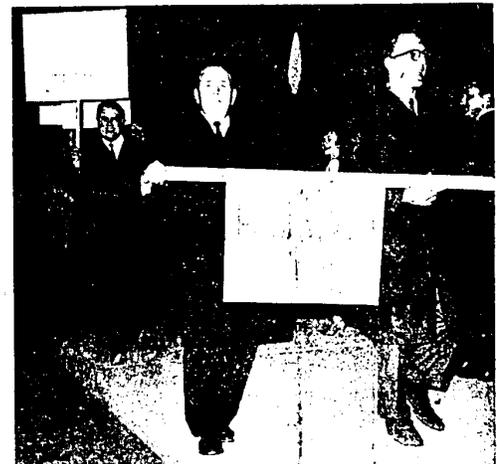
While the meeting was in session, the pickets sat on the steps and marched around the conference room, located in the center of the building.

There was no outbreak from the group at any time. The topics and some of the issues were unveiled during a short discussion by Faculty Forum representatives Robert Leggat and Rizzo and Board Chairman Harold Fischer and Trustee Leroy Bonnett.

The faculty team has made a request for an economic package in excess of \$500,000 which includes a flat \$1,950 across the board increase for 98 full time faculty members, a request for the Board to assume additional hospital and medical insurance costs totaling \$52,000, a request that a cost of living factor be written into working contracts, and a reduction of teaching load requiring the hiring of additional personnel that the Board estimates would cost \$241,650.

The faculty negotiators reportedly have not deviated from the original demands by as much as one dollar up to this time.

The Board negotiators made an initial salary offer of a 10-month basic salary schedule of 44 weeks for full



FACULTY MEMBERS, bearing signs telling of their displeasure over the way salary negotiations are moving, are shown picketing the meeting of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees last week. More than 60 joined in the march in front of the entrance at the Administration Building and around the Board's conference room. It was a silent parade aimed to show the Trustees that the faculty could be even more forceful if necessary.

time instructors, providing salaries ranging from \$7,500 to \$15,950 with annual increases ranging from \$300 to \$700.

This offer was rejected by the Faculty team on the grounds that summer teaching schedules are limited and only a few would have the advantage of the 44-week contract.

The Board countered, with

a second proposal that called for an eight-month basic salary schedule of 36 weeks with a range of \$6,000 to \$13,000 and increments ranging from \$200 to \$500. The Board team pointing out this would provide raises for next year of \$400 to \$1,000 per instructor in addition to the normal increment. It proposed elimination of the cost of living factor, no change in

the teaching load and no vital change in the fringe benefits.

The Faculty Forum rejected this on the grounds that the basic salary schedule for 36 weeks represented no raise and that only 10 per cent of the staff would be eligible for the \$13,000 figure by 1970.

That's where the situation stands as of now.

Abused Girl Tells Tale Of Horror

An 11-year-old Rockwood girl, testifying in Westland Municipal Court Monday afternoon, told of a three year period during which her mother placed her in a bath tub of hot water, sent her to bed without dinner for the past four months; tied her with cord in a bed, whipped her across the stomach with a belt and buckle while her hands were tied behind her, and walking to school while her sister was allowed to ride on the school bus.

The girl, Debbie Coffman, was on the witness stand for just over one hour in the preliminary examination before Westland Municipal Judge Robert Martin for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Coffman, the girl's parents who are charged with child abuse and cruelty.

Following the testimony of the fifth grade girl, whose comments were the highlight of a full-day of hearings, Judge Martin ordered the Coffmans' bond over for trial in Circuit Court.

Following the testimony, Martin said:

"There is no doubt the parents went much further than necessary and there is evidence that a crime has been committed and the defendants committed the crime."

Debbie, whose tear-stained cheeks were dried by tissues supplied by a Wayne County Sheriff's Dept. woman detective, also outlined a long list of incidents including her mother taking away three of her Christmas presents; being kept out of school for nine days to stop her progress after the girl made the Honor Roll; ordered to run around the basement which

she did even after she was exhausted; having her brothers and sisters "suck in" food to her while she was in her basement bed; and having the choice of whipping or being placed in a tub of hot water.

Defense attorney for the Coffman's, George Perry, of Westland, cross-examined the girl who admitted that she and her parents have had talks previously concerning the youngster's lying and of her having fights with her brothers and sisters.

Perry also questioned the legality of the method in which the child was found by the sheriff's officers on April 13.

He said that the officers did not have a search warrant and since the arrest and securing of evidence was illegal, the testimony of Detective Beverly Seaman should be stricken from the record.

Perry also pointed out that although Mrs. Coffman admitted the police officers into her kitchen, they had no authority to go down into the basement, where Debbie was found tied to her bed by cords.

John W. Courty, chief trial lawyer for the prosecutor's office replied that no search warrant is necessary for an arrest if the felony is personally observed by a police officer, which was the case in the Coffman matter.

Debbie, who identified her parents with a pointed finger and a short glance, was under direct examination by the prosecutor's attorney for 30 minutes and under cross-examination by Perry for 40 minutes.

3 Area Teenagers Gain JA Finals

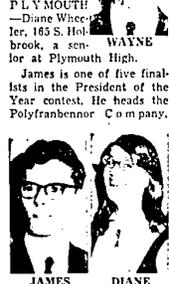
Three teenagers from Livonia and Plymouth have gained the finals in contests conducted by Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan.

The winners will be determined in the finals Wednesday (Tonight) prior to the annual banquet at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in downtown Detroit. The victors will receive an all-expense paid trip to the Junior Achievement conference at Indiana University in August when the national winners will be crowned.

The trio includes: LIVO-NIA — James Hull, 17, of 38714 Richland, of Bentlev High, and Wayne Kaniewski, 16, of 33655 Cindy, a senior at Franklin High in Livonia.

PLYMOUTH — Diane Wheeler, 16, 5, Hollbrook, a senior at Plymouth High.

James is one of five finalists in the President of the Year contest. He heads the Polyframbenor Company,



which is counseled by the Livonia plant of GM's Chevrolet division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Holly.

Wayne and Diane are two of the five finalists in the Treasurer of the Year competition.

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Scholarships Go to 4 Caddies

Four caddies from private golf courses in the Observer Newspaper Group circulation are among 31 in Michigan receiving Chick Evans College scholarships from the Golf Association of Michigan.

Eighteen will enroll in Michigan State University and 13 in the University of Michigan.

The quartet includes: Sam Callan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Callan, 15050 Bradner Road, Plymouth. A senior at Plymouth High, Sam is president of the Varsity Club and was the starting center on the 1966 football team. He caddied at Meadowbrook Country Club.

Michael Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, 7743 Hazelton, Dearborn Heights. He is a senior at St. Mary's of Redford and caddied at Western Golf and Country Club.

John Popescu, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Popescu, 17665 Central, Redford Township. He is a senior at Redford Union and caddied at Western Golf and Country Club.

Donald Shires, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shires, 32228 Loomis Road, Farmington. He is a senior at Farmington High and caddied at Meadowbrook Country Club.

This year's awards bring to 424 the number of scholarships given by the Association since it affiliated in 1948 with the nationwide Evans Scholars Foundation, administered by the Western Golf Association.

Advertising Executive Opens Own Agency

Frank McGuire, retail advertising manager of the Observer Newspaper Group for the past year and one of its top salesmen and commercial artists for the two prior years, is opening his own advertising agency at 32620 Grand River in Farmington.

McGuire, who has been in advertising since he received his BA in advertising from Washington University in St. Louis, has been in that type of business in the Detroit area for more than 10 years.

He came to Detroit from St. Louis, where he had the

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port of art director for a large department store. He served as advertising manager for the defunct Ernest Kern store in downtown Detroit two years before it closed its doors.

McGuire was a free lance salesman and commercial artist for several agencies before accepting the position with the Observer Group.

He plans to specialize in industrial advertising in his new venture but also will handle all types of advertising for firms and businesses in the Farmington-Livonia-Redford-Northwest Detroit and Birmingham area.

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