

Schoolcraft Trustees Give Sanction For Fraternities

Fraternities and sororities have been officially sanctioned at Schoolcraft College.

Organization of the so-called Greek social groups was authorized by the college Board of Trustees last week. The vote was five to one.

Voting for the policy change were Trustees James Boswell, Harold Fischer, Dr. George Martin, Paul Mutnick and Clarke Oldenburg. Mrs. John Moehle voted against.

Two other trustees, William Secord and Sam Hudson, were out of the college district.

The Board's decision reversed a policy established in 1964 when Schoolcraft was first opened and which banned Greek groups from the campus.

Last week's action carried the recommendation of President Dr. Eric J. Bradner.

"I have been opposed to the organization of these groups at the college from the beginning," Dr. Bradner told trustees. "But the students seem to want them. The fact is that we have had several fraternities and sororities operating on a sub-rosa basis for some time."

"Apparently they are going to be here and I believe it is better to have them out in the open where we can control them."

Milk Price Still 3 Cents In Schools

While the price of hot lunches have gone up a nickel, Livonia school children can buy all the milk they will drink at the same old price of three cents per half-pint container.

This "hold the line" news comes on the heels of complaints from parents who will have to dig up another quarter a week per child with full lunch appetites. The Board of Education announced that increase was made necessary by the increased cost of food, and the inability of the schools to absorb the increase.

But when it comes to milk, Mrs. Geraldine Tobin, chief school dietitian, said children must have all they want and as cheaply as possible.

So, despite the recent increase in milk prices in the stores, the schools will serve the eight ounces for three cents, through preference prices from the dairies and the help of federal subsidies in covering some lunch costs.

"We want each boy and girl to reap the health benefits of any savings we can achieve," said Mrs. Tobin. "If a youngster—from kindergarten to 12th grade—feels the need of an extra glass or two, we want them to have it!"

Lunch prices have been increased 3 cents from each of the previous bases of 30, 35 and 40 cents, for early elementary, elementary and high school students, beginning Sept. 8.

Those who carry their lunch, and like milk, will get by without any increase beyond the cost of living at home.

School Costs Airing Set

A public hearing has been called in Lansing for persons who would like to air opinions on school construction costs.

It will be held Monday, September 11, at 10 a.m. in the Supreme Court chambers.

The meeting was announced by 19th District Representative John Bennett, who has introduced legislation aimed at curtailing rising costs in one of the most demanding businesses.

Returns to Outfit

A2C Jerry Wouters has returned to his assignment following a leave spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Wouters, 14110 Royal Grand.

His address is Box 1043, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. He is a loadmaster with the 24th Squadron, Military Air-lift Command, flying across the Pacific and to Vietnam on C124 cargo planes.

In a companion action, trustees established a policy on student dress. Previous practice, under regulations set down by the Office of Student Affairs, had banned slacks for women students and shorts of any length, pedal-pushers and similar attire for both men and women students.

The new policy does not spell out what is permissible and what is not for student dress. Instead, it provides that campus dress regulations shall be as recommended by the Student Senate, student governing body, to the Office of Student Affairs and approved by the president.

The Senate has already proposed a ban on "shorts," "cut-offs" and miniskirts. This would in effect permit the wearing of slacks for women and Bermuda shorts for all students. But the exact limitations are still to be set.

The prohibition on the Greek groups and the dress regulations have been a source of irritation to students and were the principal subjects of two meetings during the summer between college officials and a Student Senate committee.

After the first meeting in July, the Senate drafted a written policy statement on dress and drew up a set of ground rules for the regulation of fraternities and sororities.

At a second meeting earlier this month, Dr. Bradner and Dean of Student Affairs Edward V. McNally agreed to take the two matters to the Trustees.

Under the fraternity-sorority policy, the Greek groups will be incorporated into the existing club structure on the campus.

Although they have been officially banned, at least one fraternity and several sororities have been organized at the college.

The regulations, which McNally said were acceptable to college authorities, require each Greek organization to draw up a constitution which must be approved by the Student Senate and McNally. Every constitution must contain a no-bias clause.

A Greek Board will be organized to coordinate and oversee Greek activities, specially to establish rushing procedure. Hazing will be specifically prohibited, McNally said.

The regulations also prohibit fraternity or sorority houses on or off campus, require each Greek group to have two faculty advisers, and place full financial responsibility for all

activities on the individual organization.

Approval of all fraternity and sorority activities will be through the Greek Board and the Student Senate.

College officials said that in recommending a less stringent policy on these two points, Schoolcraft is following trends already established at other two-year colleges in the state.

"One two-year college in southeast Michigan," said McNally, "has gone much farther than we have in the matter of dress regulations by dropping all restrictions. A number of two-year colleges per-

mit Greek groups.

"Our concern during the past three years as to fraternities and sororities has centered principally on the matter of bias and selectivity in membership and the contribution that these groups can make to the entire college."

"We feel that we have provided a framework in which fraternities and sororities can be made part of the official campus structure in a healthful and constructive manner, and in a way that gives the college maximum control over their operation," the dean said.



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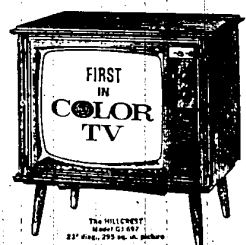
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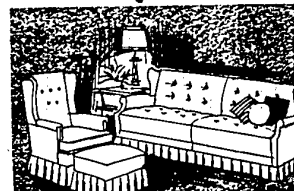
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